



Democratic Peace for Europe: Myth or Reality

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This book explores the 'peace by democracy' hypothesis and applies the results of that search to the European security environment. Questions addressed are: What do we know about democratic peace and how do we explain it? How and to what extent is democracy connected to variables as economic interdependence, international trade, prosperity, state autonomy and peace? Will anarchy prevail again or will the pacifying impact of stable democracy preserve the peace in Europe despite some worrying signs that the end of the Cold War was not without its destabilising effects?

This book has considerable political relevance since it allows for a better understanding and evaluation of the Nato enlargement

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process. The latter is based on the democratisation and economic transformation of former socialist countries in Eastern Europe. Finally, this book also compares with the European 'security community' the security situation in the Asia-Pacific region.

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