

Abstract

Dilemmas of Military Security of Asian States – Internal Conditions of Securitization

The book aims at explaining the internal conditions of military security in the Asian states. It utilizes securitization as the theoretical perspective and investigates case studies of Indonesia, Iran, Jordan and Singapore to explore how the perception of internal threats and vulnerabilities determines the approach to military security. The book starts with reiteration of securitization theory assumptions followed by the clarification of security understanding in the non-Western context. The case studies focus on facilitating conditions of securitization, including the nature of securitizing actors, assumed concepts of security, the process of securitization and its outcomes. The analysis indicates a necessity of several alterations in the securitization theory needed to exploit its full potential. Military security, besides being a standard concern of the state's defence, also becomes securitized as a result of internal political rivalries to extend the capabilities of certain security agencies or to retain current influences.