

Governance And Security As A Unitary Concept

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World leaders have not been able to find solutions to the growing problem of global insecurity associated with failed governance in many regions. *Governance and Security As A Unitary Concept* is the first compilation of contemporary commentaries to examine governance and security together -- as a singular concept. This is the potency of its design.

Governance and Security As A Unitary Concept presents diverse issues affecting the inter-relationship of governance and security, and how these issues influence decision-making in a global context. Themed sections offer an overlap of perspectives and theories. Specific chapters examine strengths and weaknesses of nation-states in their governance and security, reflecting on nation-states and their institutions regarded as 'failed' or 'sustainable.'

Governance in modern human affairs determines action or gridlock, wealth or penury, peace or conflict, health or illness, progress or arrested development. By security, one does not mean just physical security but also human, environmental, economic, resource and cultural security.

This scholarly collection of essays examines multi-faceted issues and begins a dialogue which goes beyond the Eurocentric and U.S. perspectives that have dominated the literature to date. Twenty contributing authors from six continents present emic viewpoints; some topics, such as such as education and policing are confined within the contemporary borders of the nation-state, while other are trans-border, including trafficking in children and organized crime.

Governance and Security As A Unitary Concept is the beginning of a discourse on governance and security as a unitary concept rather than two complementary yet separate entities. The construct of the book is an innovative way of approaching the multi-dimensional attributes of governance and security. The strength and virtue of the book is the diversity and overlapping perspectives of the authors, looking in, from within.

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