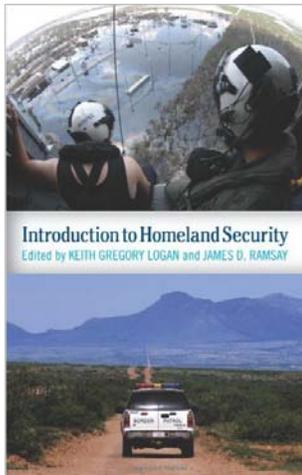


Text Review: Introduction to Homeland Security Education

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Introduction to Homeland Security is structured into three principal content areas: Part I, Organization and Administration of Homeland Security; Part II, Homeland Security Resources; and, Part III, Homeland Security Strategies. These three sections comprise 14 chapters (articles) from leading experts in homeland security and related disciplines. The text also includes an introduction and epilogue by the coeditors, as well as a list of related acronyms, author biographies, and an index. Each chapter includes endnotes and reference documentation.

TEXT REVIEW

Just to avoid any confusion—and to state clearly upfront—*Introduction to Homeland Security* should be considered for use as a basic text for homeland security and emergency management survey courses. That said, Logan and Ramsay’s edited volume is not so much the *primer* for core homeland security concepts, as an *enabler* to help mature the conceptual framework for our discipline. The editors have brought together some of the leading practitioner-thinkers and scholars in homeland security, homeland defense, emergency management and related disciplines to solidify, update, and advance the essential elements of their respective areas. The topics are well-known for the most part, although there are some very refreshing sections on law, technology, the Defense Department’s role, and public–private partnership that will introduce some bigger-picture thinking into the classroom. Logan and Ramsay based *Introduction to Homeland Security* on themes and content derived from the June 2009 Homeland Security Undergraduate Curriculum Workshop sponsored and hosted by the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (the results of the workshop can be reviewed at www.uapi.us). The editors were participants in the workshop, and—along with several participants cum chapter authors—parlayed formal and informal discussions on “what should an undergraduate program in homeland security comprise” into the text described here.

What to look for. Highlights include:

- Recognition of links between the fields of homeland security and emergency management, including the recognition that we cannot teach one area without exploring the convergence in operational and policy issues of the other.
- Role of the private sector in critical infrastructure, public health (and just about every major muscle movement) in the homeland security enterprise.
- Emily Bentley does a fine job in Chapter 2 of explaining the intersection of law and policy. For the nonlawyer, Bentley provides a host of good examples, including the challenge in defining homeland security, as well as brief descriptions of major statutes, such as the Stafford Act and Posse Comitatus—both described in just enough detail to help students look for more.
- George Michael’s Chapter 12 provides a superb look at “new terrorism,” with examples across international and domestic activities.

What else. I have yet to come across a homeland security text that is the end-all. My sense is that our discipline has some time to grow and mature before there will be a definitive, one-stop publication. The editors wisely have chosen key themes that will remain core to homeland security, yet leave room for expansion. Some areas that I would like to see in the next iteration:

- More on the role of states, localities and tribal governments in the networked homeland security enterprise. For undergraduate students, it would be helpful to link nonfederal entities— including the private sector

and nongovernmental organizations into the National Incident Management System, as well as roles and responsibilities loosely described in the National Response Framework, and the recently released (but, after the text was published) sister documents for recovery and preparedness.

- Case studies, case studies, case studies. The editors have promised a companion volume to support the *Introduction to Homeland Security*. Bring it on.
- Where are the “other” homeland security areas? Border security, transnational crime, counterdrug, food security?

Introduction to Homeland Security is a solid effort, and one that lends itself to satisfying a gray area in the no-man’s land between upper-division undergraduate and out-of-the-chute graduate students. Pick and choose the chapters that add value or supplement your reading list. And, keep your eye out for the second edition, as well as the promised case study guide.