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Abstract

This Book analyses modern approaches to State defence in contemporary security environment. Based on the concept 'defence management', the build-up of a 'planning, implementation and evaluation' framework for defence policy is attempted. Innovative concepts are analyzed as they evolve within Military Alliances, Supra-national Unions, Regimes and Systems. Deterrence Strategy is approached and its credibility is evaluated, especially in crisis contexts. The basic planning framework for defence policy and military strategy is analyzed while all possible State choices are described. Critical concepts are being approached while 'political, military & economic' logic is evaluated and its credibility when applied. The term 'strategic risk' is investigated, while concepts like victory, winning, winner are being approached. The classic framework for the 'management of inter-state crises' is analyzed and revised, while critical elements in this process are approached: escalation - de-escalation - inadvertent war. Issues like 'political/democratic control over the Armed Forces' and

'accountability' are raised while emphasis is given to the field of 'crisis leadership'. A framework of 'building a military/strategic culture' is constructed, as it develops in parallel with 'Civil-Military Relations/CMR'. The framework for implementing contemporary military diplomacy -operational engagement of the AFs- is analyzed, as well as defence diplomacy -organized and focused MoD activity. NATO's -a military alliance- policy and strategy planning framework is analyzed and also its function – evolution during Cold War. Based on the North Atlantic Treaty/NAT, issues like, 'commitments, obligations' and possible 'Treaty conflicts' are approached. Concerning European Integration -differentiated in the defence field- an explanation of the build-up and function of CFSP/CSDP is offered, while the prospect of a 'common European defence policy/common European defence' is explored. The prospect of a 'Defence Union' 'final stage' of the political and defence integration of EU-, is approached. These concepts are analyzed in conjunction with 'Security and Defence Union'.

