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**Summary:**

Dr. Ramesh Thakur awarded for the best book on United Nations

**Waterloo, Canada - July 23, 2008** - The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) is pleased to announce that its Distinguished Fellow Ramesh Thakur has won a prestigious Friends of ACUNS book award, which is presented annually to an author who has demonstrated outstanding research and writing on the United Nations (UN).

*The United Nations, Peace and Security: From Collective Security to the Responsibility to Protect* examines the transformation in the UN operations and analyses its challenging role and structure. It asks why, when and how force may be used and argues that the growing gulf between legality and legitimacy is evidence of an eroded sense of international community.

In his recent review of the book, Sir Marrack Goulding, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping and Political Affairs wrote, "If you think the UN needs reform, you should read this book; if you doubt whether reform is impossible, it is essential that you read it."

Lauded by the critics, Dr. Thakur has established a formidable reputation as one of the world's foremost commentators on the United Nations.

The Friends of ACUNS book award is funded from the income of an endowment which was established to ensure the financial future of the Academic Council on the United Nations System and the continuation of its programs.

*The United Nations, Peace and Security: From Collective Security to the Responsibility to Protect* is published by United Nations University, Tokyo