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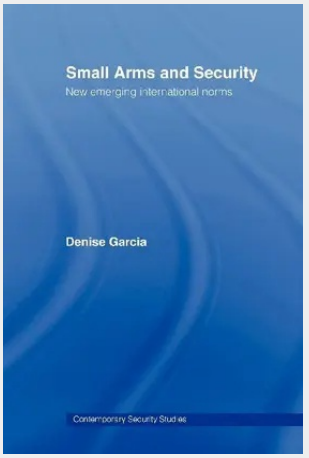
Small Arms and Security

New Emerging International Norms



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