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This thesis examines Thucydides' treatment of state interactions and demonstrates that the writer promotes co-operation among states in an international system. Looking at both Thucydides and other Greek writers of the late fifth and early fourth centuries, this work examines their treatment of individuals, either members of a community or states in an international system, acting for their own good at the expense of the many as a whole. It demonstrates that Thucydides critiques such actions, especially on the international stage, and promotes courses of action which support the community of states. This reinterpretation contrasts with past scholarly thought on Thucydides and contemplates how we can apply these lessons to the modern world.