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Foreword

Myriam Dunn Cavelty's *Cybersecurity in Switzerland* provides an excellent addition to the SpringerBriefs in Cybersecurity series. It is a concise and coherent, well-written summary of the political and strategic process in Switzerland—a small, but tech-savvy and comparatively well-resourced nation. It reflects on the conditions and opportunities of the country, its unique political structure and background underlying the strategic process leading to official documents and initiatives. Many of the cybersecurity approaches of Switzerland are recounted and explained in this way, spanning early discourses on how perceptions and narratives have been formed, to concepts and models, institutions and initiatives, and finally technical and organization implementations. The brief also recounts and evaluates the history of those documents, initiatives, and technologies, pinpointing implementation problems, their causes, and the following evolution of the process. This provides an excellent, history-based insight into learned lessons.

Throughout the Brief Dunn Cavelty also takes a very systematic approach to the topic. Following her insightful historical reflections, thorough theoretical considerations, divide and characterize the processes, assign phases, and identify their structures, requirements and obstacles. With understanding of the principles of cyberstrategy, to reflect and apply in future research or policy making.

In conclusion, this Brief certainly provides a magnificent contribution to the series and the fields of cybersecurity and cyberpolitics. It helps in many ways and I thank the author for a great piece of work.

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