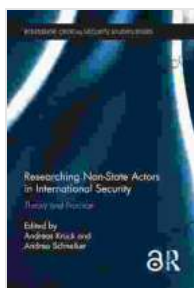# Theory and Practice: Routledge Critical Security Studies

Critical security studies (CSS) is a field of study that examines the role of power, knowledge, and discourse in the construction of security. CSS scholars argue that traditional approaches to security studies have been too focused on the state and military power, and have neglected the importance of non-state actors, such as corporations, NGOs, and social movements. CSS also emphasizes the importance of understanding the social and cultural contexts in which security is produced.

This volume provides a comprehensive overview of the key theoretical approaches and practical applications that have shaped the field of CSS. With contributions from leading scholars, this book offers a critical examination of the concepts, methods, and debates that have defined CSS over the past three decades.

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- **Marxism**

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- **Post-structuralism**

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- **Critical race theory**

Each of these approaches offers a different lens through which to view security. Marxism, for example, emphasizes the role of class struggle in the production of security. Feminism, on the other hand, focuses on the gendered dimensions of security. Post-structuralism examines the ways in which power is produced and circulated through discourse. Postcolonialism explores the legacy of colonialism in the production of security. And critical race theory examines the role of race in the production of security.

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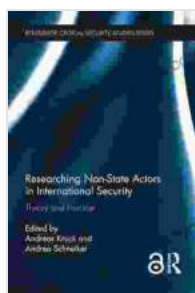
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