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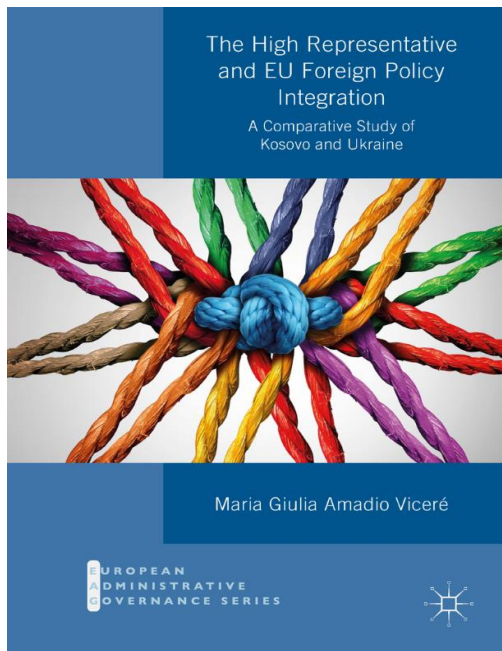
[Shaping the EU global strategy : partners and perceptions](#)

Natalia Chaban ; Martin Holland

Cham : Palgrave Macmillan US , 2018

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This book explores the images and perceptions of the EU in the eyes of their Strategic Partners. Spanning four continents, these ten important global actors – the BRICS together with the USA, Canada, Japan, South Korea and Mexico – are of profound significance to the EU in economics, politics, security and global governance. The research highlights how in changing multilateral settings, images and perceptions significantly influence the behaviour and foreign policy choices of actors. The findings presented in this book helped to inform the content and focus of the 2016 EU Global Strategy.



The High Representative and EU foreign policy integration : a comparative study of Kosovo and Ukraine

Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré

Cham : Palgrave Macmillan , 2018

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Adopting a broad conceptualization of foreign and security policy, the book examines the role of the High Representative as chair of the Foreign Affairs Council and in her/his capacity as Vice President of the European Commission to assess different patterns of integrated efforts in EU foreign and security policies. In this way, it presents a new perspective from which institutional practices in this specific area can be examined.



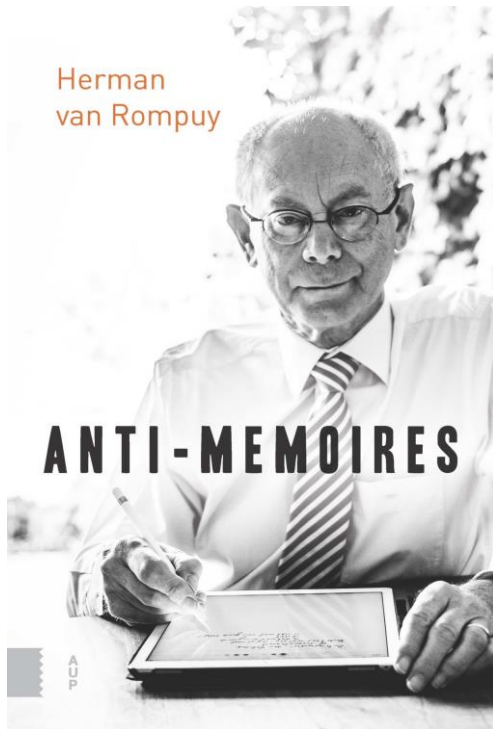
Lobbying in the European Union: strategies, dynamics and trends

Doris Dialer ; Margarethe Richter

Cham : Springer , 2018

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This book sheds new light on how lobbying works in the European Union. Drawing on the first-hand professional experience of lobbyists, policymakers, and corporate and institutional stakeholders, combined with a sound academic foundation, it offers insights into successful lobbying strategies, such as how alliances are formed by interest groups in Brussels. Furthermore, they highlight efforts to improve transparency and ethical standards in EU decision-making, while also underscoring the benefits of lobbying in the context of decision-making.



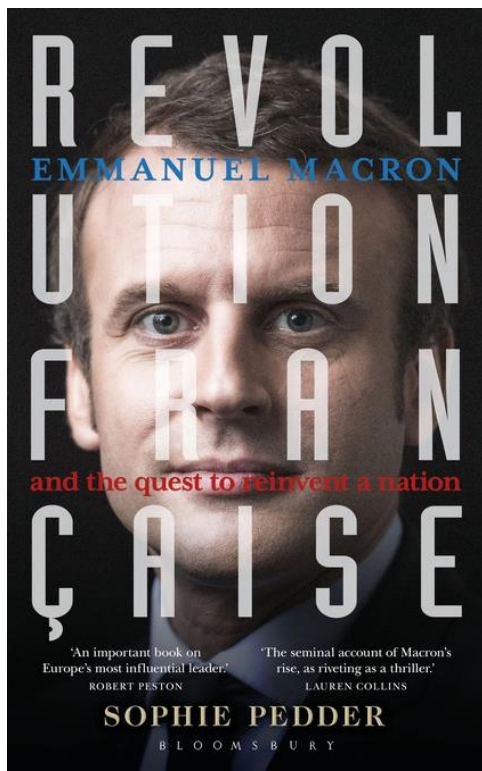
Anti-mémoires

Herman Van Rompuy.

Amsterdam : Mardaga , 2018

[Council Library Main Collection \(105437\)](#)

Herman Van Rompuy est un politicien-penseur. Doté d'un esprit analytique, il a permis à l'Europe de maintenir son cap pendant les pires tempêtes. Aujourd'hui âgé de 70 ans, il livre ses *Anti-mémoires*. À chaque page, un flux de pensées à laisser décanter. L'ouvrage, construit en vingt chapitres courts et teinté d'une touche philosophique, mêle expérience et réflexion, et est écrit d'une plume humble, mais bien aiguës. *Anti-mémoires* est un livre qui donne à réfléchir. Herman Van Rompuy jette un regard dans le rétroviseur avec une « solidité tranquille », de la même façon qu'il observe le présent et se tourne vers l'avenir. Il s'exprime en véritable homme d'État.



Revolution française : Emmanuel Macron and the quest to reinvent a nation

Sophie Pedder

London : Bloomsbury Continuum , 2018

[Council Library Main Collection \(105462\)](#)

The author examines the first year in office of France's youngest and most exciting president in modern times, with unique perspective from her time as head of The Economist's Paris bureau. President Emmanuel Macron's vision for France is far more radical than many realise. His remarkable ascent from obscurity to the presidency is both a dramatic story of personal ambition and the tale of a wounded once-proud country in deep need of renewal.



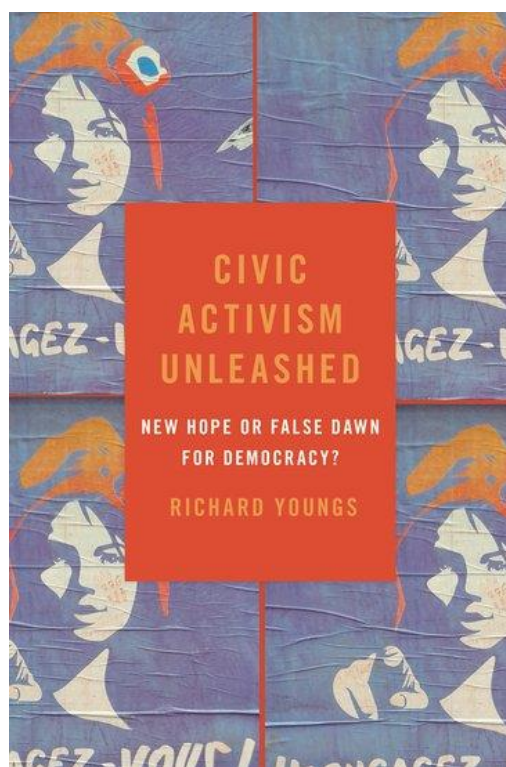
Brexit and internal security : political and legal concerns on the future UK-EU relationship

Helena Carrapico ; Antonia Niehuss ; Chloé Berthélémy

Cham : Palgrave Macmillan , 2018

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This book explores the viability of future UK-EU internal security arrangements in light of Brexit, including their impact on the UK's and the EU's security and international standings. The authors discuss on-going negotiations and address the main political and legal concerns of possible future arrangements. As the UK prepares to leave the EU, the country is faced with having to develop new cooperation models with its neighbours to fight growing transnational security threats, as well as new strategies to maintain its leading role as an international security actor.



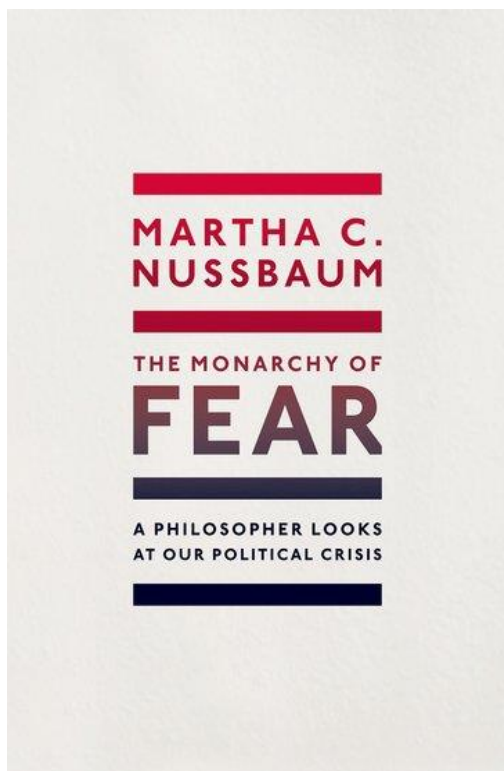
Civic activism unleashed : new hope or false dawn for democracy?

Richard Youngs

Oxford : Oxford University Press , 2019

[Online access](#)

The book examines the changing shape of contemporary civic activism. It shows how the emerging civic activism has important implications for the whole concept of civil society and for the relationship between citizens, political institutions, and states. The author contends that the rise and spread of these new forms of direct-action civic activism, and the way the trend has driven the dramatic events in global politics in recent years, requires us to update our understanding of what civil society actually is and which types of organizations are in its vanguard. He further looks at the global impact of recent civic activism and offers a set of variables to help explain cases of success and failure.



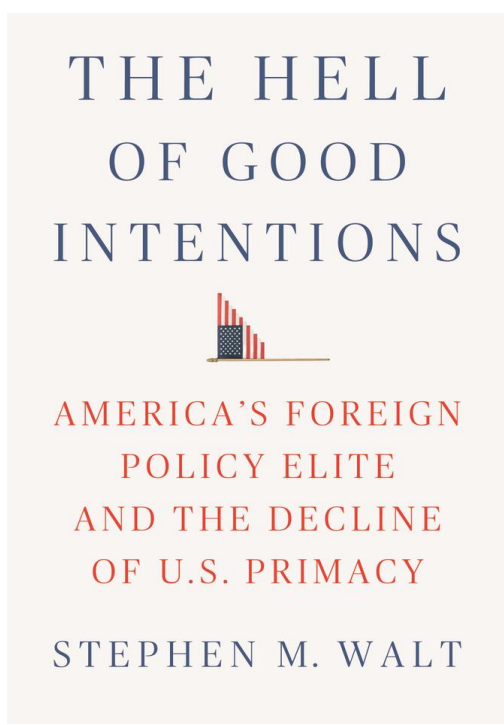
[The monarchy of fear : a philosopher looks at our political crisis](#)

Martha C Nussbaum

Oxford : Oxford University Press , 2018

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The book puts the attention to the current political crisis that has polarized America since the 2016 election. Although today's atmosphere is marked by partisanship, divisive rhetoric, and the inability of two halves of the country to communicate with one another, the author focuses on what so many pollsters and pundits have overlooked. She sees a simple truth at the heart of the problem: the political is always emotional. Globalization has produced feelings of powerlessness in millions of people in the West. And that sense of powerlessness bubbles into resentment and blame.



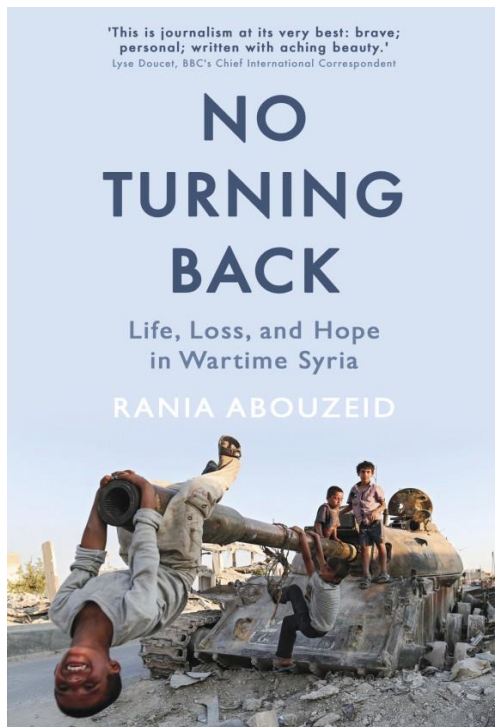
[The hell of good intentions : America's foreign policy elite and the decline of U.S. primacy](#)

Stephen M Walt

New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux , 2018

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In 1992, the United States stood at the pinnacle of world power and Americans were confident that a new era of peace and prosperity was at hand. Twenty-five years later, those hopes have been dashed. Relations with Russia and China have soured, the European Union is wobbling, nationalism and populism are on the rise, and the United States is stuck in costly and pointless wars that have squandered trillions of dollars and undermined its influence around the world.



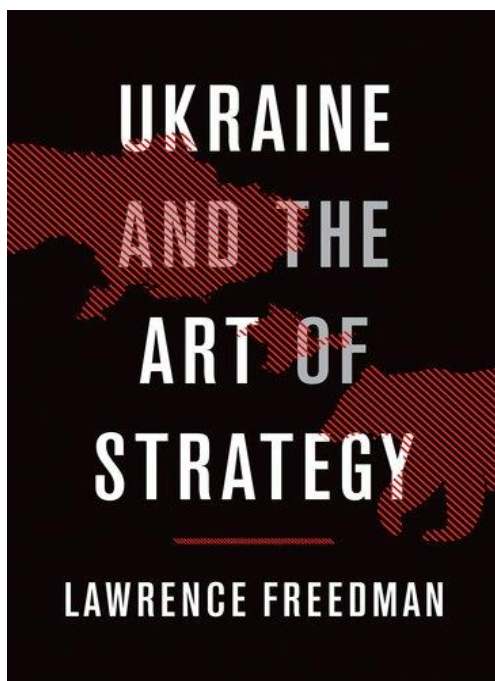
No turning back : life, loss and hope in wartime Syria

Rania Abouzeid

Oneworld , 2018

Council Library Main Collection (105493)

Taking readers deep into Assad's prisons, to clandestine meetings and to the highest levels of Islamic militancy, the author dissects the tangle of ideologies and allegiances that make up the Syrian conflict, and lays bare the tragedy of the Syrian War through the stories of those seeking safety and freedom in a shattered country. Based on more than five years of frontline reporting, the book is an utterly engrossing human drama that shows how hope can flourish even amid one of the twenty-first century's greatest humanitarian disasters.



Ukraine and the art of strategy

Lawrence Freedman

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2019

[Online access](#)

The book gives an account of the origins and course of the Russia-Ukraine conflict through the lens of the theory and practice of strategy. That is, it explores Putin's near, medium, and long-term strategies when he decided to initiate the conflict. By exploring concepts such as coercive diplomacy, limited war, escalation and information operations, the author brings the story up to the present, where a low-level conflict between Ukrainian and breakaway rebel forces in the east grinds on, and illuminates the external challenges faced by the governments' involved.

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