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FOREWORD

Within the year 2000 research programme, the CeMiSS has entrusted a wide perspective research to the Centre directed by Prof. Bianchini. This was meant to locate and deepen the dynamics of the destabilising process in large areas and above all in South Eastern Europe, in order to gather the most significant elements that have to be kept in consideration when dealing with the complex crisis management and Peace Building issues in such sensitive regions.

The very interesting results of this research are of course liable to further improvements in the matter of complex mechanisms, that regard internal and external factors determining, in some way, the chain of events in crisis areas.

It remains the fact that they represent a significant cultural goal that CeMiSS, still maintaining the intellectual property, considered useful to permit their disclosure on the international studies circuit.

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There are no doubts that the Adriatic-Caspian corridor is currently the most destabilized European area, where the dynamics of destabilization, although triggering off at local level, present a component causing a regional and international fallout effect. In order to investigate both these dimensions, some of the best international experts of the Adriatic-Caspian area met and contribute the present book. In a first group of contributions, they draw the attention to case-studies, such those the Caspian Region and ex soviet Central Asia, the Nagorno-Karabakh, the Crimea, Transnistria and Moldavia, Romania, Bulgaria and Serbia et the time when Milosevic's uncontested rule gave way to his successor Kostunica. A second groups of chapters follows, dealing with knotty "transversal" problems concerning space and security; the international "protectorates" over Bosnia, Kosovo and Macedonia; the role of international aids; the use of myths and symbols in building loyalties to the State; the institutional and political fragility of the States. In the end, a concluding chapter discusses the interdependence between local destabilizing factors and their regional impact in order to offer to the reader a comprehensive approach and key-elements for interpreting current events.



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