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Empire Replaces Nation-State? A Critical Reading of The Crisis of Modern Sovereignty in Antonio Negri and Michael Hardt

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Abstract

Antonio Negri and Michael Hardt argue that a shift in the nature and scope of modern sovereignty (limited to the territorial boundaries of nation-state) has taken place with the advent of globalization. Post-globalization, the de-territorial Empire, that exists in the non-place of supranational structures spanning nations and continents, has seized control of some crucial aspects of modern sovereignty. In this paper I aim to map and identify three such areas (human needs, economics and violence) where this sovereign shift has actualized and nation-state either has a limited or no control on these spheres.

Keywords: Empire, sovereignty, nation-state, war, globalization

Modern sovereignty rests within the locus of a nation-state, which in itself is a creation of modernity. Prior to modernity, sovereignty rested with the king, who legitimized the right to sovereign rule by invoking the transcendent will rather than the will of people/subjects. Contemporary political philosophers such as Antonio Negri and Michael Hardt argue that a supranational sovereign entity in the form of Empire has come into being post-globalization. The political constitution of the Empire, they argue has resulted in the shift from modern sovereignty (which rested with the nation-state) to a new kind of sovereignty labelled as imperial sovereignty. The paradigmatic shift from nation-state sovereignty to imperial sovereignty happens at two levels. First, the transfer of sovereignty occurs from the territorially located nation-state to the non-place of Empire. And, second, the transformation in the nature of sovereignty itself—from the modern-imperialist sovereignty to imperial sovereignty. Imperial sovereignty unlike modern-imperialist sovereignty is de-territorial and decentralized. In other words, it has no fixed location and lies in a kind of non-place. This shift—from modern imperialist sovereignty to imperial sovereignty—signifies the crisis of nation-state. The crisis is not in the sense that nation-state ceases to exist. It is rather a crisis because the most important pivot/power of a nation-state has shifted away from its domain. They write;

Our contention, expressed most generally, is that Empire is a global form of sovereignty that includes within its constitution supranational organization, national structures (including nation-states), and local or regional organisms. In other words, our notion of Empire does not indicate an end of the nation-state. Nation-states remain extremely important but their functions have been transformed within the order of Empire. At the highest level, one could say that only Empire (and no longer any nation-state) is capable of sovereignty in a full sense.¹

Negri and Hardt trace the philosophical trajectory of the rise of Empire in the crisis of modernity. Modernity, according to their arguments, is founded on