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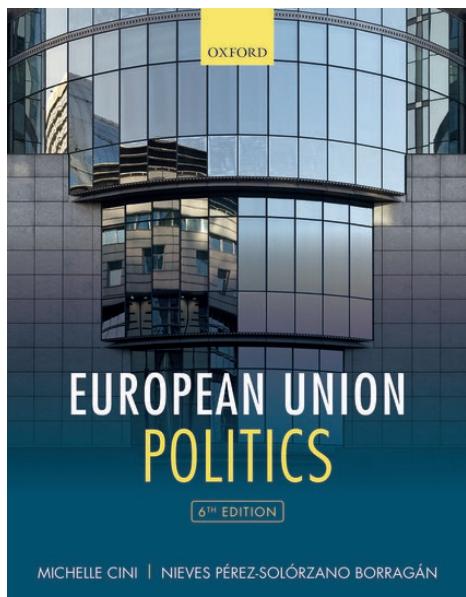
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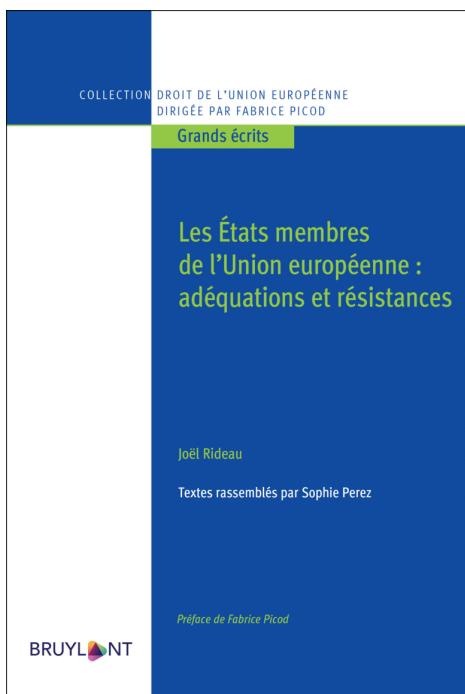
European Union politics

Michelle Cini ; Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2019

[Available at Council Library Main Collection \(105957\)](#)

"European Union Politics, Sixth Edition, is the most complete and issues-led introductory textbook on the European Union. Written by an expert team of contributors, it fully equips students to understand the European Union and the topical debates which surround it. Alongside its comprehensive coverage of the theory, institutions, and policies of the EU, as well as its historical context, the book engages with numerous contemporary issues, debates, and crises--from Brexit and Euroscepticism to the economic and migration crises."



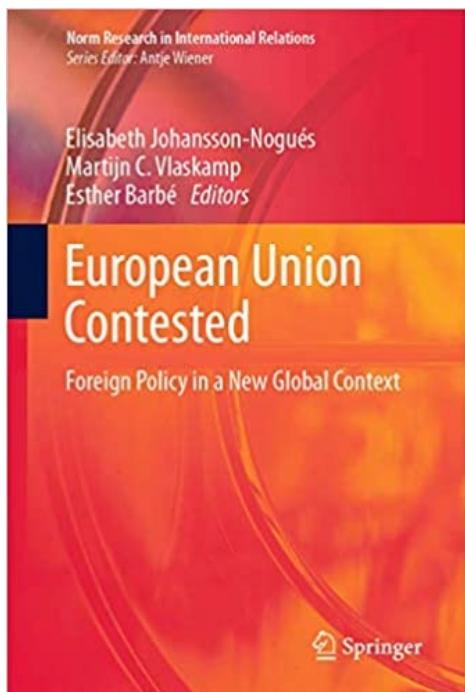
Les États membres de l'Union européenne : adéquations et résistances

Joël Rideau

Bruxelles : Bruxellant, 2020

[Online access](#)

"Joël Rideau a été l'un des premiers auteurs à insister sur le paradoxe d'un processus consistant à vouloir dépasser l'État en inscrivant dans l'expression institutionnelle des Communautés une tendance fédérale, tout en le mettant au cœur du système. Cet ouvrage a pour objet de relater, à travers ses contributions les plus emblématiques, cette dimension axiologique de sa recherche. Les rapports et la coexistence des ordres juridiques de l'Union européenne et des États y sont expliqués ainsi que leurs évolutions."



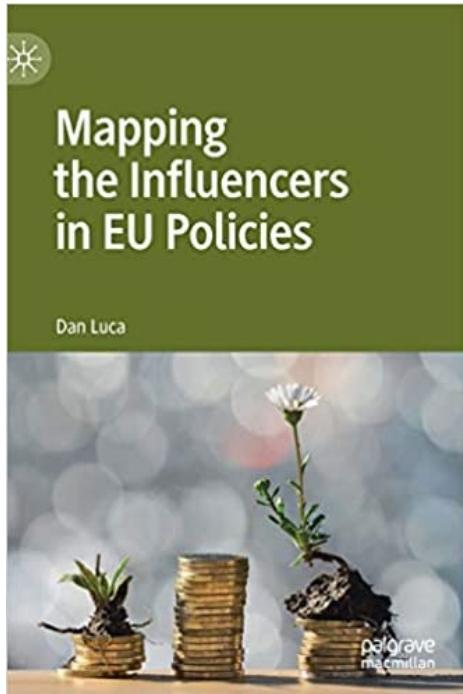
European Union contested : foreign policy in a new global context

Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués ; Martijn C. Vlaskamp ; Esther Barbé (eds)

Cham : Springer, 2020

[Online access](#)

"This book, based on ten case studies, explores some of the most important current challenges to EU foreign policy norms, whether at the global, glocal or intra-EU level. The case studies cover contestation of the EU's fundamental norms, organizing principles and standardized procedures in relation to the abolition of the death penalty, climate, Responsibility to Protect, peacebuilding, natural resource governance, the International Criminal Court, lethal autonomous weapons systems, trade, the security-development nexus and the use of consensus on foreign policy matters in the European Parliament."



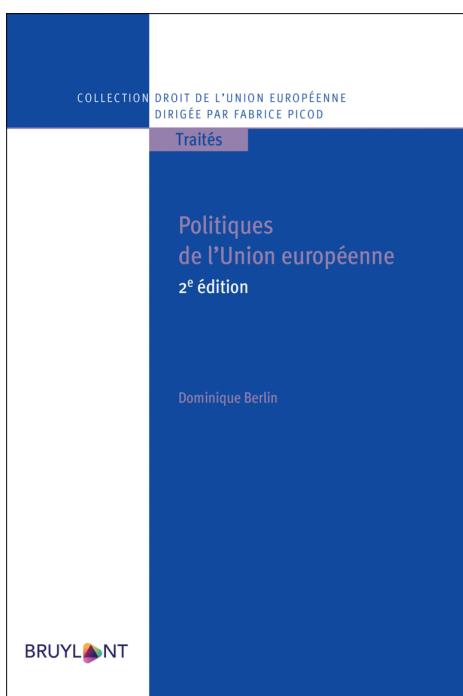
Mapping the influencers in EU policies

Dan Luca

Cham : Springer, 2020

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"This book offers a novel approach to mapping the people and organisations working in EU affairs, allocating much of the volume to a discussion of non-EU institutional representation in Brussels. Complementary to this, a distinct section focuses on those entities situated in EU capitals connected with EU policy dynamics. The intention of the book is to describe each sector within Brussels' eco-system, including statistics and numbers, but also to have practical examples of organisations that are represented in EU affairs."



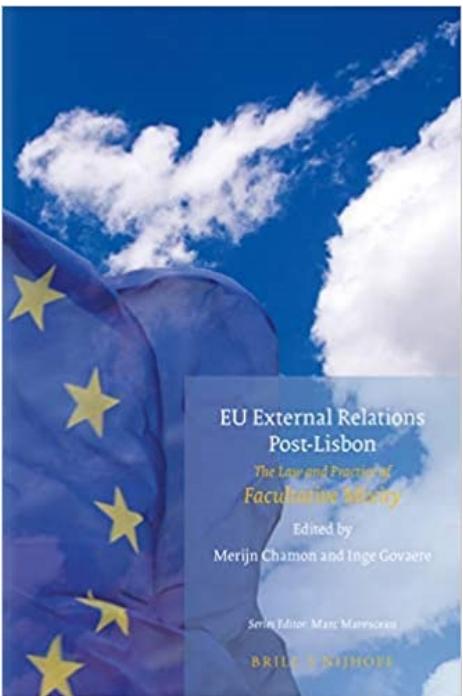
Politiques de l'Union européenne

Dominique Berlin

Bruxelles : Bruxellant, 2020

[Online access](#)

"À une époque où parler d'Europe se résume à pointer du doigt ce qui ne fonctionne pas ou ce qui n'existe pas, il est important de montrer que la construction européenne n'est pas un vain mot, même si elle prend du temps. C'est l'ambition de cet ouvrage de montrer de manière synthétique les principales réalisations des politiques européennes."



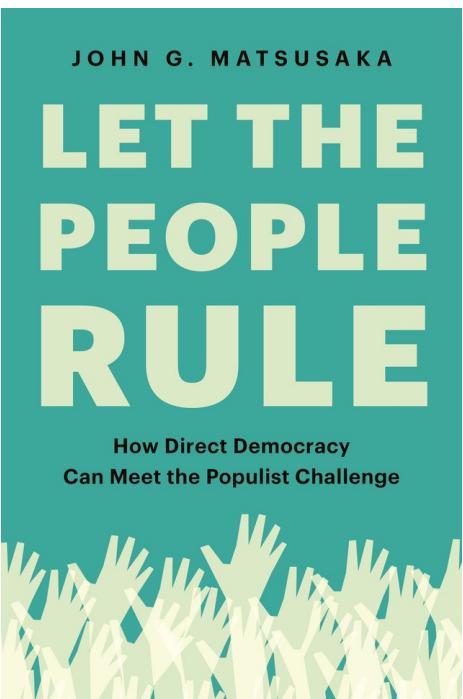
EU external relations post-Lisbon : the law and practice of facultative mixity

Merijn Chamon ; Inge Govaere (eds)

Leiden : Brill, 2020

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"Despite the Lisbon Treaty reforming the EU Treaty provisions on external relations, it was argued at the time of the Treaty's entry into force that 'mixity was here to stay'. While this has indeed proven to be the case, the Court of Justice's jurisprudence has nonetheless redrawn the contours within which mixity can thrive and for the first time has confirmed the existence of 'facultative mixity'. In light of these significant post-Lisbon developments the volume aims to clarify the law and policy of facultative mixed agreements in the EU's treaty practice and this not only from the perspective of EU (constitutional) law itself but also from the perspective of the EU Member States' legal systems, that of the EU's third country treaty partners and that of public international law itself."



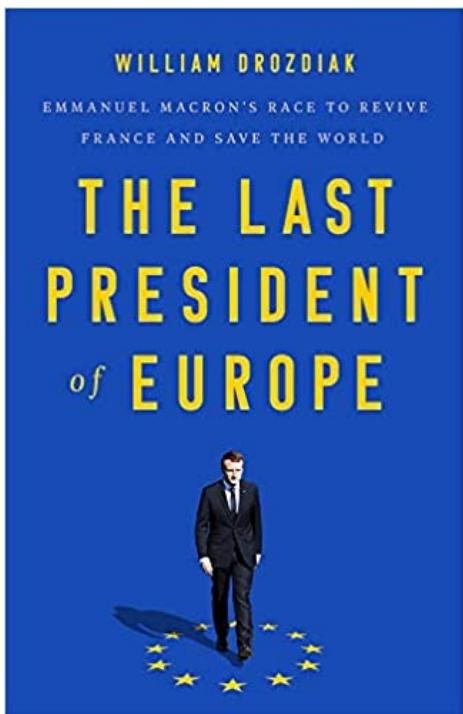
Let the people rule : how direct democracy can meet the populist challenge

John G. Matsusaka

New Jersey : Princeton University Press, 2020

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"Propelled by the belief that government has slipped out of the hands of ordinary citizens, a surging wave of populism is destabilizing democracies around the world. As John Matsusaka reveals in Let the People Rule, this belief is based in fact. Over the past century, while democratic governments have become more efficient, they have also become more disconnected from the people they purport to represent. The solution Matsusaka advances is familiar but surprisingly underused: direct democracy, in the form of referendums. While this might seem like a dangerous idea post-Brexit, there is a great deal of evidence that, with careful design and thoughtful implementation, referendums can help bridge the growing gulf between the government and the people."



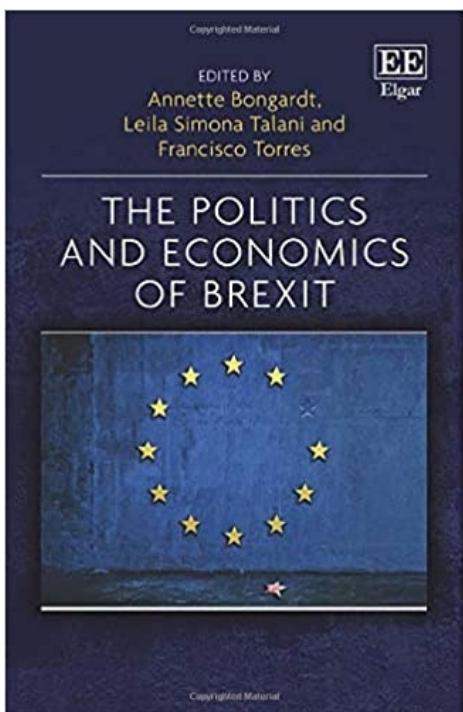
The last president of Europe : Emmanuel Macron's race to revive France and save the world

William Drozdiak

New York : Public Affairs, 2020

[Available at Council Library Main Collection \(105980\)](#)

"A political novice leading a brand new party, in 2017 Emmanuel Macron swept away traditional political forces and emerged as president of France. Almost immediately he realized his task was not only to modernize his country but to save the EU and a crumbling international order. From the decline of NATO, to Russian interference, to the Gilets Jaunes (Yellow Vest) protestors, Macron's term unfolded against a backdrop of social conflict, clashing ambitions, and resurgent big-power rivalries."



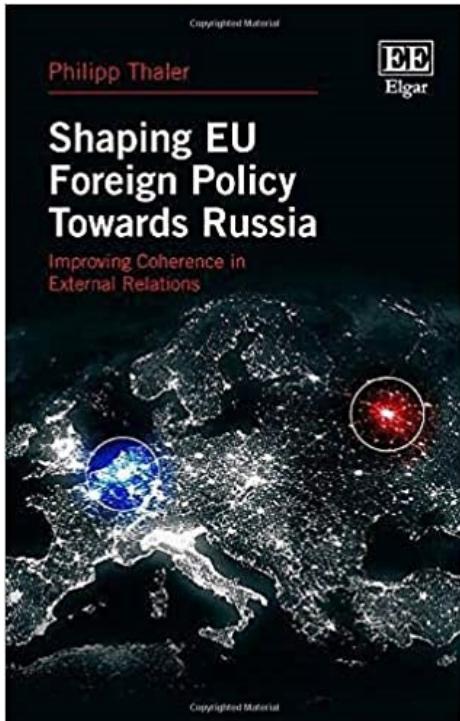
The politics and economics of Brexit

Annette Bongardt ; Leila Simona Talani ; Francisco Torres
(eds)

Northampton : Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020

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"This interdisciplinary book examines Brexit from a political economy perspective, enriched by insights from scholars of political science, history and law. Political issues explored include the political rationality of Brexit and the reasons for the UK's unsustainable position in the EU, specific UK sovereignty concerns in the absence of a written constitution, the issue of preferences, and the UK's prospective standing in the world post EU exit. Economic considerations such as the root causes of Brexit, examination of the properties of the single market and EU regulation, including the issue of the City of London, and the importance played by subjective wellbeing rather than economic growth are investigated, as well as the challenges to be confronted post-Brexit."



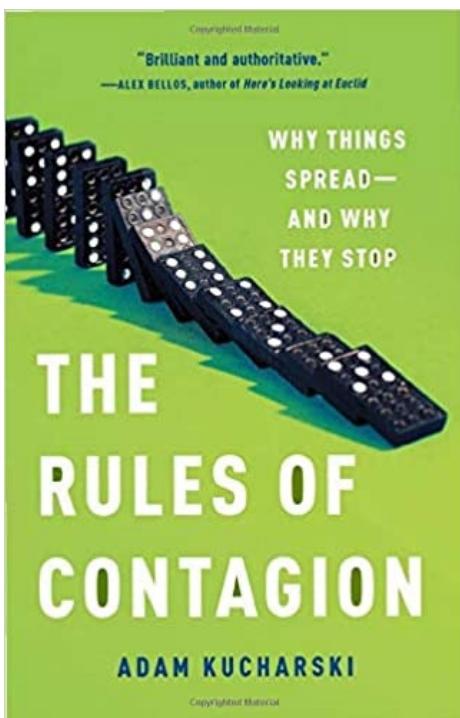
Shaping EU foreign policy towards Russia : improving coherence in external relations

Philipp Thaler

Cheltenham : Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020

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"Offering a comprehensive and structured analysis of the reasons why the EU lacks external coherence towards Russia, this book presents important new insights to the topic beyond conventional institutionalist arguments. Philipp Thaler utilises key cases in external energy and human rights policies to highlight the on-going difficulties in creating a coherent position, despite the EU's formally stated objective to achieve this. Providing new avenues to understanding the meaning of coherence, the book explores why this frequently used term is undefined and why it became a guiding principle in EU foreign policy."



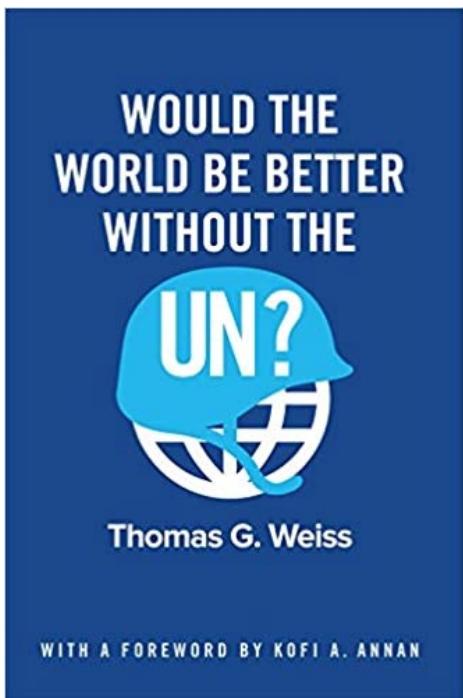
The rules of contagion : why things spread - and why they stop

Adam Kucharski

New York : Basic Books, 2020

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"These days, whenever anything spreads, whether it's a YouTube fad or a political rumor, we say it went viral. But how does virality actually work? In *The Rules of Contagion*, epidemiologist Adam Kucharski explores topics including gun violence, online manipulation, and, of course, outbreaks of disease to show how much we get wrong about contagion, and how astonishing the real science is."



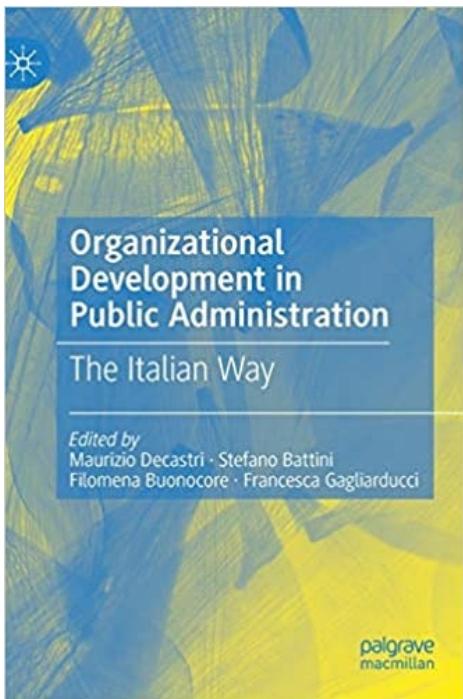
Would the World Be Better Without the UN?

Thomas G. Weiss

Cambridge : Polity Press, 2018

[Online access](#)

"Do we need the United Nations? Where would the contemporary world be without its largest intergovernmental organization? And where could it be had the UN's member states and staff performed better? These fundamental questions are explored by the leading analyst of UN history and politics, Thomas G. Weiss, in this hard-hitting, authoritative book."



Organizational development in public administration : the Italian way

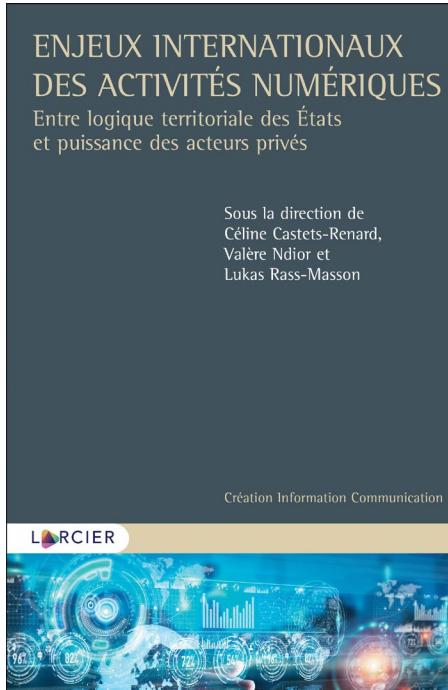
Maurizio Decastri ; Stefano Battini ; Filomena Buonocore ;

Francesca Gagliarducci (eds)

Cham : Palgrave Macmillan, 2020

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"Cultural, economic and political trends are changing the way public administrations are organized and this book examines the new challenges managers face, with the need for a shift from a traditional bureaucratic model to a competency-based approach to organizational design and management in the areas of recruitment, training, career development and assessment. Through the analysis of an experimental project launched jointly by the Italian National School for Administration (SNA) and the Prime Minister's Office, this book showcases how a competency-based system can be a key tool in reforming HR in the public sector, with significant effects on the organization and management of public administration."



Enjeux internationaux des activités numériques : entre logique territoriale des États et puissance des acteurs privés

Céline Castets - Renard ; Valère Ndior ; Lukas Rass-Masson
(eds)

Bruxelles : Larcier, 2020

Online access

"Menaces de sanctions par l'État allemand en 2017 à l'encontre des plateformes de réseaux sociaux violant les règles de droit national ; développement du marché unique numérique dans l'Union européenne ; remise à plat de la fiscalité européenne et internationale applicable aux GAFA ; mesures étatiques de relocalisation des données. Ces éléments d'actualité contribuent à démontrer que les États n'ont pas renoncé à leur souveraineté légale ni à encadrer le comportement d'acteurs qui pensaient pourtant pouvoir s'affranchir de la règle de droit."

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