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## PREFACE

*Introduction to International Security* is published to benefit beginners reading International Security particularly also targeting postgraduate and undergraduate students following courses on International Security. The author, who has served at the Department of International Relations for five years, who previously earned a First Class Honors Degree in International Relations from the University of Colombo, and over fifteen years of teaching in the field of International Relations expresses the necessity for publishing of books in this nature to encourage learners' quest for the discipline.

It can be noted that International Security is widely published, yet beginners learning the subject in the higher education system need to look for either international publications and or search online sources to learn these subject areas. Given this as the motive for writing this book, which appears in the nature of a handbook, the author targets those interested in learning about International Security. The six chapters in this book cover the following topics—introduction to International Security Studies (ISS); introduction to the concept of Security; theories and approaches of International Security; and two chapters reserved on application of international security including areas such as the Non-Traditional Security (NTS) and International Terrorism.

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of South East Asian Nations
<b>CS</b>	Comprehensive Security
<b>CSS</b>	Critical Security Studies
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information System
<b>GTI</b>	Global Terrorism Index
<b>IEA</b>	International Energy Agency
<b>IRA</b>	Irish Republican Army
<b>IS</b>	Islamic State
<b>ISIS</b>	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
<b>ISS</b>	International Security Studies
<b>LN</b> s	League of Nations
<b>MIC</b>	Military Industrial Complex
<b>NTS</b>	Non-Traditional Security
<b>PRI</b> O	Peace Research Institute in Oslo
<b>R2P</b>	Responsibility to Protect
<b>UNGA</b>	United Nations General Assembly
<b>UNSC</b>	United Nations Security Council
<b>UNO</b>	United Nations Organization
<b>USA</b>	United States of America
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WMO</b>	World Meteorological Organization

## FOREWORD

The Department of International Relations at the University of Colombo is the premier department in Sri Lanka for the field of International Relations. The Department has initiated the publishing of the *IR Book Series*, written in both English and Sinhala, to cater to postgraduate and undergraduate students following IR degree programmes. It is that the Department expectation to make this book series a useful reading collection related to the courses offered in different degree levels of the discipline.

The *IR Book Series* is funded by the World Bank AHEAD Project, initiated at the Enhancing Learning Teaching Assessment (ELTA) and English Language Skills Enhancement (ELSE), for which the Department has become a recipient of this competitive grant in 2019. With the AHEAD project completing the third consecutive successful year, the Department has amassed a collection of books in the areas of human security, international negotiation, global citizenship, international organizations, diplomacy/foreign policy and international security.

This book, written by Dr. Menik Wakkumbura, a Senior Lecturer wishes that this book will benefit those learners of International Security.