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A CATALYTIC ACTIVITY FOR A DE NOVO MODUS VIVENDI BETWEEN TURKEY AND ISRAEL

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Introduction

Turning challenges into a *sui generis* opportunity predicated on the assumption that a crisis may yield unique brand-new opportunities. Cost and benefit calculations may well change with the involvement of a new independent variable. As far as bilateral relations are concerned, the mutual interdependence is a *sine quo non* via institutionalization of an intersubjective practice and meaning (a sense of shared interest to reach legitimacy) supported by material capability. As long as ontological priorities of problem-solving theories, together with epistemological account, are taken into account, what they expected to gain will not be the best possible option due to fear of cheating, the obsession that the system is anarchic. And in this self-help system one's gain is the other's loss (zero-sum game), and there is uncertainty about the intention of the other. Prisoner's dilemma will be fit within these realist concerns.

However, this article had the objective of linking Cox's model with the Wendtian constructivism by holding as the focal point the intersubjective meaning supported by material resources and institutions. They must be aware of the new circumstances that will change all their traditional calculations for opportunity cost in the context of comparative advantage with the involvement of the new game changer, the discovery of natural gas in the Eastern Mediterranean. A new regional order must be set up by achieving reciprocal interaction in the three power configurations, each of which not just determine actions and initial practice, but also impose constraints upon state foreign policy: material capability, idea, institution.

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short-term survival and relative power, sovereigns can shift their resources” by making future investments via institutions. The problem is laid bare by Wendt himself by highlighting the possible situation that weak state in the institutions having fewer national means and resources can learn more easily and fast if compared with the strong states within institutions.

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