

International Relations & Peace and Conflict studies

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Albert/Moltmann/Schoch provide a collection of essays on International Relations. Due to the renowned authors from German academia this book provides a spectrum of well conducted essays on contemporary international politics.

Part I focuses on peace on theoretical frameworks on peace: The first essay discusses the relation of progress and peace under a theoretical perspective (Bruno Schoch). Harald Müller discusses the contribution of theories of International Relations to the knowledge on peace & conflict related research. Egbert Jahn contributes a perspective from an international law point of view to the contradiction of the general prohibition of intervention and the commandment to intervene in the case of genocide. Georg Sorensen provides an essay on new security dilemmas in relation to state transformation.

The second part includes essays surrounding the question of democracies and their foreign policies. Hans-Joachim Spanger focuses on Democracy Promotion Revisited. Klaus Dieter Wolf, Ingo Take and Lars Brozus focus on global governance and discuss the question if global governance is an answer to the democracy deficit of international regulation.

Tanja Brühl and Andrea Liese focus on the question how far private actors should be allowed to participate in international regulation. Beate Kohler-Koch provided an essay on the relation of democracies in international politics.

Part three contains essays on different world orders. Mathias Albert wrote on world society and world state. Chris Brown on universal values and human nature. Ulrich Menzel analyzes the development from new world order to new hegemony. Klaus Bodemer analyzes anti-American relations from Clinton to Bush and area of tension between benign neglect and hegemonic presumption.

A second book on international politics in the broadest sense, society and the public shall be outlined quickly. Gertrud Brucher's book on postmodern terrorism and the re-establishment of human rights in a system theoretical perspective ('Postmoderner Terrorismus: Zur Neubegründung von Menschenrechten aus systemtheoretischer Perspektive') contains the re-differentiation of life and death, of terrorism and war, of fiction and reality, and the individual and others. A final conclusion contains thoughts on being human and inhuman.

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Die Bücher:

Albert, Mathias/Moltmann, Bernhard/Schoch, Bruno: Die Entgrenzung der Politik. Internationale Beziehungen und Friedensforschung (Studien der Hessischen Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung), [Campus Verlag](#) 2004
380 Seiten, 45€, ISBN 3-593-37458-7.

Brücher, Gertrud: Postmoderner Terrorismus. Zur Neubegründung von Menschenrechten aus systemtheoretischer Perspektive, [Verlag Barbara Budrich](#) 2004
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