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Résumé ou extrait : "This book aims to examine the conceptions of, approaches and practices of security adopted by Regional Organisations (ROs) across the globe. Since the end of the Cold War, there has been an increased focus on regions as a relevant realm for security, with actors within regional contexts identifying a significant degree of interdependency between one another. As a consequence, international security has taken on a distinct regionally-institutionalised character, as seen by the increase in calls for greater utilisation of 'Chapter VIII: Regional Agency' of the UN, in order to create a devolved UN-led system of global security management. However, there is little evidence of similar processes towards convergence between regions. Indeed, the idea of a system of global security management is a remote prospect, as divergence seems to be as important as commonality in terms of regional security. In light of the above, Regional Organisations and Security analyses the primary ROs and their approach to security, which are active in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Middle East and South America. The findings of individual case-studies are compiled to highlight disparities and similarities in how security is seen, prioritised, understood, practised, managed and implemented across regions. On this basis, the authors reach

conclusions about whether we live in an increasingly globalised or regionally distinct world, and go on to assess the prospects for a globalised system of security management and consider how this might be developed and organised. This book will be of much interest to students of comparative regionalism, international organisations, international security and IR."

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