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The Bush administration and Asia Pacific multilateralism: *unrequited love?*

The current issue of *Australian Journal of International Affairs* examines a number of pressing themes, including global public health and international relations, the Japan-Australia security declaration, and the perceived unilateralism of the Bush administration.

In the last, Brendan Taylor controversially challenges the presumed multilateral aversion of the George W. Bush administration, which has been widely criticised for its unilateral approach to international affairs, as epitomised by the March 2003 invasion of Iraq.

‘ . . .this administration has been the most multilaterally active and engaged of any during the post-Cold War era.’

Taylor contends that Bush, however, with regard to the Asia Pacific region, has been a far more committed multilateralist than is generally acknowledged. He also shows how this important region has largely rejected Bush's brand of multilateralism, leading to the increasing marginalisation of the US in terms of the emerging Asia-Pacific security architecture.

Taylor seeks to account for this regional rejection. More importantly, however, he also concludes by identifying the potentially negative ramifications of an America that is as a result forced to become increasingly unilateral in its approach to Asia-Pacific security politics.

The complete article can be viewed free online for a limited time. Please visit www.informaworld.com/CAJI and click on the table of contents for Volume 62, Issue 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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