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Security and Environment in the Mediterranean - Conceptualising Security and Environmental Conflict

Hexagon Series No.1; Collection STRADEMED No. 16

(Berlin - Heidelberg - New York: Springer Verlag, June/August 2003)
1162 pages, 321 illus., Hardcover, with an index, ISBN: 3-540-40107-5

The book has two forewords by the Secretary General of NATO, the Hon. *Lord Robertson*, and by the Secretary General of the League of Arab States, the Hon. *Amre Moussa* as well as four prefaces by the Hon. Kamel S. Abu Jaber (Jordan), *Sir Crispin Tickell* (UK), Ambassador Jonathan Dean (USA), and Prof. El Sayed Yassin (Egypt).

Details on this book (with contents, forewords and sample pages) you find at:

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with important background information and a direct link to the website of the publisher at:

< http://www.springer.de/cgi/svcat/search_book.pl?isbn=3-540-40107-5 >.

As a major scientific reference book we would like to make it possible that all researchers and students around the Mediterranean have access to this book in university and public libraries and if possible also for environmental and peace institutes and NGOs.

Given the price of the book that is above what libraries in low income countries can afford, AFES-PRESS, an international non-profit scientific society under German law, has launched a fundraising effort as a “scientific confidence building measure” to make this book available to university libraries in those countries that may otherwise not be able to make the results of this major North-South cooperative project available to researchers and students. By ensuring that copies of the book are available as reference texts in libraries of universities and institutes, we would hope that the contents would become available to many hundreds, if not thousands, of students and researchers across the region.

In this new book the linkages between environment and security have been analysed and security and conflict prevention in the Mediterranean reviewed: NATO’s Mediterranean security dialogue, perceptions of security challenges as seen in North and South. The second half analyses environmental consequences of World War II, the Gulf War, the Balkans wars and the Middle East conflict. It draws conceptual conclusions for cooperation and partnership in the Mediterranean in the 21st century.

In this book 55 authors from 22 countries from Europe (Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, UK), North Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia), Asia (China, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Turkey) and North America (U.S.A and Mexico) focus on a wide range of security and environment linkages from perspectives and disciplines of the natural and social sciences.

From the contents (2 forewords, 4 prefaces, 52 chapters in 14 parts):

Introduction: Security and Environment Linkages, Conflicts in the Mediterranean (1945-2001) and Conflict Prevention – Security Dialogue and Concepts: NATO’s Mediterranean Security Dialogue and Security Concept of the European Union – Conceptualising Security in the Post-Cold War Period in the North and in the South – Security Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Region – Security for the Mediterranean Region, Environmental Consequences of Wars in the Mediterranean (1940-2000) – Population Growth and Climate Change in the Mediterranean – Desertification in the Mediterranean and MENA Region – Water Scarcity in the Mediterranean and MENA Region – Food and Urbanisation in the Mediterranean and MENA Region – Outcome of Environmental Stress: From Natural Disasters to Disaster Prevention – Empirical and Theoretical Results and Conceptual Conclusions – Appendix: abbreviations, bibliography, on the contributors, index.

Security specialists, peace researchers, environmental scholars, demographers, climate, desertification, water, food and urbanisation specialists from the Middle East and North Africa, Europe and North America review security and conflict prevention in the Mediterranean, analyse NATO’s Mediterranean security dialogue, offer conceptualisations of security and perceptions of security challenges as seen in North and South. The *latter half* analyses environmental security and conflicts in the Mediterranean and environmental consequences of World War II, the Gulf War, the Balkans wars and the Middle East conflict and examines factors of global environmental change: population growth, climate change, desertification, water scarcity, food and urbanisation issues as well as natural disasters. It draws conceptual conclusions for a fourth phase of research on human and environmental security and peace as well as policy conclusions for cooperation and partnership in the Mediterranean in the 21st century.

The book has been published as the first volume of the new scientific *Hexagon Series* on Human and Environmental Security and Peace (HESP).

AFES-PRESS negotiated a major discount between 20% and 40% with the publisher (see offer of 26 August) and plans to send more than 100 copies as book gifts to university and public libraries and if possible also to environmental and peace institutes and NGOs.

Dr. Rolf Linkohr, since 1979 a German member of the European Parliament representing South Germany has agreed to serve as a patron for this book aid project. Dr. Linkohr will supervise the correct implementation of this new programme to certify that all funds will be used exclusively for: “Books for Peace and Sustainable Development in the MENA region”.

We plan to implement this book-aid project in early 2004. In order to obtain the maximum discount from the publisher we would be grateful if you could inform me by end of this year if a grant on this proposed amount is possible by December 2003 or in January 2004.

If there is no objection on behalf of your foundation or company we would like to mention all sponsors in a letter to the recipients and in a sticker inside the book and if permitted also on a special website we would like to publicise on our new AFES-PRESS Virtual Library we will put on the web in late 2003 or in January 2004.

With kind regards

Hans Günter Brauch
AFES-PRESS Chairman

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