小国外交：东盟与战略平衡：摘要

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新加坡于1965年独立时既无安全保障，也无腹地。1967年，外交部长拉惹勒南（Rajaratnam）签署了创立东盟的《曼谷宣言》，从而将国家的生存置于区域框架之中。其外交遵循小国现实主义的方针，将威慑、与域外大国的防务安排、对国际法的承诺以及小国联盟（如小国论坛和全球治理集团）结合在一起。从2001年至2004年的双边协定，到CPTPP和RCEP，再到首批数字经济协定，这些贸易协定连同覆盖约100个司法管辖区的税收协定，使经济外交成为本地企业获得市场准入的来源。新加坡将其政策描述为在原则问题上保持一贯，这一立场使它得以在美国与中国之间保持平衡，同时于2022年3月对俄罗斯实施本国的制裁。对金融中心而言，这种外交带来了可预期性、市场准入、监管与税务合作以及值得信赖的东道主声誉，这使新加坡既有别于日内瓦的正式中立，也有别于缺乏独立外交政策的香港。

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