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for institutional change that provides a new understanding of their changing roles in regional security, which has yet to be fully explored in the International Relations field. In so doing, the book illuminates why, when, and how each organization restructures its role, function, and influence. Using case studies of the Association of Southeast Asian nation's (ASEAN), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), and the Organization of African Unity (OAU)/African Union (AU), it also sheds light on similarities and differences in institutional change between regional security institutions"--

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