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This Handbook will aid students of migration studies to understand the comparative policies in creating and reproducing the migration–security nexus, and offer scholars and practitioners in migration studies a comprehensive understanding of a multitude of aspects of the securitization of migration. It will also appeal to academics, specialists and practitioners in the field of security studies who are keen to learn how migration has become securitized.

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