



Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific

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KW Publishers, New Delhi, India, 2014. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition. In recent years, the descriptive term Indo-Pacific has entered the geo-strategic lexicon as a substitute for the more established expression Asia-Pacific. Defined as an integrated strategic system that best captures the shift in power and influence from the West to the East, the concept has dominated strategic debates and discussions, gaining rapidly in currency and acceptance. Popular though the term has become, its strategic context and underlying logic are still sharply contested. While proponents of the Indo-Pacific advance compelling arguments in its favour, the debate over whether it is a valid construct, is not quite settled. Consequently, it is yet to gain full acceptance among regional analysts and policy makers who appear unsure about embracing the idea without any qualifying caveats. Even so, the Indo-Pacific has emerged as a significant strategic space and a theatre of great-power competition. From a maritime security perspective, its importance as a geo-economic hub is accentuated by the growing presence of non-traditional threats. Piracy, terrorism, gun running, illegal fishing, trafficking, global warming and natural disasters represent challenges to maritime security that are inherently transnational in nature where dynamics in...

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