

Peace and Security in the Postmodern World

The OSCE and Conflict Resolution

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Comprising interviews conducted with senior CSCE/OSCE negotiators about recent tumultuous events in global affairs and insights from the conflict resolution literature, this book analyzes how 'postmodern' conflict, such as the recent Balkan Wars, and the post-9/11 'new terrorism' can be prevented and/or otherwise dealt with in the future.

Using a conceptual framework designed to enhance analysis of complex identity-based conflicts, Dennis J.D. Sandole has developed a model for a new European peace and security system (NEPSS), and assessed the "goodness-of-fit" between NEPSS and the perceptions of CSCE/OSCE practitioners at four points in time, to explore whether there was a convergence of theory and practice on how to prevent and/or respond to future Yugoslav-type conflicts and related acts of terrorism. He also examines to what extent consensus existed on the various issues over time and analyzes pre-9/11 and post-9/11 trends on various peace and security issues, discerning to what extent there has developed over time a culture of conflict resolution and an "issue paradigm".

Peace and Security in the Postmodern World will be of much interest to students of conflict resolution, peace studies, international security and international organizations.

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