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**Bilateral diplomacy and EU membership: case study on Austria**
Sandra Sonnleitner
Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2018
Online access

This book focuses on the question of how national bilateral diplomacy is influenced and transformed by EU membership. It provides profound empirical evidence of the nature of this influence and the effect of this process. Its focus lies on the most classical element in the field of national bilateral diplomacy: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its network of diplomatic representations. This study’s object of investigation is Austria. Accordingly, it concentrates on developments and changes in Austria’s conduct of bilateral diplomacy during 20 years of EU membership.
The EU's policy on the integration of migrants: a case of soft-europeanization?
Pierre Georges Van Wolleghem
Cham: Palgrave Macmillan US, 2018
Online access

This book addresses a timely, yet largely overlooked, issue in political science: the integration of migrants in a multilevel policy. In a context characterised by the increasing salience of migration-related questions, and despite the gradual construction of a European Union immigration policy over the past two decades, no competence was ever created on integration matters. The emergence of a consistent ensemble of soft instruments in this policy realm in the 2000s unveiled an original pattern of EU policy formation. Can there be Europeanization without an EU competence? That is the question this original piece of research tackles.

L'Union européenne, tiers aux conventions des États membres
Oana Andreea Macovei
Online access

Les ouvrages classiques délaisent souvent la question des rapports des organisations internationales à l'égard des conventions conclues par leurs États membres. Or, cette question en soulève d'autres plus complexes en droit des traités: les organisations internationales ne pouvant être considérées comme étrangères aux activités conventionnelles de leurs membres. Dans cette perspective, l'Union européenne a développé un modèle d'intégration fort pour ses membres. Son ordre juridique offre en effet des solutions aux conflits de normes ou des ajustements entre son droit et les conventions des États membres.
La libre circulation sous pression
Giacomo Delledonne, Heide Mercenier, Ludivine Damay
Online access

La figure du "plombier polonais" et la crainte du "dumping social" provoquent des crispations au sein des démocraties d’Europe occidentale : la campagne des partisans du "Brexit" avant le référendum sur le retrait du Royaume Uni de l’Union européenne en est l’un des plus récents exemples. La critique d’une "Europe passoire" fait aussi trembler tout l’édifice de l’espace Schengen. Lors de la crise des réfugiés en 2015, la fermeture ponctuelle des frontières extérieures et la réintroduction de contrôles massifs entre les États membres sont devenues des instruments de choix pour plusieurs gouvernements. Face à ces turbulences, l’ouvrage examine les tensions au cœur du projet européen de libre circulation des personnes.

The people vs. democracy: why our freedom is in danger and how to save it
Yascha Mounk
Cambridge : Harvard University Press, 2018
Online access

The world is in turmoil. From India to Turkey and from Poland to the United States, authoritarian populists have seized power. As a result, Yascha Mounk shows, democracy itself may now be at risk. Two core components of liberal democracy--individual rights and the popular will--are increasingly at war with each other. As the role of money in politics soared and important issues were taken out of public contestation, a system of "rights without democracy" took hold. Populists who rail against this say they want to return power to the people. But in practice they create something just as bad: a system of "democracy without rights." The consequence, Mounk shows in The People vs. Democracy, is that trust in politics is dwindling. Citizens are falling out of love with their political system. Democracy is wilting away.
A balança da Europa
Carlos Gaspar
Lisboa : Aletheia , 2017
Available at
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A crise europeia é uma crise existencial, em que está em causa a própria continuidade da União Europeia e da NATO, os dois pilares da ordem liberal das democracias ocidentais, que garantem a paz na Europa há mais de setenta anos. A construção da ordem europeia começa na II Guerra Mundial, quando o III Reich quis pôr em causa o futuro da Europa como um sistema de Estados independentes. A vitória das Nações Unidas e a competição entre os Estados Unidos e a União Soviética impõem a divisão da Alemanha e da Europa. A criação da República Federal alemã, da NATO e das Comunidades Europeias assegura a sobrevivência das democracias liberais na Europa da Guerra Fria.

Politique comparée
Jean-Michel De Waele, Yves Déloye
Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2018
Online access

Les auteurs proposent, de manière à la fois didactive et prospective, de faire un bilan des apports de l’approche comparée en science politique. Ils veillent aussi à souligner les spécificités de l’approche comparée dans la science politique francophone pour mieux la positionner dans l’espace scientifique international. D’où leur souci de rendre compte des développements les plus récents des études comparées. Une attention particulière a également été accordée aux références bibliographiques mobilisées afin de faire de ce volume un ouvrage de référence.
Law, norms and freedoms in cyberspace = Droit, normes et libertés dans le cybermonde
Cécile de Terwangne, Elise Degrave, Séverine Dusollier
Online access

This volume is a tribute to Yves Poullet from colleagues, friends, former PhD researchers, offering their reflections on the reciprocal influence of law and technology. These contributions highlight both the range of expertise and the extent of the European and international networks he has nourished. They address the three main research axes Yves Poullet has developed through the years: law, norms and freedoms.

World energy outlook 2018
International Energy Agency, 2018
Online access

What do today’s energy policies, policy ambitions and technology trends tell us about the future? Is the world getting closer or is it moving away from meeting energy-related sustainable development goals? Drawing on the latest data on energy markets and technology trends, this year’s World Energy Outlook – the gold standard of long-term energy analysis – provides detailed analyses of these fundamental issues to 2040, covering all fuels, technologies and regions. Electricity is the special focus of the 2018 edition. WEO-2018 also asks what can be done to reduce the environmental footprint of the world’s oil and gas supply.
Hacks, leaks and disruptions; Russian cyber strategies
Nicu Popescu and Stanislav Secrieru
Luxembourg: Publication Office of the European Union, 2018

What is the relationship between cyber activities conducted by Russia at home and abroad? What role do cyber operations play as an instrument of Russia’s coercive diplomacy? How different is Russia from other cyber powers, and how do we know for sure if the Kremlin is behind certain cyberattacks that have been attributed to it? This Chaillot Paper examines these and other key questions as it explores how Russia’s increasingly assertive behaviour in cyberspace has lent new urgency to the debate about cybersecurity in the West. It focuses on what lessons EU member states have learned from recent events, and on how the EU and NATO have responded to these cyber challenges on the diplomatic, political and security fronts.

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