Securing Africa: Post-9/11 Discourses On Terrorism

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Securing Africa: Post-9/11 Discourses on Terrorism explores the numerous and intricate ways that Africa has been positioned in global security discourse. The book provides a lens through which terrorism and counter-terrorism have been understood and addressed.

Providing a narrative of Australian security (or insecurity) drawn from fear, exclusion, South Africa has for decades been a special case, particularly since the country was transitioning from apartheid. The book argues that counter-terrorism strategies are often driven by racism.

The global security discourse has confused maritime piracy off the Horn of Africa with the rhetoric of piracy and terrorism. Chatting with experts from the shipping industry and the maritime security community, the book offers insights into how terrorism and counter-terrorism have been perceived and managed in the global context.

The book is also relevant to discussions on American exceptionalism and the construction of the war on terror. In the post-9/11 world, the fight against terrorism has moved to the top of the security agenda of most countries. The tendency is to safeguard national interests, often at the expense of human rights and the rule of law.

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