Handbook of Governance and Security

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The Handbook of Governance and Security examines the conceptual evolution of security governance and the different manifestations of regional security governance. In particular, James Sperling brings together unique contributions from leading scholars to explore the role of institutions that have emerged as critical suppliers of security governance and the ever-widening set of security issues that can be viewed profitably through a governance lens.

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– Ulrich Krotz, Professor, Chair in International Relations, and Director of the Europe in the World programme at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Italy

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‘This up-to-date book provides IR scholars with a compelling and rigorous understanding of security governance. The contributions draw our attention to the conceptual, theoretical, and empirical underpinnings of this topic. Leading experts in the field thereby provide illuminating perspectives covering most of the world’s regions, institutions, and dimensions of security. This makes it a wonderfully comprehensive treatment of a crucial paradigm in the study of International Relations that has not received enough attention so far.’
– Stephanie C. Hofmann, Associate Professor of Political Science, Deputy Director, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

‘Overall, Sperling has positively gained momentum on a topic that might grow to become the most relevant lens to capture encompassing security practices worldwide. This handbook is a notable stepping stone worth the attention of all scholars and students exploring processes of security governance.’

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