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The Caucasus and the Balkan region are automatically associated with conflict and war. This text brings together a selection of case studies and theoretical approaches aimed at identifying the institutions which prevented or fostered escalation of conflict in the Caucasus and former Yugoslavia.