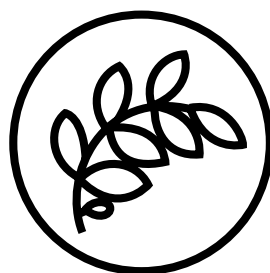


Human Security has gained broad acceptance internationally as a comprehensive policy response to the many complex challenges to the safety and welfare of civilian populations. This book offers a critique of mainstream versions of the doctrine, and also takes a new look at an issue which many thought buried with the Cold War: the relationship between vast and growing military expenditures and the needs of the world's poor. Global military spending levels have once again exceeded \$1,000 billion, yet the subject remains a taboo, even within anti-poverty campaigns. The 'war on terror' has offered a whole new set of justifications for states to increase their arsenals, including weapons of mass destruction – just at the time when intense pressure is being brought to bear on all governments to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

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