

Preface

THIS VOLUME FOLLOWS ON FROM OUR EARLIER PROJECT ON *The Future of Transatlantic Relations* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011) and examines the burgeoning area of national security. Over the last decade or so, this area of public policy has received far greater prominence as policy-makers, think-tanks, and the academic community have sought to re-define security and consider new ways of providing for national security. The thirteen case studies contained within this volume individually and collectively provide a fascinating insight into the national security process and help show how factors such as culture, geography, and history play major parts in the policy process. Involving country experts has proven to be an extremely fruitful advantage in helping us to understand where individual states were coming from and often where they also aspired to head toward. For us, the comparative analysis provided insights that we were not expecting, particularly similarities between states that we had not seen as obvious comparators.

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