

# Foreword

The present anthology is part of the Security and Defence Studies under the Danish Institute for International Studies. The project was made possible through a research grant from the Danish Ministry of Defence. Responsibility for the contents of the anthology rests entirely on the individual contributors. The views expressed in the present anthology are personal and should be treated accordingly.

The appalling act of terrorism that shocked the world on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2004 came as the anthology was in the final stages of editing. We were obviously tempted to reedit the volume in light of the atrocity, which so painfully underlines the reality of the new security threats. We eventually decided to proceed without further changes. These inhuman acts of terrorism should not be included as a last-minute addition to the anthology. We will never be able to make sense of senseless cruelty, but through the current debate on the future of European security and defence policy, we may hope to be able to contribute to the realisation of a secure Europe in a better world.

*Copenhagen, March 2004*

