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Institutional Gaps and Existential Threats: Statehood and Sea-Level Rise in International Relations

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This presentation examines the institutional gaps that emerge when existing frameworks for statehood encounter climate-driven territory loss, arguing that current international law is ill-equipped to guarantee state continuity and tentatively advances the case for reconceiving statehood beyond strict territorial presence, identifying pathways through which legal and institutional adaptation might preserve the standing of states facing submersion.

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