Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia

ASEAN and the Problem of Regional Order, 2nd Edition

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Description

This second edition of Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia takes the excellent framework from Acharya’s first edition and brings it up-to-date, looking at ASEAN’s comprehensive and critical account of the evolution of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) norms and the viability of the ASEAN way of conflict management.

Key issues in determining the future stability of the Southeast Asian and Asia Pacific region are covered, including:

- intra-regional relations and the effect of membership expansion
- the ASEAN Regional Forum and East Asian regionalism
- ASEAN’s response to terrorism and other transnational challenges
- debates over ASEAN’s non-interference doctrine
- the 'ASEAN Security Community' and the ASEAN Charter
- the impact of the rise of China and India and ASEAN’s relations with the US and Japan.
- The new edition will continue to appeal to students and scholars of Asian security, international relations theory and Southeast Asian studies as well as policymakers and the media.

" Anyone seeking to find the link between the power of intellectual discourse and policy relevance should read this book. The ASEAN Security Community (ASC), first as a discourse and subsequently as a policy adopted by ASEAN, has to a considerable degree been inspired by the arguments advanced in this book." - Rizal Sukma, Deputy Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, and author of the original concept paper for the ASEAN Security Community

Reviews of the first edition:

'Innovative and stimulating...the theoretical and empirical sophistication that Acharya displays makes this book sure to be a key work on the security and political aspects of ASEAN for academics and policymakers...a vivid and cutting-edge work' - American Political Science Review
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