

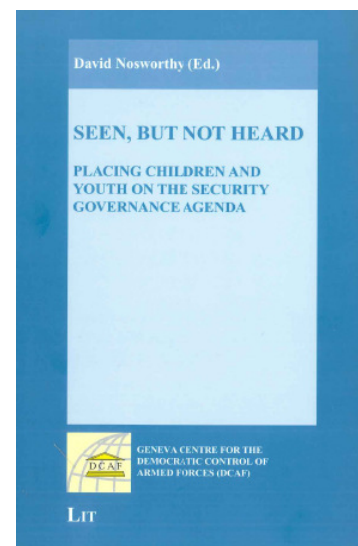


Seen, but not Heard: Placing Children and Youth on the Security Governance Agenda

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The restoration of justice and security is a priority of post-conflict peacebuilding, but children and youth – two groups especially impacted by armed conflict – are rarely considered in this process. This book provides a framework through which security provision can be made more relevant to the concerns of young people, and to reflecting their needs and aspirations. Engaging children and youth constructively in the peacebuilding process has far-reaching implications for successfully establishing long-term stability. The publication explores the role and responsibility of the security sector in the protection of children, stressing the close link between public security, human rights, and social development. A special focus is placed on the central role that civil society has to play. The publication concludes with policy recommendations aimed at assisting decision-makers in integrating the security concerns and aspirations of children into programmatic responses.



For all those who read the pages of this important study, they will undoubtedly appreciate the important responsibility the security sector has towards children. It will enable them to think through how child protection strategies can become an integral part of efforts to create a more secure and better world. What is particularly impressive is that the reflection and arguments presented here bring together and combine a common vision of the priorities that influence the security sector and civil society, and this fact alone is full of promise for it envisages investments in children today that will benefit the young people who will become the leaders of tomorrow.

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