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[Comprendre la Pologne : société, politique et institutions / sous la direction de Anna Paczeński et Jean-Michel De Waele](#)

Paris : l'Harmattan, 2016.

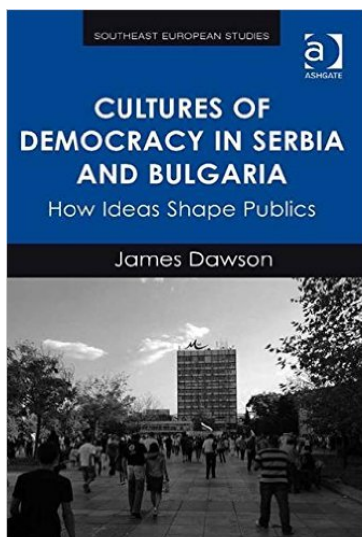
279 p.

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ISBN 978-2-343-06510-6

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L'arrivée au pouvoir d'un gouvernement nationaliste conservateur, remettant en cause les "valeurs européennes" et l'équilibre des pouvoirs, a remis la Pologne sur le devant de la scène. L'ouvrage donne la parole aux chercheurs polonais. Ceux-ci tentent d'expliquer les profondes évolutions que la société polonaise a connues, après la chute du communisme, dans divers domaines (rôle de l'Eglise, question agraire, politique étrangère, débat sur l'Histoire).



[Cultures of democracy in Serbia and Bulgaria : how ideas shape publics / by James Dawson](#)

Farnham : Ashgate, 2014.

212 p.

EN

ISBN 978-1-4724-4308-3

Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 103197

At a time when some EU member states are attracting attention for the rise to power of illiberal, anti-democratic political movements, this book's analytical focus on ideas and identities helps explain why institutional progress is not necessarily reflected in the formation of liberal, democratic publics. Starting from the premise that citizens can only uphold the institutions of liberal democracy when they understand and identify with the principles enshrined in them, the author applies normative public sphere theory to the analysis of political discourse and everyday discussion in Serbia and Bulgaria. Moving beyond the narrow focus on institutions that currently prevails in studies of democratization, this book demonstrates the value of a more ethnographic and society-oriented approach.



[Agir en démocratie / Hélène Balazard ; préface de Khaled Ghrissi et Solène Compingt](#)

Link Ivry-sur-Seine : Éditions de l'atelier, 2015.

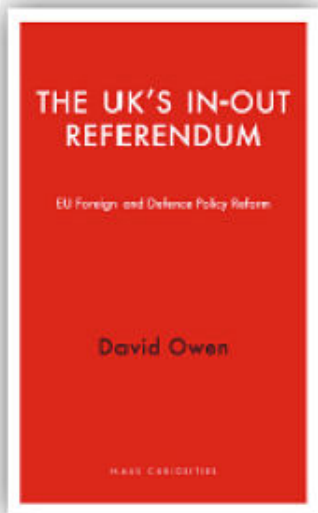
155 p.

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Hélène Balazard raconte et analyse plusieurs expériences françaises et étrangères en s'attachant plus particulièrement à deux expériences construites sur le modèle du community organizing : celle de London Citizens en Grande-Bretagne et celle de l'Alliance citoyenne à Grenoble. En dévoilant les ressorts de ces mobilisations citoyennes innovantes, leurs richesses et leurs limites, ce livre ouvre de nouvelles voies. Il montre à quelles conditions il est possible de développer des pratiques démocratiques originales qui bousculent l'ordre social, remettent en cause les tentations technocratiques et autoritaires et retissent des liens de solidarité. Fourmillant d'initiatives jamais médiatisées, cet ouvrage incite à inventer de nouvelles manières d'agir en démocratie.



[The UK's in-out referendum : EU foreign and defence policy reform / David Owen](#)

London : Haus Curiosities, 2015.

54 p.

EN

ISBN 9781910376539

Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 103533

According to the author, the European Union's attempts at conflict resolution have left much to be desired. In the Ukraine, Baltic States, Turkey, and much of the Middle East, a lack of coherent policy has dominated. This book argues that the negotiations around the United Kingdom's referendum vote represent an opportunity to enact wide-scale reform, not least to ensure that the nations of an increasingly politically integrated Eurozone do not come to dominate the foreign and security policy of the European Union in the years to come. Ultimately, the author contends, Britain's continued membership of a largely unreformed European Union would have serious implications for the United Kingdom's security, and that foreign policy and security belong at the heart of the reforms the European Union so desperately needs.



[Britain alone! : The implications and consequences of United Kingdom exit from the EU / edited by Patrick J. Birkinshaw, Andrea Biondi](#)

Alphen aan den Rijn : Kluwer Law International, 2016.

347 p.

EN

ISBN 9789041158321

Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 103538

Although the United Kingdom's near half-century of EU membership has brought numerous indisputable benefits, anti-EU sentiment, simmering for decades, has now reached the point where an upcoming referendum could quite possibly lead to exit from the Union - an enormously topical issue dubbed "Brexit". This very timely book addresses the major concerns and uncertainties associated with this looming prospect. Outstanding scholars of British constitutional law and EU law discuss such factors as the impact of EU membership on the UK constitution and the perspectives of the UK's constituent regions, along with numerous practical issues of economics and administration.



[La création de l'euro / Philippe de Schoutheete ; préface de Philippe Maystadt](#)

Bruxelles : Academie Royale de Belgique, 2016.

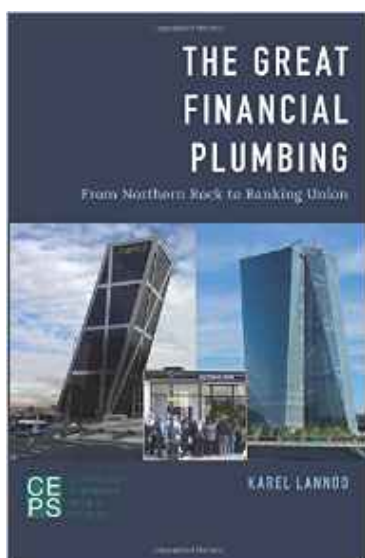
144 p.

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De 1988 à 1998, pendant une décennie, le débat européen s'est concentré sur la création et la mise en place de l'Union économique et monétaire, avec une monnaie unique : l'euro. Longtemps cette ambition ancienne parut hors de portée. La faiblesse du système monétaire précédent, le contexte international et la volonté politique ont néanmoins permis d'aboutir. Les décisions prises à cette époque exercent leur influence aujourd'hui dans notre vie quotidienne. Établir ce que disaient les acteurs, ce qu'ils pensaient peut-être, ce qu'ils espéraient, ce qu'ils ont dit depuis, mérite notre intérêt.



[The great financial plumbing : from northern rock to banking union / Karel Lannoo](#)

London : Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

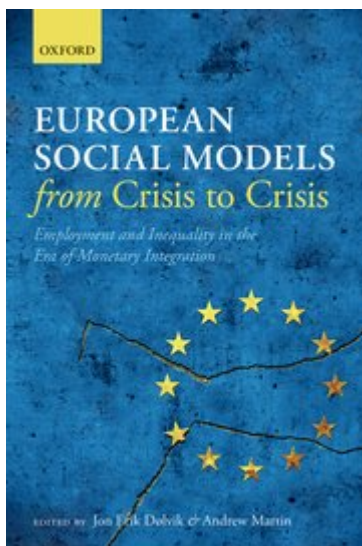
182 p.

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The financial crisis has led to a far-reaching redesign of the European regulatory and supervisory framework for financial markets. In *The Great Financial Plumbing*, Karel Lannoo systematically assesses the new regulatory and supervisory framework. The book's structure follows the big questions on the agenda. What is Banking Union? How have the concerns of the G-20 been addressed by the EU (oversight of credit-rating agencies, better capital for banks, the re-regulation of securities and derivatives markets, asset management, depositor protection and bank resolution)? How were uniquely EU rules on state aid applied to the banking sector?



European social models from crisis to crisis : employment and inequality in the era of monetary integration / edited by Jon Erik Dølvik, Andrew Martin

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015.

442 p.

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ISBN 978-0-19-871796-6

Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 103527

This book analyses the interaction of European social models - the institutions structuring labour markets' supply side - and their turbulent macroeconomic environment from the deep Europe-wide recession, ending Germany's post-unification boom, through monetary union's establishment, to the Great Recession following the recent financial crisis. The analysis reaches two conclusions challenging the dominant view that the social models caused unemployment by impairing labour markets' efficiency in the name of equity.



Europa, wie weiter? : Perspektiven eines Projekts in der Krise / Winfried Brömmel, Helmut König, Manfred Sicking (Hg.)

Bielefeld : Transcript, 2015.

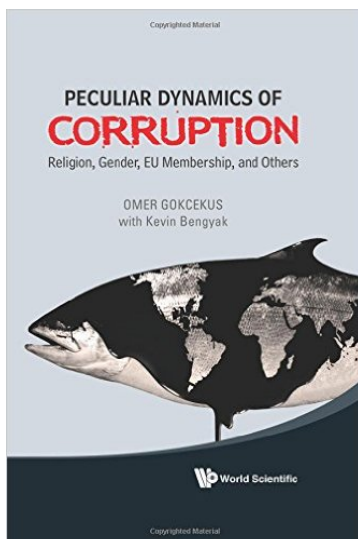
196 p.

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Die Einigung Europas ist eine beispiellose Erfolgsgeschichte. Zu ihr gehörten stets auch Krisen, aus denen das europäische Projekt wieder gestärkt hervorgegangen ist. In der gegenwärtigen Finanz- und Staatsschuldenkrise scheint dies anders. Nun steht in den Augen vieler das Projekt selbst auf dem Spiel. Die Beiträge des Bandes rekapitulieren entscheidende Antriebskräfte und Etappen aus der Geschichte des europäischen Einigungsprojekts und beleuchten zentrale Aspekte der gegenwärtigen Lage in Europa. Der Band skizziert zudem Wege der Erneuerung und Weiterführung des europäischen Projekts.



[Peculiar dynamics of corruption : religion, gender, EU membership, and others / Omer Gokcekus with Kevin Bengyak](#)

New Jersey : World Scientific, 2015.

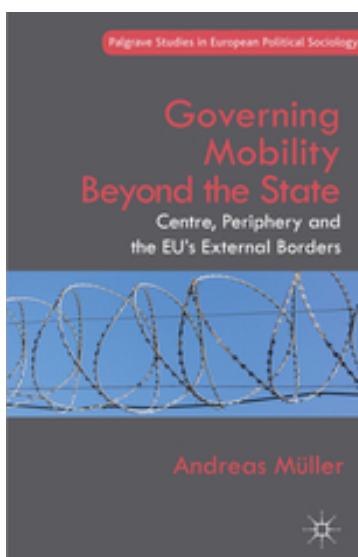
155 p.

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Drawing from theories in economics, sociology, and psychology, *Peculiar Dynamics of Corruption* examines how gender, religion, culture, and history affect corruption. It asks and answers many questions such as, does employing more women than men reduce corruption in public sector organizations? How does a country's religious landscape a hundred years ago affect corruption today? Is corruption higher in recessions or times of economic growth? The answers to these questions are surprising: group dynamics may matter more than gender, a history of Protestantism has lasting effects on a country, and corruption is cyclical, but not in a way, most would assume. Corruption is not motivated purely by financial gain and by offering simple explanations of these unexpected causes. This book broadens our understanding of this global issue.



[Governing mobility beyond the state : centre, periphery and the EU's external borders / Andreas Müller](#)

Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

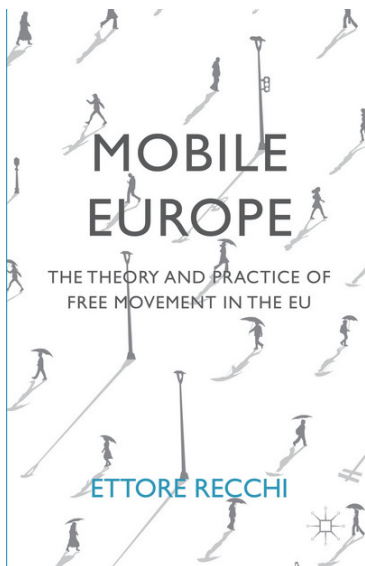
233 p.

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ISBN 9781137389411

Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 103409

How does the European Union maintain a multi-territorial area of free mobility, despite the fact that only its constituting units possess the necessary means to control mobility? This book explores the structural tensions and conflicts that arise with the abolition of border controls between the EU's member states and how this conflict ridden relationship affects and is affected by the institutional shape of the EU's external borders.



[Mobile Europe : the theory and practice of free movement in the EU / Ettore Recchi](#)

Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

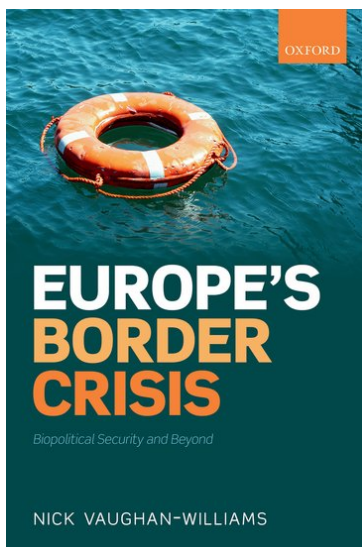
208 p.

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What do we imagine when we think about a united Europe? According to the Eurobarometer, which recurrently puts this question to a sample of citizens from all the countries of the Union, 'freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU': this is the reply given, year after year, by the majority of the interviewees. It is not the Euro, nor democracy, nor peace among nations, but free movement which epitomizes the European Union in the minds of Europeans. Ettore Recchi describes the free movement regime of the EU in terms of both its policies and the experiences of the people involved - that is, mobile European citizens. With a particular focus on their integration paths, political participation and identifications, this book draws on large cross-national surveys of this specific population carried out between 2004 and 2012.



[Europe's border crisis : biopolitical security and beyond / Nick Vaughan-Williams](#)

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2015.

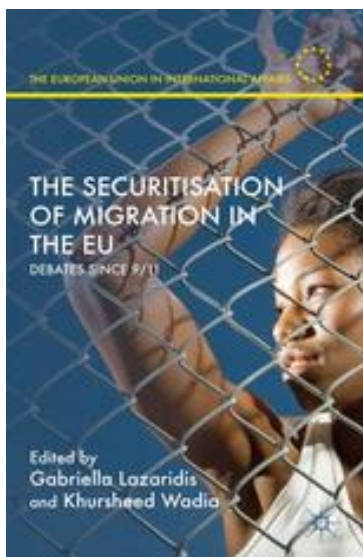
178 p.

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Europe's Border Crisis investigates dynamics in EU border security and migration management and advances a path-breaking framework for thought, judgment, and action in this context. It argues that a crisis point has emerged whereby irregular migrants are treated as both a security threat to the EU and as a life that is threatened and in need of saving. This leads to paradoxical situations such that humanitarian policies and practices often expose irregular migrants to dehumanizing and lethal border security mechanisms. The dominant way of understanding these dynamics, one that blames a gap between policy and practice, fails to address the deeper political issues at stake and ends up perpetuating the terms of the crisis.



[The securitisation of migration in the EU : debates since 9/11 / edited by Gabriella Lazaridis and Khursheed Wadia](#)

Basingstoke : Routledge, 2015.

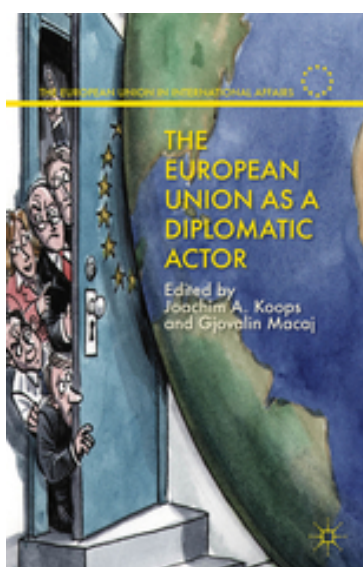
247 p.

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Since 9/11 Western states have sought to integrate 'securitisation' measures within migration regimes as asylum seekers and other migrant categories come to be seen as agents of social instability or as potential terrorists. Treating migration as a security threat has therefore increased insecurity amongst migrant and ethnic minority populations.



[The European Union as a diplomatic actor / edited by Joachim A. Koops, Gjovalin Macaj.](#)

Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

209 p.

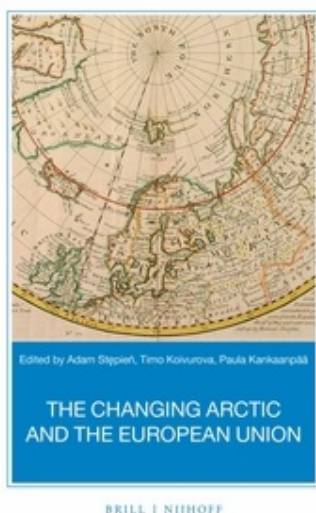
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This collection brings together leading scholars and practitioners to assess the processes, institutions and outcomes of the EU's collective diplomatic engagement in the fields of security, human rights, trade and finance and environmental politics. It analyses successes and failures in the EU's search for global influence in the post-Lisbon era.



[The changing arctic and the European Union : a book based on the report "Strategic assessment of development of the Arctic: assessment conducted for the European Union / edited by Adam Stępień, Timo Koivurova, Paula Kankaanpää](#)

Leiden : Brill Nijhoff, 2016.

335 p.

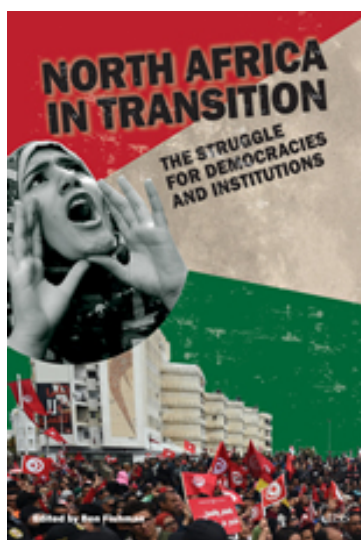
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The Changing Arctic and the European Union is a book based on the report Strategic Assessment of the Development of the Arctic: Assessment Conducted for the European Union. It provides an overview of changes taking place in the Arctic. The ways how the EU affects Arctic developments is considered, including the process of formulating an umbrella EU Arctic policy.



[North Africa in transition : the struggle for democracy and institutions / edited by Ben Fishman](#)

Abingdon : Routledge, 2015.

155 p.

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North Africa in Transition examines how the people and governments of North Africa have responded to the Arab uprisings that shook the region's politics in 2011. With individual chapters detailing key developments in Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia, the authors bring together a wide range of expertise to assess how a previously under-explored and politically static region underwent bursts of energy, protests, and war. Two of the regimes were completely transformed and two adapted to survive.



[The fall of the Turkish model : how the Arab uprisings brought down Islamic liberalism / by Cihan Tugal](#)

London : Verso, 2016.

296 p.

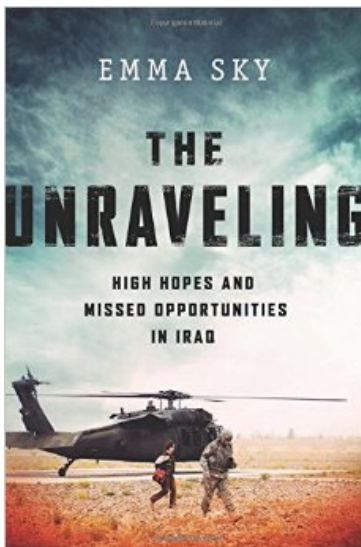
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In this analysis, Cihan Tugal argues that the problem with Turkish model of Islamic liberalism is much broader and deeper than Erdogan's increasing authoritarianism. The problems are inherent in the very model of Islamic liberalism that formed the basis of the AKP's ascendancy and rule since 2002 - an intended marriage of neoliberalism and democracy. And this model can also only be understood as a response to regional politics—especially as a response to the “Iranian Model” - a marriage of corporatism and Islamic revolution. According to the author, the Turkish model was a failure in its home country, and the dynamics of the Arab world made it a tough commodity to export.



[The unravelling : high hopes and missed opportunities in Iraq / Emma Sky](#)

London : Atlantic Books, 2015.

383 p.

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When Emma Sky, a young British woman, volunteered to help rebuild Iraq after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, she had little idea what she was letting herself in for. It was only supposed to last three months but instead spanned a decade. As the representative of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Kirkuk and then the political advisor to US General Odierno, Sky was valued for her outspoken voice and different perspectives that she brought due to her knowledge of the Middle East. Sky provides unique insights into the US military, and the complexities, diversity and evolution of Iraqi society.

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