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**Introduction: Empire in Denial**

State-building – constructing or reconstructing institutions of governance capable of providing citizens with physical and economic security – is widely held to be one of the most pressing policy questions facing the international community today. Comment le state-building affaiblit les États. Alternatives Sud, (Re-)construire les États, nouvelle frontière de l’ingérence. 19 (1), pp. 23-36. The limits of post-territorial political community: from the cosmopolitan politics of global civil society to the biopolitics of the multitude. in: Baker, G. and Bartelson, J. (ed.) The future of political community London Routledge. Unravelling the paradox of the ‘responsibility to protect’ Chandler, D.C. 2009. Books.google.by - David Chandler argues that state-building, as it is currently conceived, does not work. In the 1990s, interventionist policies challenged the rights of individual states to self-governance. Today, non-Western states are more likely to be feted by international institutions offering programmes of poverty-reduction