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Energy resources such as crude oil, natural gas and coal are vital to the life and economies of states and their people. The strategic importance of these resources in times of conflict and of stability, and the growing demand for them from Western consumer nations and developing countries has implications for international relations across the globe, especially as supplies are dwindling. Many of the world's largest energy reserves are located in regions of instability such as Africa, the Gulf and the Caspian. This complication makes supplies more vulnerable and adds a security dimension to the subject. While there is a large amount of literature on energy security in the context of ensuring a secure supply of energy, this guide focuses mainly on publications that discuss the relationship between energy and conflict both in the past and in possible future scenarios.

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