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Leadership in the Eurozone : the role of Germany and EU Institutions

Magnus G Schoeller

Cham : Springer International Publishing : Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan , 2019

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"Leadership of powerful states and organizations is crucial for the success of regional integration projects. This book offers a theoretical model explaining such leadership. By applying the model to eurozone governance and reform, the book combines innovative theorizing on leadership in regional and international affairs with original research on Economic and Monetary Union politics. Moreover, the book evaluates the eurozone's leadership record since the outbreak of its crisis and helps understand the leadership of collective actors, and the extent to which they can contribute to overcoming crisis and fostering European integration."



Peace, security and defence cooperation in post-Brexit Europe : risks and opportunities

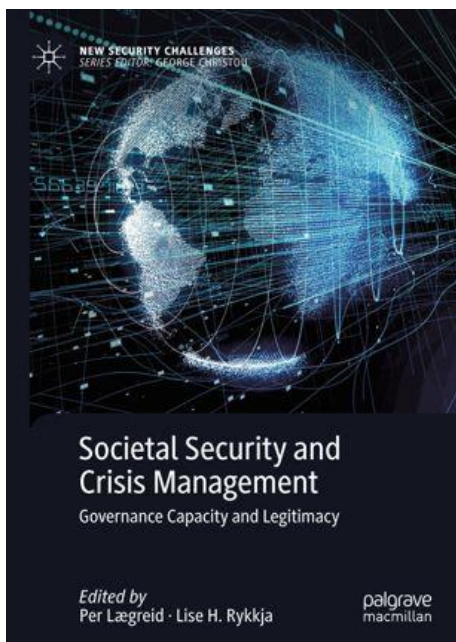
Cornelia-Adriana Baciú editor. ; John Doyle editor.

Cham : Springer International Publishing : Imprint:

Springer , 2019

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"Highlighting the challenges and prospects of European security cooperation, this volume examines the impact of Brexit on strategic aspects of security, peace, defence and foreign policy for both the European Union and the UK. It applies theoretical and methodological approaches from international relations and security studies to analyse the causal mechanisms of security cooperation, and covers topics including innovative security technologies, defence procurement, EU-NATO relations, new capabilities frameworks (such as PESCO, EDF and EII), the role of French-German military cooperation, and the implications of Brexit for European deterrence or the Northern Ireland peace process. The findings contribute to a better understanding and management of anticipated challenges and sources of instability in post-Brexit Europe."



Societal security and crisis management governance capacity and legitimacy

Per Lægrend editor. ; Lise H Rykkja editor.

Cham : Springer International Publishing , 2019

[Online access](#)

"This book studies governance capacity and governance legitimacy for societal security and crisis management. It highlights the importance of building organizational capacity by focusing on the coordination of public resources and underscores the relevance of legitimacy by emphasizing the importance of public perceptions, attitudes, and trust vis-à-vis government arrangements for crisis management. The authors explore several cases and identify relevant dimensions concerning performance, capacity and legitimacy across different countries. It is an ideal volume for audiences interested in public administration, public policy, crisis management and security studies."



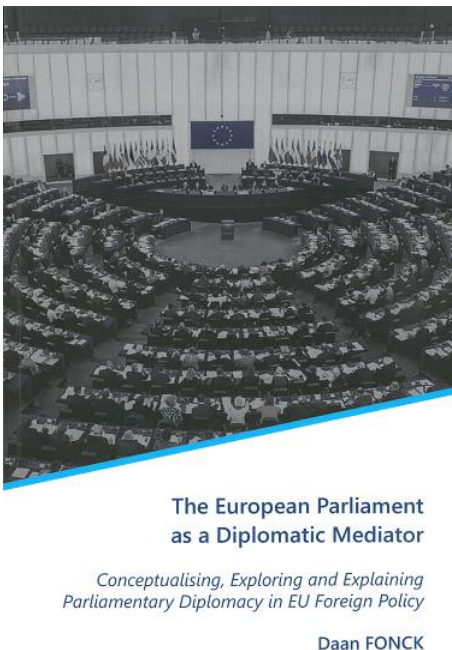
What if--? : scanning the horizon : 12 scenarios for 2021.

Gaub, Florence ; European Union Institute for Security Studies

Luxembourg : Publications Office , 2019

[Online access](#)

"Foresight is about choice, decision and action – and not, as is repeated time and again, predicting the future and getting it wrong. This Chaillot Paper aims to alert decision-makers to potential developments with significant strategic impact while they can still prepare for, or even avoid them. Taken together, they produce plausible events set in 2021 – with strategic ramifications well beyond that. All 12 scenarios reflect the expertise and imagination of the researchers who wrote them. All are designed in the hope of drawing attention to foreign and security policy aspects which are potentially overlooked, and all are extrapolated from ongoing and recent developments."



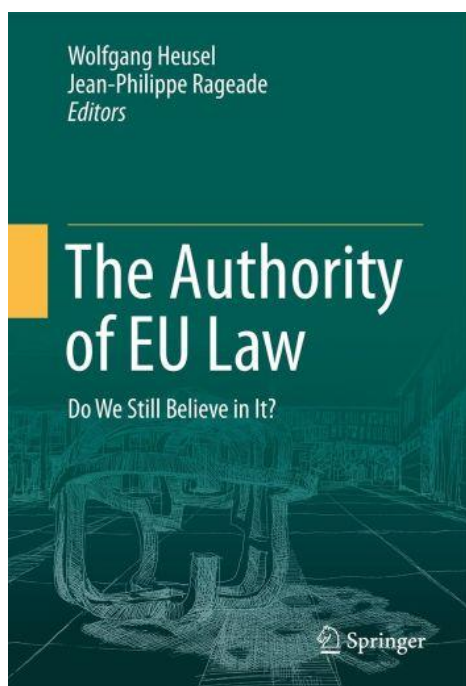
The European Parliament as a diplomatic mediator: conceptualising, exploring and explaining parliamentary diplomacy in EU foreign policy

Daan Fonck

Leuven : Daan Fonck , 2019

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"Throughout the last decade, the European Parliament profiled itself as a diplomatic player during several conflicts in the EU's backyard, suggesting that it is not only shaping the EU's foreign policy from within its hemicycle, but also increasingly manifests itself as a foreign policy actor on the ground. This diplomatic role of the EP remains an understudied and insufficiently comprehended phenomenon, however. By uncovering and analysing its diplomatic agency, this dissertation challenges the conventional understanding of the role of the EP in the EU's foreign policy."



The authority of EU law : do we still believe in it?

Wolfgang Heusel editor. ; Jean-Philippe Rageade editor.

Berlin, Germany : Springer , 2019

[Online access](#)

"It is to the credit of the prestigious Academy of European Law in Trier that it did not use the occasion of its 25th Anniversary to serve up the usual bland meal typical of these occasions, extoling yet again the wonders of European law, but instead provocatively called into question the Authority of European Law and invited a sober reflection of such. It would not have done so had there not been a pervasive feeling that indeed this authority is under stress.", writes Joseph H. H. Weiler. This book analyses the authority of EU law from various perspectives: legislation, jurisprudence of national supreme and constitutional courts, enforcement of Single Market rules, of EMU rules and of the rule of law. It discusses the interdependence between the perceived legitimacy of the European project and respect for the authority of EU law."



Digital opportunities for better agricultural policies

OECD

Paris : OECD Publishing, 2019

[Online access](#)

"Recent digital innovations provide opportunities to deliver better policies for the agriculture sector by helping to overcome information gaps and asymmetries, lower policy-related transaction costs, and enable people with different preferences and incentives to work better together. Drawing on ten illustrative case studies and unique new data gathered via an OECD questionnaire on agri-environmental policy organisations' experiences with digital tools, this report explores opportunities to improve current agricultural and agri-environmental policies, and to deliver new, digitally enabled and information-rich policy approaches."



Artificial Intelligence
in Society



Artificial intelligence in society

OECD

Paris : OECD Publishing, 2019

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"The artificial intelligence (AI) landscape has evolved significantly from 1950 when Alan Turing first posed the question of whether machines can think. Today, AI is transforming societies and economies. Yet, as AI applications are adopted around the world, their use can raise questions and challenges related to human values, fairness, human determination, privacy, safety and accountability, among others. This report helps build a shared understanding of AI in the present and near-term by mapping the AI technical, economic, use case and policy landscape and identifying major public policy considerations. It is also intended to help co-ordination and consistency with discussions in other national and international fora.."



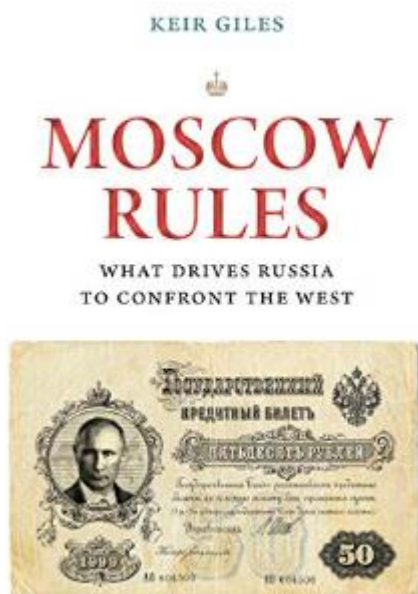
Knowledge of the law in the big data age

Ginevra Peruginelli ; Sebastiano Faro

Amsterdam : IOS Press , 2019

[Online access](#)

"The changes brought about by digital technology and the consequent explosion of information known as Big Data have brought opportunities and challenges in all areas of society, and the law is no exception. This book contains a selection of the papers presented at the conference 'Law via the Internet 2018', held in Florence, Italy, on 11-12 October 2018. The book is divided into 3 sections: Part I provides an introductory background ; Part II addresses the present and future of access to law and to various legal information sources; and Part III covers updates in projects, initiatives, and concrete achievements in the field."



Moscow rules : how Russia sees the West and why it matters

Keir Giles.

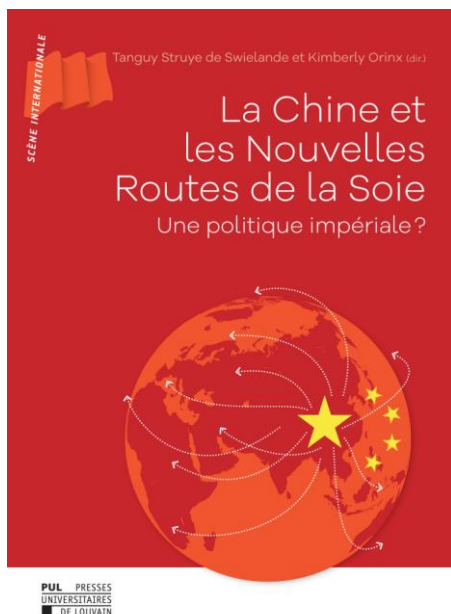
Washington, D.C. : Brookings Institution Press ;

London : Chatham House : The Royal Institute of

International Affairs, 2019

[Online access](#)

"Keir Giles, a senior expert on Russia at Chatham House, describes how Russian leaders have used consistent doctrinal and strategic approaches to the rest of the world. These approaches may seem deeply alien in the West, but understanding them is essential for successful engagement with Moscow. Giles argues that understanding how Moscow's leaders think not just Vladimir Putin but his predecessors and eventual successors will help their counterparts in the West develop a less crisis-prone and more productive relationship with Russia."



La Chine et les nouvelles routes de la soie : une politique impériale?

Tanguy Struye de Swielande ; Kimberly Orinx

Louvain-La-Neuve : Presses Universitaires de Louvain , 2019

[Available at Council Library Vitrine \(105714 \)](#)

"Les Nouvelles Routes de la Soie, lesquelles comprennent plusieurs volets - terrestre, maritime, digital, environnemental, etc., concernent une population de 4,4 milliards d'individus, un PNB de 21 trillions de dollars et plus de 60 pays sur divers continents. D'ici à 2049, elles permettront à la Chine de retrouver sa grandeur et de réaliser le rêve chinois tant prôné par le président Xi Jinping. En analysant les Nouvelles Routes de la Soie, l'ouvrage vise plusieurs objectifs : 1° étudier ces routes au travers du concept intégratif de la grande stratégie ; 2° comprendre leur portée dans les différentes régions concernées ; 3° analyser la manière dont les États impliqués réagissent par rapport à elles ; 4° examiner les alternatives qui se mettent pas à pas en place afin de les contrer."

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