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This book examines the impact of the information revolution on international and domestic security, attempting to remedy both the lack of theoretically informed analysis of information security and the US-centric tendency in the existing literature. *International Relations and Security in the Digital Age* covers a range of key topics, including: critical infrastructure protection; privacy issues; international cooperation; cyberterrorism; and security policy. It aims to analyse the impact of the information revolution on international and domestic security; examine what existing international relations theories can say about this challenge; and discuss how international relations theory can be developed to better meet this challenge.

The analysis suggests that liberalism’s focus on pluralism, interdependence and globalization, constructivism’s emphasis on language, symbols and images (including ‘virtuality’), and some elements of realist strategic studies (on the specific topic of information warfare) contribute to a better understanding of digital-age security.

This book will be of interest to students of security studies, globalization, international relations and politics and technology.

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Information technology in general, and the diffusion of the Internet in particular, unquestionably has become one of the most dominant features of globalization, increasingly affecting states and societies around the world. Claiming that this challenge implies both opportunities and threats is basically a truism. Surprisingly however, theorists of international relations have paid only scant attention to the challenges of the digital age, especially from a security studies perspective. Moreover, the specialist literature on information security, information operations, cyberterrorism, and cybercrime has largely ignored theories of international relations and security, and has shown hardly any interest in theory building. Our intention with this book is to contribute towards filling the gap between theories of international relations and the practice of digital-age security.

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