The Changing Politics Of German Security

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Germany's contemporary security policies are characterised by a peculiar mix of continuity and change. From abstention in the first Gulf war, to early peacekeeping missions in Bosnia in the early 1990s and a full combat role in Kosovo in 1999, the pace of change in German security policy since the end of the Cold War has been breathtaking. By focusing on both the 'domestics' of security policy decision making as well as the changing and often contradictory expectations of Germany's allies, this book provides a comprehensive analysis of the role played by Germany's particular strategic culture in shaping policy choices. In light of the changed strategic environment, however, new elements must be added to this definition of German national objectives. Germany, with its free and open civil society, benefits from globalisation like few other countries. Its current strength is largely owed to its ability to implement reforms that have preserved its competitiveness and capacity for innovation but it is owed even more to its success as a trading and exporting nation. The changing politics of German security.