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DECENTRING EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE

Edited by
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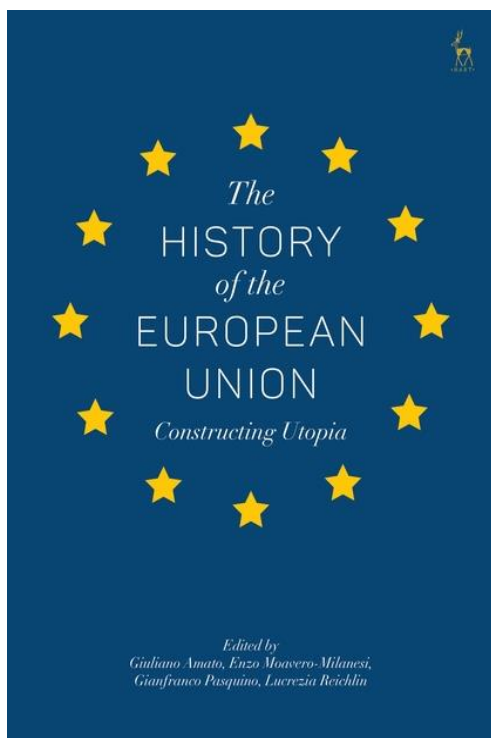
Decentring European governance

Mark Bevir ; Ryan Phillips

Abingdon : Routledge , 2019

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The book offers an analysis of the formation and transformation of the EU as an example of governance above the nation-state and is framed by the recognition that the construction of the EU has resulted in variegated and decentred forms of governance. Chapter 8, *EU Council Networks and the "Tradition" of Consensus*, further explores the special role played by the Council within the EU.



The history of the European Union : constructing utopia

Giuliano Amato ; Enzo Moavero-Milanesi ; Gianfranco Pasquino ; Lucrezia Reichlin

Oxford : Hart , 2019

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The European Union celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2017, but celebrations were muted by Brexit and the growing sense of a crisis of identity. However, as this work shows, the history and ambition of the EU are considerable. Written by key stakeholders who, between them, acted as architects, adjudicators and arbitrators of the project, it presents the definitive history of the first two generations of the EU. This book revisits the birth and consolidation of the great project of a united Europe and the political, institutional, judicial and economical frameworks of the EU: from the process towards integration, to the advancements and the impasses in building a political union.



Global trends to 2030 : challenges and choices for Europe

Florence Gaub

Brussels : European Strategy and Policy Analysis System , 2019

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[Online access](#)

What role will Europe play in our fast-changing world? How can the European Union ensure that it does not end up a middle power, caught between the United States and China? What will it take for Europe to hold its destiny in its own hands in 2030? Against this backdrop, the ESPAS Global Trends to 2030: Challenges and Choices for Europe report is a contribution to support policy- and decision-makers as they navigate the world into 2030.



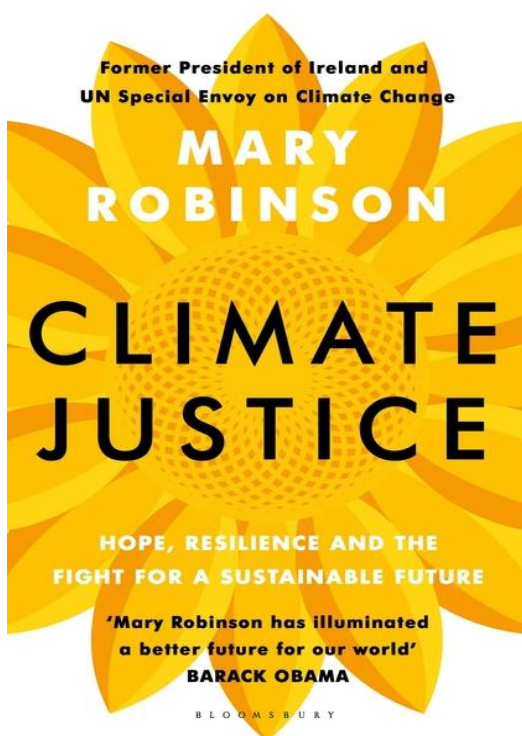
Security beyond the state : the EU in an age of transformation

Claudia Morsut ; Daniela Irrera (eds.)

Toronto : Barbara Budrich , 2018

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What is the role of the European Union in dealing with crises that go beyond the borders of the nation-state: terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, regional conflicts, state failure, organized crime, natural and man-made disasters? This book assesses the main challenge for the EU: the need to operate in a multidimensional setting with a wide range of actors, such as member states, national and international NGOs, and international organizations, especially NATO and the UN, as well as the wide range of activities, rules, and norms which come into play regarding these crises



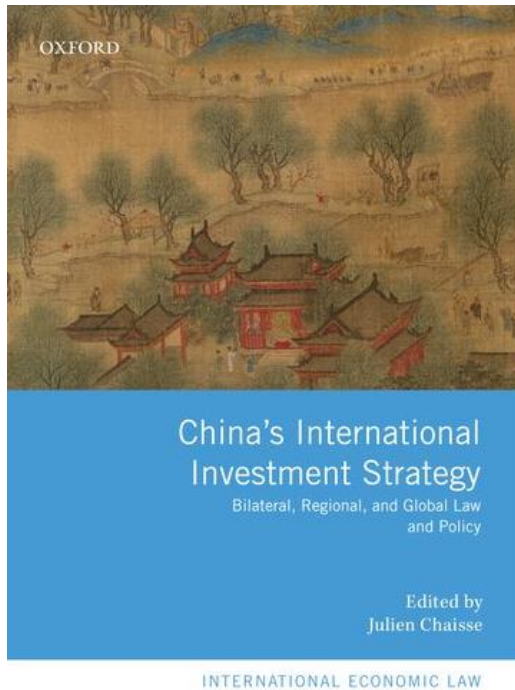
Climate justice : hope, resilience and the fight for a sustainable future

Mary Robinson

London : Bloomsbury , 2018

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An urgent call to arms by one of the voices in the international fight against climate change, sharing inspiring stories and offering vital lessons for the path forward. Mary Robinson's mission would lead her all over the world, from Malawi to Mongolia, and to a heartening revelation: that an irrepressible driving force in the battle for climate justice could be found at the grassroots level, mainly among women. Indeed, the author met with ordinary people whose resilience and ingenuity had already unlocked important change. This book is a stirring manifesto on one of the most pressing humanitarian issues of our time.



China's international investment strategy : bilateral, regional, and global law and policy

Julien Chaisse

Oxford : Oxford University Press , 2019

[Online access](#)

This collection explores the three distinct tracks of China's investment policy and strategy: bilateral agreements including those with the US and the EU; regional agreements including the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific; and global initiatives, spear-headed by China's presidency of the G20 and its 'Belt and Road initiative'. The book's overarching topic is whether these three tracks compete with each other, or whether they complement one another - a question of profound importance for the country's political and economic future and world investment governance.

THE SILK ROAD TRAP

HOW CHINA'S TRADE AMBITIONS
CHALLENGE EUROPE



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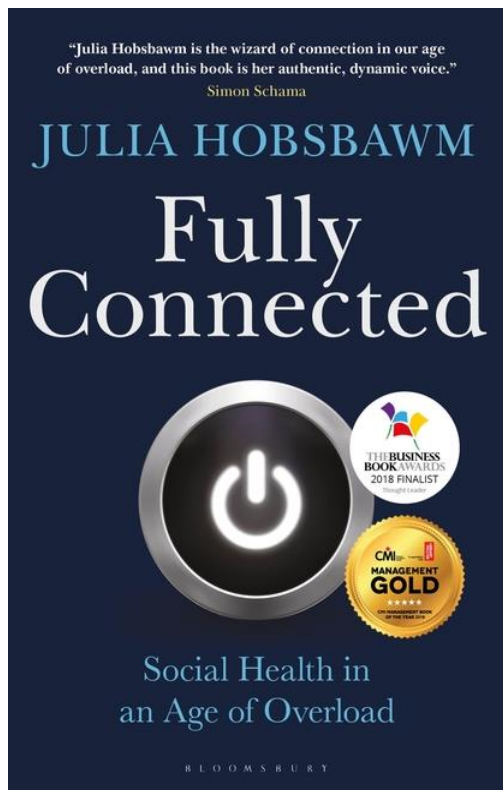
The silk road trap : how China's trade ambitions challenge Europe

Jonathan Holslag

Cambridge : Polity , 2019

[Available at Council Library Main Collection \(105633\)](#)

For almost two decades, China has claimed that its expanding economy benefits Europe, stimulating European growth, exports, and employment. But the reality is not so clear-cut. Whilst individual companies may have profited from China's economic rise, unbalanced trade with China has actually cost Europe over 1.4 trillion euros in the last ten years as well as undermining its political influence. China's monumental infrastructural project, the Belt And Road Initiative or New Silk Road as it has come to be known - is set to make this situation even worse, claims the author.



Fully connected : social health in an age of overload

Julia Hobsbawm

London : Bloomsbury Business , 2018

Available at [Learning Resources Collection](#)

Social policy and health (PSS-0047)

Twenty-five years after the arrival of the Internet, we are drowning in data and deadlines. Humans and machines are in fully connected overdrive – and becoming entwined as never before. *Fully Connected* draws on the latest thinking in health and behavioural economics, social psychology, neuroscience, management and social network analysis, and offers often very personal stories of failure and success. This book is an indispensable read for anyone interested in making change happen in the fully connected era.

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