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New features to this edition include:

- analysis of key international political events of recent years such as the War in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina and the Israeli incursion into Lebanon
- recent developments in the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and the 'war against terror'
- new data on deaths attributable to global warming and the contribution played by this in 'securitizing' the issue on the agendas of sceptical states
- examinations of 'lifestyle illnesses', largely spread by the diffusion of Western culture, like smoking or diabetes
- greater analysis of recent diplomatic and institutional developments in the area of security: the Human Security Network and the UN Commission on Human Security.

User friendly and easy to follow, this textbook is designed to make a complex subject accessible to all. Key features include:

- 'top ten' tables highlighting the most destructive events or forms of death in that area throughout history
- boxed descriptions elaborating key concepts in the field of security and International Relations
- 'biographical boxes' of key individuals who have shaped world events
- further reading and websites at the end of each chapter guiding you towards the most up-to-date information on various topics
- glossary of political terminology.

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