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**European speeches / Herman Van Rompuy.**
307 p.
EN, FR
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This collection consists of 31 speeches held by Herman Van Rompuy between 2009 and 2014 during his two terms as President of the European Council.

**Majority decisions : principles and practices / edited by Stéphanie Novak, Jon Elster.**
258 p.
EN
ISBN 9781107054097
Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 101321

This volume compiles analytical, normative, and historical discussions of majority decision making in the USA, France, Switzerland and the EU. Stéphanie Novak, who has done research on the Council before, contributes a chapter on the Council of the EU, where she examines the effects of a high threshold of qualified majority voting procedures. She concludes that the qualified majority voting procedure creates incentives to negotiate and discourages opponents from voicing their disagreement.
The EU requires that Member States and candidate countries support democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. However, how well could the EU influence states in this respect? Also, does the mere prospect of one day attaining the status of EU candidate country help nations in overcoming corruption and reinforcing human rights in the European periphery? Looking in detail at Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, the FYR of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Albania, the Ukraine, Moldova and Kosovo, this volume explores whether and to which point the EU was able to stimulate democratization processes.

The author investigates wider democratic processes, particularly concerning the conservation and transmission of values and the definition of identity on national and European levels. She argues that the creation of a transnational European memory culture does not necessarily imply the erasure of national and local forms of remembrance.
Atlas of European values : trends and traditions at the turn of the century / Loek Halman, Inge Sieben, Marga van Zundert.
2nd ed.
141 p.
EN
ISBN      9789004207059
Availability    Central Library -- Main Collection -- 101265

This atlas summarizes the values, beliefs, opinions, and attitudes of Europeans on a wide range of topics (Faith in the EU, national identity, family life, work ethic, political engagement, immigration etc.) in nearly 200 graphs, charts and maps. These images are based on a cross-national longitudinal survey research program on basic human values which started in the late 1970s and now include also Turkey, Iceland and Russia. With a preface by Herman Van Rompuy, who cites Vaclav Havel "But aren't these values what really matter, and are not they what give direction to all the rest" and concludes "This atlas gives every reason to believe that the citizens of our continent will carry the unique project that is our European Union well into the 21st century."

Un destin d'européen : de l'utopie à l'espérance / Georges Berthoin.
291 p.
FR
ISBN      9782226253743
Availability    Central Library -- Main Collection -- 100817

Georges Berthoin, diplomate français et ancien directeur de cabinet du président Jean Monnet à la Haute Autorité de la Communauté européenne du charbon et de l'acier (1952-1955), pense qu'un non à l'Europe mettrait en péril les intérêts nationaux des États membres. Il souligne l'importance de lutter pour la paix et conclut: "Au-delà des légendes, des distorsions historiques et des accusations mensongères, il faut se souvenir que l'Europe a restauré les identités nationales et la démocratie, et non proclamer le contraire."
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The future engagement of young citizens from a wide range of socio-economic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in democratic politics remains a crucial concern around the world. Social media communication may be seen as a means to re-engage young citizens. How can YouTube, Facebook and Twitter boost the participatory culture of young citizens? Can these new platforms bridge inequality gaps in political engagement and participation?

Series: Public Administration and Information Technology
EN
ISBN 9783319046655
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The volume collects original research on the use of social media in political campaigns, electoral marketing, riots and social revolutions. This includes studies on the use of Facebook in the 2012 US presidential campaign and in the 2011 Turkish general elections. It also analyses the use of Twitter and other Web 2.0 platforms in mobilizing people for riots and revolutions, for example in Istanbul and Egypt.
The new minorities of Europe: social cohesion in the European Union / Michael Johns.
165 p.
EN
ISBN  9780739149485
Availability  Central Library -- Main Collection -- 100833

This book demonstrates that free movement within Europe creates a new type of minority group that bridges the traditional categories of national minority and international migrant. Pairing historical and conceptual study with an empirical focus on Polish migrants in Britain, Johns says that the EU should better protect intra-EU migrants because he argues the Union's future success depends on fostering social cohesion. While the EU currently faces economic issues, it is pressed with larger questions and potential problems due to a backlash against those who move freely inside the EU.

A Brexit Blueprint: Britain revitalised and independence regained / Stephen Bush.
135 p.
Series: IEA Brexit Prize
EN
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The author, Emeritus Professor of Engineering at the University of Manchester, criticises the EU for “failing to produce enough things and thereby generating enough jobs, to pay for our way of life and a respected place in the world”. He proposes the UK left the EU with a move to EFTA and the negotiation of a free trade agreement with the EU.

Patria senza padri: psicopatologia della politica italiana / Massimo Recalcati.
124 p.
IT
ISBN  9788875214913
Availability  Central Library -- Main Collection -- 100946


European spring : why our economies and politics are in a mess - and how to put them right / Philippe Legrain. Charleston, SC : Philippe Legrain, 2014. 448 p. EN ISBN 9781782924807 Availability Central Library -- Main Collection -- 100742

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141 p.
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ISBN 9781441966667
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Conference: Committee on Foreign Affairs March 6, 2014
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Atlanta, GA: Clarity Press, 2014.
269 p.
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ISBN 9780986073144
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