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The central thesis of this book is that rethinking citizenship is necessarily linked to doing the same for migration or immigration policies. In making this case, Kostakopoulou brings to bear an impressive interdisciplinarity—an approach that is critical, and increasingly recognised as so, if new forms of governance are to be understood fully.

Her book provides a theoretical understanding of European Union citizenship and migration policy and a set of proposals for institutional reform. Both forms of rethinking arise from the inadequacy of conventional versions of concepts—in different disciplines—for a proper understanding of developments in the EU. The book examines the conditions of possibility for a European identity and provides a theorization of it, constructed on the basis of a "European Home" which transcends the limits of the traditional nationality model and which takes account of difference. It considers which norms and institutions would be appropriate to the accommodation of heterogeneity and inclusiveness. Thereafter, she evaluates legal and political steps taken in the EU toward an institutionalization of European identity at different stages of integration. Here, the argument is that, despite some innovative thinking in the European Parliament, other institutions were beset, not only by practical constraints, but also by incoherent intellectual approaches both to citizenship within the EU and to wider migration issues. Here, the book demonstrates the trade-offs made between common policies for freedoms for intra-community migrants and intergovernmental controls on migration across external frontiers. In proposing what EU policy-makers might do differently, Kostakopoulou constructs a theory of European citizenship, based on seven propositions relating to: multiple identifications and the significance of domicile; social membership in which structures of inequality are not ignored; a language of rights which includes individual empowerment; participation and democratic decisionmaking; social justice; justice and critical responsibility; and willingness to accept that political life is contestable. She also proposes a Charter on migration and refugee policy and commitant institutions. The various strands are brought together in a more meta-level discussion of "the mutually constitutive relationship between institutional reform and the construction of political selves."

As noted, the central thesis of the book links citizenship with migration policy. In its chapter on an alternative to "Schengenland," the book provides significant analytical and illustrative arguments that challenge conventional ideas about the links between shared nationality and rights to conserve national cultural and social habits and habitats-that mean, conversely, that the positive economic and cultural benefits of migration are largely overlooked. A second important feature of the book is its originality in how it brings together institutional reform and the construction of "political selves." Here, it provides a Heidegger-inspired account of territory, sovereignty, nationhood, space and individuals in order to provide a basis for a democratic discourse about life in the EU. In so doing, Kostakopoulou shows that the latter "does not need to be grounded on foundational myths, traditions and thick attachments."

Kostakopoulou modestly points out that her book is not intended as a "blueprint for the European polity." Rather, in articulating "a menu of concepts and propositions, typolgies and policy options," she wants to provoke debate and reflection. The book's many strengths mean she will certainly succeed.

# Citizenship, Identity, and Immigration in the European Union: Between $\mbox{\sc Past}$ and Future

Theodora Kostakopoulou Manchester University Press, 2001 HBK: ISBN 0719059984 £40.00 pp. 214 (including: bibliography, index)

Citizenship, Identity, and Immigration offers an introduction, an overview and proposals for reform on citizenship and immigration policy in the context of proposals for reform on citizenship and immigration policy in the context of European integration. Beyond that, it aims to develop an approach to European integration. Beyond that, it aims to develop an approach to European integration. Beyond that, it aims to develop an approach to European integrative critical yearspective critical perspective is labelled a 'constructivist' approach (p. 2). While taking a critical perspective is labelled a 'constructivist' approach (p. 2). While taking a critical perspective is labelled a 'constructivist' approach (p. 2). While taking a critical perspective is labelled a 'constructivist' approach (p. 2). While taking a critical stance that aims at rigorous scrutiny of current theory and practice of citizenship, stance that aims at rigorous scrutiny of the emerging Europolity as one that citizenship are based on the particularity of the emerging Europolity as one that stances from a process of institution building which is in flux. In a nutshell, and Kostakopoulou takes the unfinished Europolity's key features of process and kostakopoulou takes the unfinished Europolity's key features of process and pluralism as the cornerstones for her work. The novelty of this book is the ambition to develop a normative new 'political theory of European integration' (p. ambition to develop a normative new 'political debate on democracy and legitimacy stances are integration' and legitimacy approach integration to develop a normative new 'political debate on democracy and legitimacy stances are integration to develop a normative new 'political debate on democracy and legitimacy stances are integration' and integration' (p. ambition to develop a normative new 'political debate on democracy and legitimacy stances are integration to develop and process and integration' (p. ambition to develop a normative new 'political debate on democracy and

process as the key issue for both theory and practice, the book finds 'that there are good reasons for thinking about things differently and for considering but that strives to make concise proposals for institutional reform as well. Taking alternative institutional designs which are both normatively justified and feasible' unequal power relations generated by structural conditions of inequality brought about by race and gender relations. If there is no institutional change which and practices of citizenship and immigration. Her concern is with prevailing normative political theory of European integration based on changed concepts (p. 65). More specifically, Kostakopoulou seeks to elaborate and justify a specifically attempts to undermine these conditions of inequality, she contends, previously in the European Community), the book begins with discussions of features of constructive citizenship. It is addressed in seven chapters. Similar to the actual development of citizenship policy in the European Union (and immigration' now (p. 1). As a project, this approach means identifying the key theorising on the emergent institutional designs of European citizenship and they will stabilise, hence her plea to grasp the chance and 'engage in normative process of European integration, as well as the difficulty of making sense of the European identity and democracy, its importance in general, its emergence in the concept in a non-state realm. Here both theoretical and institutional perspectives legal case material on citizenship in the EU (Chs. 3, 4). The second half of the citizenship that is not bound to the nation-state. In particular, she examines the (Chs. 1, 2) are offered at first, followed by selected references to the debate over including 'propositions for constructive citizenship in the European Union' (Ch. 5) book entails at times more rigorously elaborated theoretical perspectives an 'alternative framework for a European migration policy' 'Heideggerian insights' on 'dwelling, boundaries and belonging' (Ch. 7).

> answers, given the somewhat idiosyncratic approach to existing debates and the provocative in its core argument, is likely to generate more questions than as the application of a detailed expertise in European case law, this book, while Despite the impressive display of theoretical knowledge and imagination as well which stretches beyond the challenge of interdisciplinarity towards an eclecticism and law will feel that methodological and theoretical terminology is used in a way theory, historical sociology, comparative politics and European integration studies manifold academic fields touched by the ambitious argument, including political detail. Particularly, those who have been following the respective debates in the resulting incoherence in theoretical and methodological clarity, explanation and engage with the challenge of interdisciplinarity that any academic studying the knowledge conveyed in this book. Yet, it is perhaps the author's readiness to that unnecessarily undermines the otherwise strong philosophical and empirical breadth of theory, ranging from scratching the surface of debates over European integration theory and European citizenship, to engaging more deeply with times puzzling, if always interesting and provocative, reading. The overwhelming European Union is faced with (and few dare to take on) that contributes to the at uncertain as to the major theoretical thrust of the book. While the reference to of belonging amongst and despite diversity (p. 160-164), leaves the reader notion of 'dwelling' as a basis for capturing the European Union's complex notion chapters of the book - to the final and unexpected turn towards Heidegger's general theories of citizenship and proposals for migration policy – the strongest flexible, but is also critical and transformative' (p. 163), it still comes as a the book's core argument that 'belonging in the Union is not only multiple and Heidegger is not necessarily misplaced, after all, the Heideggerian turn sustains surprise and is then left relatively unexplored.

The fact that some of the chapters are relatively dated, including, for example the, albeit revised, re-publication of several previously published articles in the book as well as reference to material generated by a doctoral dissertation submitted in 1995 may have prevented a focus and in-depth exploration of some of these questions. Still, a more structured approach to presenting the important and innovative argument at the book's core, laying out the author's normative and proach to constructive citizenship based on process and pluralism and an approach to constructive citizenship based on process and readers great inherent Herrschaftskritik would have done both author and readers great service. However, there is no doubt that this book is likely to take the debate scholars.

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gration. Milada Anna Vachudova argues that such candidates are expected to demonstrate their willingness and ability to serve as gatekeepers for the expanding EU, which creates additional costs and considerations for membership. For example, Roland Freudenstein notes that Poland faces a dilemma in that to gain EU admission it must tighten its borders while avoiding damaging its valued relationship with Ukraine. Nevertheless, Rey Koslowski argues that tighter border controls have not reduced the flow of illegal migrants; rather they have led to a growing illegal industry in human smuggling. Leszek Jesien, head of negotiations for Poland's EU membership, stresses that national borders continue to determine national membership through inclusion and exclusion. A variation on exclusion can exist, as John Torpey notes that non-citizen residents in many nations are accorded some but not all the rights of membership, especially political ones.

Globalisation has not led to the demise of the nation-state; instead greater migration flows and the need for more porous borders have created a demand for a greater security role for governments. However, as noted by Gallya Labov and Virginie Guiraudon, the nation-state has also begun relying on the private sector, local governments and transnational organisations to play a significant role in controlling unwanted border crossings. Co-editor Timothy Snyder argues that 'a wall around the West' is being built as the US and the EU selectively allow greater ease of entry for global factors that enhance economic well-being while limiting migration. Still this will be a difficult task, as co-editor Peter Andreas suggests, in terms of gaining political support. Globalisation has brought the world closer in terms of communications and production, but it may also be creating and maintaining divisions that cut across cultures, classes and ethnicity. This is a well-edited volume that is useful for students to begin thinking about such questions and is highly recommended for courses focusing on immigration, globalisation, and international relations.

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Dora Kostakopoulou, Citizenship, Identity and Immigration in the European Union: Between Past and Future

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The author sets out to find a political theory for the European Union, based on the idea of Europeanness. Here she launches a debate on the

position of third-country nationals and immigration policy within the EU. She sees a direct relationship between the constructivist concept of European citizenship she proposes and the development of a positive and open approach to immigration within the EU. Her thesis is that the present migration policy is in contradiction with the idea of European citizenship to which, nevertheless, Europe owes its growing common feeling of Europeanness.

It seems to me that the book is effectively divided into two parts: Chapters 1 through 3, which contain an analysis of the growth process of the EU; and Chapters 4 through 7 in which the author develops her alternative vision of European citizenship, identity and immigration. In the first three chapters, Kostakopoulou shows how two levels of citizenship are gradually arising within the EU, the first echelon in which the various national levels move, and the second, specifically European level. The complementarity between the two citizenships, the national and the European, moreover, is recognised in the Treaty of Amsterdam. In the next four chapters, the author sets out in search of a philosophy of Europeanness, which brings her ultimately to Heidegger's Dasein and Geworfenheit. Europeanness stands for an inclusiveness whereby one attempts to transcend the national levels, which contrasts sharply with the exclusionary ideologies of the various member states. This ideology of exclusion, which is so typical for the individual European countries and the policy of their leaders, finds its primary expression in the exclusionary immigration policies that are increasingly being imposed on the EU Commission by the Council.

In Chapters 1 through 3, the author shows how a 'feeling of togetherness' is not necessarily an essentialistic 'given reality' but can also be a new construct that is a derivative from the operation of the newly-established European 'shaping institutions'. The author here has in mind the operation of the Commission and the European Court of Justice (ECJ) and also, to a lesser degree, of the European Parliament. In my opinion, the author succeeds in demonstrating her insight that Europe will be a 'co-operative federalism without a state' with 'strategically interacting levels of government', and that Europeanness, represented by the Commission and the ECJ, is in principle situated in a continuous 'transcendence of the nationality models of citizenship' as represented by the Council and the Intergovernmental European Conferences. The thus-created field of tension places 'civic inclusiveness' (say Kantian universalism) in opposition to the Council's 'exclusionary', nationalethnic model of identity. However, the author holds that this is not a static fact but a process.

At a certain point, this balance was disturbed – after 'Schengen' this has become more obvious – namely, where it concerns the European positions as regards the problem of third-country nationals and the attitude towards the 'extracommunitarian' new immigrants. The Commission, which should guarantee an 'inclusive' and 'civic' universalistic identity, has been taking up the 'exclusionary' logic of the Council for non-nationals. This is a 180° turn with respect to the specific European identity that it has always defended and that was never 'exclusionary' until Schengen.

In the three first chapters, the author convincingly develops the theoretical framework of her vision. This framework could be even more strongly supported by the literature as far as herview of the administration (see the Commission) is concerned, for example, by referring to the positions of E. Weil (political philosophy) or G. Balandier (political anthropology). Her analysis of the interaction between the Commission and the Council is also very fascinating.

I was less convinced by the argumentation in Chapters 4 through 7. Chapter 4, 'In search of a theory of European citizenship', would, in my opinion, have done better not to rely so much on what is, after all, a rather limited amount of literature on the theory behind naturalisation concepts in certain countries of the EU. Chapter 5, which is intended to give her own constructivistic approach to European citizenship, seems to derive little advantage from the insights presented in Chapter 4. Chapter 5, moreover, gives a good foundation for the need for granting the same rights to third-country nationals inside the EU as to the nationals. An equally compelling argument to link to this an open, new, and active immigration policy, however, I have not found, which is not to say that no such arguments exist. Also, a number of arguments developed in Chapter 6, in which the Schengen policy is criticised, will not be easily accepted by the supporters of this policy - such as, for example, when the author is of the opinion that 'adherents of the "numbers argument" would have to demonstrate that ... the nature of immigration policy (i.e. its restrictive or liberal nature) correlates positively with variations in the number of admission applicants'. I think that one could really demonstrate this in some countries. Stronger - but I think that it could be better supported from the literature - is Chapter 7, where the author correctly argues for the transition from a 'land ethic' to an 'ethic of dwelling' in order to defend a 'European identity in praxis'. In addition to Heidegger, the author could have appealed here to a broader philosophical literature in order to support this thesis, particularly to some of the literature on the

philosophy of law as it has been developed in the debate on the *jus soli* versus the *jus sanguinis* in certain member states.

These comments, however, should not at all be interpreted as a rejection of the general thesis of the publication, nor as a repudiation of the value of the arguments developed throughout all of the chapters. The book is truly fascinating and provides fruitful criticism of the policy within the EU, as it is becoming entrenched. The author succeeds very well in clarifying the institutional logic of the EU and shows that there is, indeed, a connection between concepts like European citizenship and immigration, as the two sides of one policy vision. This work is recommended for everyone who truly sympathises with a democratic Europe and, I hope, will be read by EU officials.

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Myron Weiner and Michael S. Teitelbaum, Political Demography, Demographic Engineering New York: Berghahn, 2001, 148 pp., £25.00 h.b. (ISBN1-57181-253-9)

This volume contains ten essays by the late Myron Weiner, whose book *The Global Migration Crisis: Challenges to States and Human Rights* was an eye-opener for many social demographers. Weiner was already seriously ill when working on this volume and died before the book was ready for publication. He had asked his friend and colleague Michael Teitelbaum to edit and complete the book, which he respectfully has done. So the present book is a joint effort of two authors who agreed very much on the subject, but it is of course impossible to say what the book would have looked like had the first author been able to complete it.

The relation between demography and policymaking is familiar but nevertheless highly complicated. Ideas about population and population developments have always played an important role in political rhetoric and often lead to more or less concrete policy measures. Demographic arguments seem to have a direct appeal to rulers and electorates, and can be divided into two kinds. The first kind is about seemingly objective facts such as numbers and densities. They form the background for measures to raise the level of fertility rates or just to induce people to have fewer children; measures to stimulate immigration or subsidising people to leave the country. The second group of arguments are about the kind of people; about skills, ethnic or even outright racist characteristics. In competition over land or other resources we witness ethnic

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Palgrave, 2002, ISBN 0333977211); xxii+254pp., £16.99 pb; The Eurosceptical The Pro-European Reader, edited by D. Leonard and M. Leonard (Basingstoke: Reader 2, edited by M. Holmes (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2002, ISBN 0333973763);

everlasting debate over British participation in EU integration. Although they contain xvi+296 pp., £18.99 pb. collections of sources for any course dealing with divisions of British opinion on contributions from academic writers, among others, and would make valuable These two books provide useful compilations for those with an interest in the Europe, the primary purpose of the editors is partisanship rather than scholarship. campaigner for the cause. Dick and Mark Leonard, editors of the pro-European economist, but also a former Co-Chairman of the Bruges Group and a tireless Martin Holmes, editor of the Eurosceptical collection is an academic political journalist, while his son, Mark, is Director of the Foreign Policy Centre, a Blainte collection, have links with the Labour Party. Dick Leonard is a former MP turned most important political issue facing Britain today. They are committed to putting the think-tank. Holmes and the Leonards start from the same premise that Europe is the

case from their respective sides of the dispute. convey the breadth of Eurosceptical argument and to show that Euroscepticism former Labour and Conservative ministers alongside essays by senior academics and transcended traditional divisions between left and right. The inclusion of speeches by following an earlier volume published in 1996. The aim of the first book had been to other publicists had served as a warrant for the legitimacy and the weight of and John Bercow), while other chapters are provided by academic economists (such extracts from speeches, and only two pieces by professional politicians (Peter Shore sets, dealing respectively with economic and political Euroscepticism. There are no Eurosceptical opinion. The new volume is shorter, with 13 chapters divided into two as Brian Burkitt, Nevil Johnson and Anthony Thirlwall), business economists (Graeme a spectrum of positions. In some instances the scepticism is primarily directed towards journalists (Christopher Booker, Russell Lewis). As Holmes points out, they reflect the euro and Britain's potential membership of it, while others are revisionists who Leach, Keith Marsden), former civil servants (Sir John Coles, Sir Oliver Wright) or resort after failure to reform the EU or as a desirable precondition for the dynamic role want to roll back the EU, and others envisage possible withdrawal, either as a last As its title indicates, the Eurosceptical collection is the second of its type,

which they claim Britain could play after regaining its independence. of the pieces are therefore quite short. The first two of its four parts are chronologically shorter. It contains no fewer than 41 contributions apart from the introduction. Many reader, even surpassing it in the aim of symbolic display, despite being significantly from both left and right, ranging from Churchill, Schuman, Macmillan, John F. ordered. They consist largely of extracts from speeches by British and other politicians speech, which had inevitably figured in the first Eurosceptical reader, is 'reclaimed' Heseltine, Major, Blair, Prodi and others. Part of Margaret Thatcher's 1988 Bruges Kennedy, Wilson, Jenkins and Heath, to Kinnock, Gorbachev, Havel, Delors, Howe, The pro-European collection is closer to the format of the first Eurosceptical

> somewhat mischievously but not unjustifiably, to show that it had also emphasized the collection consist of opinion pieces by think-tankers, columnists, academics and strength of Britain's commitment to Europe. The third and fourth parts of the critical, reformist approach to political integration coupled with a preference for nonintellectuals, such as Anthony Giddens, Yasmin Alibhai-Brown, Hugo Young, Peter are reflections on diverse aspects of European identity in relation to sport, minority statist, non-federal models of what the EU should become. Those in the final section Hall, Philip Dodd and Linda Colley. The essays in the third part share a constructively

religion, cities, literature or personal experience.

against British membership of the euro area. Prefaced by a political argument from Sir arguments in some detail. Naturally enough, there is a particular emphasis on the case one, because the chapters are long enough to allow the contributors to develop their the Eurosceptical collection is less disjointed and more solid than the pro-European reader more congenial than those in The Eurosceptical Reader 2 but, having said that, subject of several chapters, complete with arrays of empirical evidence, statistics and John Coles on Britain's potential loss of global influence, the economic case is the tables. Unfortunately, perhaps, there is nothing of comparable weight in the pro-Blair's speech on accepting the Charlemagne Prize at Aachen in September 1999 is similar arguments, but some of the speeches still carry real force. For example, Tony ing to be reminded of how often British political leaders have had to repeat broadly general case for European integration and/or British participation. It is rather depress-European collection. The speeches and other extracts in the first two parts make the but, taken individually, most of the think-pieces are lively and interesting. I particuimpressive stuff. As for the essay sections, their discontinuity is sometimes frustrating larly liked Hugo Young's personal statement of Europeanism. Both books are worth Since I am not a Eurosceptic, I find the positions outlined in the pro-European

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0719059984); ix+214pp., £40.00 hb. Future, by T. Kostakopoulou (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2001, ISBN Citizenship, Identity and Immigration in the European Union: Between Past and

citizenship and European immigration policy, and a set of proposals for institutional on European political integration generally by offering a theorization of Union options, a menu from which the academic or policy-maker can make selections, and notes in the conclusion that she has set out concepts, propositions, typologies and reform. Rather than presuming she can change the world, the author appropriately This carefully crafted and conscientious text seeks to make a contribution to thinking a menu which at the very least will force any reader to rethink some basic assumptions about the role individuals play in the legal and political construct of the state.

thinking about citizenship in the first place. While this volume is trying to probe subject at hand, but might be less appealing to those who need a push to get them The menu-style of the book is fine for those who agree on the importance of the

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with regard to citizenship, identity and migration which the EU Member States operate entered from beyond the Union. For those with the passport of an EU state the Union for people with a long-standing family history within those states and people who have Union', the author states (p. 131). This volume makes many important points and if achievement of entry and basic rights. This 'protective Union may well be a defective is almost a legal and political cocoon; for those from without, it is a battlefield for the even one were to be heard, that would be an achievement indeed. One very important point made in this volume is the differentiation in treatment

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(Basingstoke/New York: Palgrave, 2001, ISBN 0333775724); xii+198pp., £50 hb. The Political Economy of Competitiveness in an Enlarged Europe, by J. Pellegrin

based in the EU and enterprises in eastern Europe has been relatively neglected in view of its importance. Julie Pellegrin has redressed this imbalance with a meticulous analysis of the process of OPT and its implications for the competitiveness of the ten The subject of outward processing traffic (OPT) between multinational corporations export back to the EU. The measurement of OPT has been complicated by the accession states in central and eastern Europe (CEEC-10). OPT principally involves has removed the incentive for firms to record this form of operation as OPT to gain reduction and elimination of EU tariffs and quotas on trade with the CEEC-10 which the export of materials by EU manufacturers for processing in another country and renism and has resulted in the establishment of lasting supply relationships between not insignificant in the communist era, has been rapid since the collapse of commutariff, or quota, relief. Nevertheless it is apparent that the growth of OPT, which was multinationals and CEEC enterprises. OPT remains strongest in the clothing and of growing importance in trade in electrical and mechanical machinery which textiles industry which accounted for 68 per cent of recorded OPT in 1997, but is also accounts for 16.2 per cent of OPT. As a result it is proportionately more important for 24.4 per cent of exports to the EU in 1997, Lithuania (16.7 per cent), Bulgaria (14.3 the major textile exporters including Romania where recorded OPT accounted for

> clothing was conducted under OPT arrangements. Germany is by far the largest EU per cent) and Poland (8.7 per cent) where over 80 per cent of trade in textiles and participant in the process accounting for 70 per cent of OPT between the EU and the CEECs, including significant volumes of OPT in electrical machinery with Czech and

Hungarian companies.

significance for regional economic integration, and its relevance to international trade available to other forms of production and specialization, OPT effectively displaced alternative forms of trade and inter-firm collaboration. This has helped to create a the CEECs with a method of avoiding (or reducing) tariffs and quotas that was not products. Furthermore, it is argued that by providing multinationals and enterprises in choices over suppliers and hindered them from developing their own brand-named thereby cutting out domestic suppliers, and has deprived domestic producers of to emerge is that OPT has replaced existing supply networks with inputs from the EU. theory and relationships between states, enterprises and the EU. One major criticism dependency relationship between CEEC enterprises and multinationals in the EU provoking analysis which is a welcome addition to the literature on trade relations which has survived after trade has been liberalized. Pellegrin has provided a thoughtbetween the EU and the CEECs. Pellegrin combines statistical measurement of OPT with an analysis of its ALAN SMITH

and J. Hayward (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2001, ISBN 0333764552); xv+320pp. Developments in French Politics 2, edited by A. Guyomarch, H. Machin, P.A. Hall

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of a shift towards greater pluralism in a variety of areas (cultural and ethnic, economic and social) and, on the other hand, the continued vigour of a voluntaristic political changes since the 1980s. The early Mitterrand era saw the paradoxical combination much of the public malaise which characterized France in the 1990s. The merit of this observers in the 1980s (if not well before), the tension between these poles lay behind lease of life in the post-war 'Keynesian' decades. Already visible to informed centralized administration, inherited from the nineteenth century, and given a new paradigm (undoubtedly kept alive by the Gaullist imprint on the state) and a Like other western European countries, France has undergone many conflicting advantages. First, it is able to identify the considerable continuity of policy from one this recent period from a public-policy perspective. This approach has two distinct French elites about the 'exceptionalism' of their nation, since, on this playing-field, government to the next. Second, it is disinclined to give way to the customary cant of book is to unravel many of the strands which constitute the development of France in constraints imposed by the 'Europeanization' of policy-making at all levels in France. comparisons are part of the game. Indeed, much of the thrust of this book is about the 'Developments 2' (which is an update of the 1990 and 1994 editions) brings

together 14 chapters by ten acknowledged specialists from Britain, Canada, France and the USA under coherent editorship. While each chapter is self-contained, there is

two DP candidates were elected. According to the Landesproporz system then in force, 17 MPs were to be elected in Hamburg in 1953, of which eight in SMDs and nine from party the alliance was successful (out of the eight where it participated), three CDU, two FDP and (in SMDs), and therefore was allocated a surplus seat. See James Pollock, 'The West the party to one seat. Thanks to the electoral alliances, the party obtained instead two seats lists. The DP obtained 5.9% of the second votes cast in the Land, which would have entitled German Electoral Law of 1953', American Political Science Review 50/1 (1955),

In return for the support given to the Zentrum in one SMD, a CDU candidate was placed at

29 The most illustrious victim of the 1953 electoral reform was the KPD. Interestingly, the the top of the Zentrum regional list, and he was elected. electoral law extended this possibility to all SMDs of the country. (See Derek Urwin, be away from their own district on that day) in any SMDs of their Land, and the 1953 electoral law allowed electors to cast their vote (by presenting a certificate that they had to moving electors in a SMD (that of Remscheid-Solingen) in order to win that seat. The 1949 party tried to exploit the possibility of obtaining seats via the alternative threshold by her own district, but having her vote counted in her own district, rendered the tactic used by introduction of the postal vote in 1956, which allowed the elector to vote when away from Behavior: A Comparative Handbook (New York: Free Press 1974), pp.109-70.) The 'Germany: Continuity and Change in Electoral Politics', in Richard Rose (ed.), Electoral

Also its sixth seat (in district 131 - Marburg) could have been due to the electoral alliance the KPD in 1953 unviable for the future. Deutschland, Die Wahl zum 3. Deutschen Bundestag (Wiesbaden: Kohlhammer 1957), Heft however, given the small size of the latter group. See Statistik der Bundesrepublik between the DP and the Freie Volkspartei (FVP). This is more difficult to establish

Eckhart Jesse, Wahlrecht zwischen Kontinuität und Reform (Düsseldorf: Droste 1985),

32. Wolfgang Rudzio, Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Opladen: Leske

33 In 1949 the groups representing the refugees expelled from the eastern regions that Stöss, 'Einleitung: Struktur und Entwicklung des Parteiensystems der Bundesrepublik -Germany had lost in the war were not admitted to participate into elections (see Richard

Giovanni Sartori, Parties and Party Systems (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press Eine Theorie', in Stöss (ed.), Parteiehandbuch, vol.1, pp.17-295).

See e.g. Jochen A. Frowein, 'Die Rechtsprechung des Bundesverfassungsgerichts zum

This is instead still considered a viable option against (much smaller) extreme right-wing Wahlrocht', Archiv des öffentlichen Rechts (1974), pp.72-110. parties, such as the NPD. In January and March 2001, the Federal Government and the Court the "equest to Jun the NPD as opposing the 'basic liberal democratic order' on the president: of the two chambers of parliament have deposited at the Federal Constitutional

basis of its racist, anti-Semitic, and Nazi-like positions. See Süddeutsche Zeitung, 30 March

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# **European Immigration Politics**

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+186; £14.99 (paper) ISBN 0-7190-4336-0 Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, 2000. Pp.xii The New Germany and Migration in Europe. By B. MARSHALL.

85567-641-9. London and New York: Pinter, 2000. Pp.x + 239; £17.99 (paper) ISBN 1-Kosovo's Refugees in the European Union. Edited by J. VAN SELM.

migration regime dates back as far as the Treaty of Rome (1957), the first generally to free movement and citizenship. Whereas the intra-EU question of asylum and burden-sharing, but immigration also relates more Union (EU) during the 1990s. The most salient aspect is probably the called Trevi Group (1975). This was followed by intergovernmental coad hoc co-operation on police matters and border control started in the so-Immigration politics have become of major importance in the European operation on justice and home affairs continued under the 'third pillar' of Convention (1990). The Maastricht Treaty (1992) proclaimed the operation under the Schengen Agreement (1985) and the Dublin Union citizens and third-country nationals. Intergovernmental co-'citizenship of the Union', which underscored the differentiation between justice and home affairs was instituted in the European Commission, and the EU, but suffered from lack of decisiveness under the unanimity rule. a start was made to 'communitarize' a large part of the European Following the Amsterdam Treaty (1997), a new directorate-general for immigration acquis.

The literature on European immigration politics has been steadily growing over the past few years.¹ Scholars from traditional disciplines such as political philosophy, comparative (legal) politics and international as political philosophy, comparative (legal) politics and international relations now form an ever more closely related group of academics studying the broad range of issues connected to immigration in the EU. Burnping into the same people at conferences and seeing the same names often popping up in acknowledgement sections of books reveals how interconnected this academic group is. Four monographs and one edited volume on the topic of immigration and European integration are reviewed here, as well as two other books which deal with the issue only in passing. Besides three books more generally on immigration (and European Besides three books more generally on the politically salient issue of asylum in the EU and two others with European citizenship. I conclude by reflecting briefly on achievements and problems related to the study of European immigration politics.

# IMMIGRATION

A solid and concise introduction to European immigration politics is provided by Andrew Geddes' *Immigration and European Integration*. This book sticks to the main issues and developments, without losing empirical details, and is both informative and a pleasure to read. Geddes adopts a

rather straightforward approach by studying the development of European immigration politics over the years (from the Treaty of Rome to the Amsterdam Treaty) mainly from the perspective of 'fortress Europe'. His most explicit hypothesis, which perhaps deserved slightly more elaboration, is that free movement of persons has drawn immigration into the realm of European integration. The logic behind this argument is that the completion of the internal market needs to be accompanied by 'flanking measures' such as external border control and rules on responsibility for asylum-seekers. Hence, Geddes sees European immigration policy as a manifestation of 'positive integration', as an attempt to re-regulate at the European level in reaction to the 'negative integration' of free movement.

chapter on EU-induced transnational labour migration. By going into the contend that European integration constitutes an important challenge to the challenge to welfare states posed by immigration. Bommes and Geddes concede all power to control immigration to the EU. Immigration and assumed to be one of the prime reasons for member states' hesitance to case of the German building industry, which suffered heavily from national welfare state. The best illustration of this is given in Uwe Hunger's relatively cheap foreign labour, he shows how the collective wage system is Welfare, edited by Michael Bommes and Andrew Geddes, tries to map this more than a summary of the following chapters. methodological issues which are at stake, it basically does not offer much disappointing. Instead of introducing the key theoretical and coherent structure. The editors' introduction in particular is rather many others, contains chapters of varying quality and above all lacks a being hollowed out. On the whole, this edited volume, unfortunately like so Concern about the sustainability of domestic welfare states is often

In *The New Germany and Migration in Europe*, Barbara Marshall presents a knowledgeable introduction to the specific case of the united Germany in the 1990s. Basically, the theoretical objective of this book ('consider together some of the more important facets of migration for Germany', p.4) is not very ambitious, and *a fortiori* the empirical account of key events such as the 1992 asylum compromise or the 1999 dual nationality debate is rather straightforward. Overall, she concludes that German migration policies have been short-term, pragmatic responses to specific emergencies. And, above all, not much dissimilar from what Green concluded recently in this journal,<sup>2</sup> that Germany is learning to live with migration as part of the new 'normality' of the Berlin Republic.

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alone, for Germany it was of vital importance to share the 'burden' of each asylum-seeker. With more than 400,000 asylum applications in 1992 preventing 'asylum-shopping': only one state should be responsible for the framework of the 1990 Dublin Convention, which explicitly aimed at books under review. Co-operation on asylum issues has developed within in the EU. This is reflected in the fact that it features prominently in all Asylum policy is undoubtedly the most salient aspect related to immigration asylumseekers with other European countries. However, as Marshall states Hence Geddes is probably right in seeing co-operation on asylum as a rather crudely, 'the rest of the EC was loath to comply with this' (p.120). the most important European instruments include two non-binding collective action is difficult to bring about. It is therefore not surprising that to establish a European asylum policy, but because this requires unanimity, "ypical problem of 'positive integration': some member states are very eager (the so-called 'London Resolutions'). resolutions from 1992 on safe countries of origin and safe third countries

blamed for bringing about lowest common denominator policies. Yet, although a common trend towards towards more restrictive asylum leads to a convergence of domestic asylum policies. Indeed, Europe is her work on the external effects of Europeanisation in Central and Eastern domestic policies is far from univocal. Sandra Lavenex, well known for policics can hardly be denied, the mechanism linking European with she gives a detailed account of post-war European and EU asylum policies European countries,3 deais particularly with this question in The is very well structured. After a presentation of her analytical framework, Europeanisation of Kefugee Policies. This book, based on her dissertation, (or 'refugee policies' as she calls it), and then sets out to analyse the convincingly shows a correlation and even entanglement between interests). The only thing one might hold against her is that, although she internal security (I would phrase the latter more broadly as national has brought to the fore the normative tension between human rights and France. Lavenex clearly shows that Europeanisation in the field of asylum impact of European co-operation on domestic policies in Germany and changes in both countries implemented under pressure from highly account of the causal mechanisms of Europeanisation. Were restrictive European and domestic events, in the end she fails to give a definite symbolic European agreements, or were these changes rather induced by In the field of asylum policy, it is often heard that European integration

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a domestic need not to be the 'reserve asylum country' of Europe (like Germany in 1992)?

Lavenex also appears as the author of a chapter on the French case in Kosovo's Refugees in the European Union. This volume, edited by Joanne van Selm, is a valuable account of how seven EU member states dealt with the displacements of Kosovars in early 1999. What makes this book particularly worthwhile, and the editor must be congratulated for her work in this respect, is that all seven empirical chapters consistently follow the same approach. They go into the response to the Kosovo crisis against the specific national background of asylum debates, show what lessons were learned from the Bosnian refugee crisis from 1992 to 1995 (basically that European solidarity was a long way off), and analyse how EU integration impacted on domestic policy making. This book is especially useful for empirical reference by those interested in the problem of asylum and burden sharing in the EU.

## CITIZENSHIP

The last two books relate immigration in the EU to the issue of citizenship, although from quite different angles. *Migrants and Citizens* by Rey Koslowski studies the impact of international migration and demographic change on European politics. *Citizenship, Identity and Immigration in the European Union* by Theodora Kostakopoulou focuses on identity and puts forward alternatives to the current European practices. Both books are based substantially on articles and chapters that have been published before.

Koslowski connects to regime theory by questioning the assumption of territoriality in international relations that traditionally assumes the congruence of territory and authority. In his view, international migration brings to the fore not just an anomaly of traditional theoretical frameworks, but indeed 'a problem in the conceptualisation of world politics in general' (p.18). At the core of Koslowski's argument is his observation that modern European political institutions of citizenship developed within the demographic context of millions of Europeans leaving their countries. Hence these institutions are ill-suited to deal with immigration. Koslowski is most convincing when he discusses the development of citizenship laws in the light of changing international norms with respect to dual nationality, indeed a key political issue. Whereas European state practices were originally quite liberal in order to keep alive the bond between emigrants and sending countries, these became more restrictive in response to

conflicts over military obligations, but in the 1990s again more liberal to migration challenges the principle of singular nationality underlying the facilitate immigrant integration in host societies. In this way international international relations theory. Less convincing is Koslowski's idea of the nation state, and, according to Koslowski, also neo-realist is still unclear how it relates to domestic politics. After all, as Koslowski policy and border control: the EU acquis may be steadily increasing, but it 'demonstration' of the transformation of sovereignty in the field of asylum unilateral in nature (p.162). And, even when European asylum co-operation himself admits, 'strictly speaking' Germany's 1993 policy change was matters, it can be seen as a two-level game, where the EU strengthens, rather

this field, more or less working on the intersection of law and political than impedes, state sovereignty (p.164). citizenship and immigration policy and a discussion of how these might (including his baroque language). Her book is a critical evaluation of EU philosophy, which is strongly reminiscent of the work by Joseph Weiler conclusions that remain mostly implicit in much of the literature on be reformed. Kostakopoulou puts forward assumptions, arguments and paying due attention to the full richness of her thought, can be summarised European immigration politics. The author's basic argument, without heterogeneous European polity, but at the moment falls into the 'trap' of as follows: Furopean citizenship should create a democratic, inclusive and heing not much more than national citizenship transformed to a European transnational c1 izenship,6 Kostakopoulou rejects the strategy of including level (that is, non-inclusive). In contrast with Bauböck's advocacy of complete departure from the "nationality model of citizenship" (p.97). immigrants through naturalisation or residency, and instead proposes a Apart from the questionable feasibility of such a strategy, I see greater problems in Kostakopoulou's use of the concept of democracy in relation a radically different immigration policy unlikely in light of these given between the ways a polity responds to the challenge of migration and its to citizenship. For example, if one holds that there is a close connection values, collective understandings and institutions (p.1), does not this make more democracy by including third-country nationals into European values and understandings? And, is it not rather contradictory to argue for citizenship, but at the same time curtail democracy by dismissing public Kostakopoulou is one of the most original and profound scholars in opposition to a more relaxed immigration policy as 'folkloric' and

'conjunctural' (p.138)?

# CONCLUSION

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a gloom over most work carried out in this field. Although it is true that ambiguous notion of 'Fortress Europe' as a remnant from the past still casts stance towards current European developments on immigration. The rather substantially, however, all books (some more implicit) take a negative a shift towards a down-to-earth approach of a 'normal' field of study. More comparing the books reviewed here to an earlier generation of books,7 I note immigration politics and European integration. Most important, when all seven books provides an invaluable contribution to the understanding of centre of their analysis. The thorough empirical work that is at the basis of immigration politics, the other five clearly have European politics at the Bommes/Geddes and Marshall can still be placed within the broader field of into a distinct field of study in political science. Although the books from The study of European immigration politics is developing more and more most puzzling to me. commitment to the political agenda of migrant inclusion that is probably multiculturalism and postnational citizenship, it is the almost inherent challenges that need to be dealt with, for example in relation to issues of European integration and immigration bring to the fore important normative

explicitly theory and methods from either international relations. comparative politics or European studies. There are many questions, study of European immigration politics would profit from adding more countries because Germany, France and the UK have been studied quite on contemporary immigration politics (particularly in small European of (non-binding) European policies, and the impact of national traditions this field are negotiations in the Council of Ministers, the domestic impact on courts and bureaucracies.8 Other topics that are yet underexposed in example of studies in line with the pioneering work by Virginie Guiraudon but are only touched upon in the contemporary literature. I am thinking for relations, or interest representation, that need to be understood properly politics, dynamics of European integration, executive-legislative related to the workings of European and national institutions, judicial extensively). Foremost, the study of European immigration politics needs to be carried beyond Fortress Europe-thinking In my view, now that much of the nitty-gritty work has been done, the

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European Union: Between Past and Future (New York: Manchester University Theodora Kostkoupoulou, Citizenship, Identity, and Immigration in the Press, 2001), pp. 224, \$74.95 Hardcover.

citizenship, immigration, and identity in the European Union. She rejects convenstate-based future Europe. Instead, Kostkoupoulou presents a provocative, though governmentalism, arguing that these are unsuitable explanations for a decreasingly tional approaches to understanding the EU, such as neo-functionalism and interidealistic, argument for transforming institutions, democracy, and citizenship, with Kostkoupoulou's is a postmodern work of normative political theory relating to

a typology of identity options such as the Euro-nationalist mode, constitutional patriotism based on Habermas, and a contractualist mode, and concludes that a "emerges out of a complex web of institutionalised practices of co-operation and constructivist notion of European identity is most appropriate. In this, identity implications for broader human rights. The author begins with an assessment of ideas about European identity, including

established the basis of an exclusive brand of citizenship for EU (EEC) nationals. participation" (pp. 35-36). of a restrictive European identity began with the instigation of a passport union In the 1970s and early 1980s, as discussions of political union emerged, the forging the development of the EU. Early efforts to advance the freedom of movement and other more symbolic gestures that reflected a (inappropriate, according to development of symbols such as the EU anthem and flag, were further moves toward European Act, the Schengen Agreement, the Maastricht Treaty, and the continued Kostakopoulou) nation-state building approach by the political elites. The Single exclusivity of citizenship and identity, particularly with regard to third-country In chapter 2, Kostkoupoulou traces the emergence of European citizenship during

ultimately will erode "the link between citizenship and state membership on one can be multiple and nested. This new idea of citizenship, Kostkoupoulou concedes, that citizenship is no longer the sole purview of nation-states, but that citizenships critiques existing frameworks for building a new theory of European citizenship. hand and national identity on the other" (p. 69). In chapter 4, she analyzes and is built through a series of propositions addressing points such as multiple identities, inclusive, respectful of others, and "beyond the nation-state" (p. 101). The argument In chapter 5, she advocates a "constructive citizenship" that will be democratic social membership, human rights, social justice, and the like. In chapter 3, the author argues for a new European citizenship based on the idea

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policy, she writes, will ultimately compromise internal democratic processes and with a "positive obligation" (p. 128) to accept migrants. An exclusive immigration arguing that the labeling of immigration and asylum as security concerns conflicts that will re-shape human behavior and ways of thinking. This reform process, she make for a "defective" Union based on an exclusive European identity (p. 131). allows, must be in the hands of individuals who engage with one another at a variety Finally, in chapter 7, Kostkoupoulou outlines her ideas for institutional reforms of levels of governance to form transnational avenues of interest articulation. In chapter 6, Kostkoupoulou provides a critique of European immigration policy,

will enhance democracy at all levels, creating a more accepting environment for tory, culture, and nationality, and is instead based on political participation. This interwoven with a redefined, inclusive European identity that is delinked from histuring of EU citizenship and immigration policies. This restructuring should be it is easy to question the practicality of implementing her proposals in a Europe is challenging to conventional methods of viewing and conceiving of membership third-country nationals, thereby enhancing broader human rights. The argument in the hands of the states. where control over the entry and naturalization of foreigners has remained firmly in the European community. Her argument merits attention for its innovation, yet Kostakopoulou's constructive citizenship is a call for a fundamental restruc-

struggle with the idealistic proposals, such as advocating porous external borders as barriers (stopping points) - not as permeable membranes (meeting points)" because "conceiving community in terms of that nation-state projects boundaries libraries with a strong research orientation. (p. 134). The book is suitable for advanced graduate students and beyond and for Though provocative, the text is jargon-filled and, at times, disjointed. Realists will

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Neil Winn and Christopher Lord, EU Foreign Policy Beyond the Nation-State: Policy (London: Palgrave, 2001), pp. 192, \$65.00 Hardcover. Joint Actions and Institutional Analysis of the Common Foreign and Security

of important empirical and theoretical contributions, although it is fair to say that of how the three-pillar structure of the European Union influenced decisions in they try to do too much in too brief a space. The core of the book is an analysis useful brief note on changes introduced by the Treaty of Amsterdam; but the book the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). The authors have added a primarily focuses on joint actions under the now somewhat superceded Maastricht In EU Foreign Policy Beyond the Nation-State, Winn and Lord make a number

Agreements, the Yugoslavia/MOSTAR Joint Action, and the policy towards the The authors illuminate the CFSP through three case studies: the Dayton Peace .... /1002 1000) Whilethefactual core of the case studies comes from muhli-lu

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out his theoretical stall in nd three, and then reviews of monetary co-operation, he 1960s and ending with his leading to the present k is a cogent and insightful the advantage of a clear amework and relevant case

problem with the cases, as ecognises, is that the 1962 ieve monetary co-operation ined by the Bretton Woods ldition, the author does little Moravcsik's powerful and ded argument concerning the role of domestic interests, ecially glaring because of the pirical detail Moravcsik proy, the fairly short conclusion devoted more attention to II means for global monetary n, given that globalising tene made currency co-ordination ng for all states, not just those POLITICAL STUDIES BOOKS

### CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY AND IMMIGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION by Dora Kostakopoulou

Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2001. 223, £40.00, ISBN 0 7190 5998 4

Rating: \*\*\*\*

Reviewer: AMALENDU MISRA (Queen's University Belfast)

Although predominantly white and loosely Christian in orientation, a significant minority population in the European Union does not belong to either of the above. How do these non-whites and non-Christians feel about a new political structure where there is a constant demand to ascribe to a European identity? Do they share the same spirit of belonging as their counterparts who could trace their ancestry back hundreds of years? If the answer to the last question is negative: should the European identity be restricted to those who can racially identify their origin within its geographical confines?

This is something that has escaped the attention of mandarins in Brussels. Perhaps they have simply preferred to ignore this issue. Unfortunately, the EU's official discourse and policy on the question of European identity, Kostakopoulou writes, is quite ambiguous. Despite the official rhetoric and bonhomie on citizenship and aspirations 'to move towards a civic inclusive mode of identity, the EU adheres to a civic but exclusionary mode of identity'. How does one explain policies that exclude third-country nationals residing legally and permanently in the Union from the free-movement provisions and other benefits of EU citizenship, for instance? The logic of exclusion exists everywhere. The catalogue of discrimination is very thick indeed.

A very sensitive issue is handled with cool detachment. And the result is a theoretically rigorous and legally compelling body of arguments. Kostakopoulou argues in favour of a principled and non-restricted European migration policy, which would be not only theoretically consistent but also practical in meeting policy concerns and compatible with norms underpinning the European Union's constitutional orders. Is Brussels listening?

### CONSTRUCTING EUROPE'S IDENTITY: the external dimension by Lars-Erik Cederman (ed.)

Boulder CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001. 277, £46.50, ISBN 1 55587 872 5

Rating: \*\*\*

Reviewer: AMALENDU MISRA (Queen's University, Belfast) That finally Europe is beginning to look like a single entity is reflected in two key areas: first, the absence of border control within the European Union; second, the introduction of a new single currency. But does this imply that Europeans now think of themselves as part of a single monolithic nation sharing one unifying identity – not only in the political or economic domain, but in the areas of culture?

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and integration which Europe has witnessed over the past four decades, it is still the nation-state which remains the major player, and if we truly desire a fully democratic Europe, then our Kevin. What makes these chapters so strong is their recognition that, for all the globalization was for before direct elections were introduced in 1979. Before 1979 the EP was a forum in policies, decisions, and actions in the Council of Ministers, and on the ways in which national which they hold their respective governments to constitutional and political account for their democracy. The focus of Blichner's argument is on national parliaments, on the ways in make up the Union were themselves the repositories of full (representative and deliberative) that the institutions of the EU would fail any democratic audit if the Member States which democracy must be one which is firmly rooted in the nation-state. It would matter a lot less forum has had to be replaced by the far less transparent (and more informal) COSAC: the which the representatives of the various national parliaments could meet together. Now, that parliaments talk with one another about this. This is, in part, what the European Parliament Conférence des Organes Spécialisés dans les Affaires Communautaires.

more concerned with enhancing its own powers than with reporting back to the people of know little of what it does and care even less. It comes across too often as an institution bad democratic joke. It is neither particularly open nor accountable. The citizens of Europe only eviscerated parliamentary oversight of European decision-making. The existence of the what they are for. And as Blichner demonstrates, there are far too many Member States with our behalf, we should insist that our national parliaments find out for us: after all, that is If we really want to know what our governments are mandating the Commission to do on Europe about how their governments are spending (and wasting, and losing) their tax-euros. European Parliament acts as an expedient fig-leaf - without it the indecency of European communication remains focused on this level, so too must democratic control if it is to be at revolve around national institutions: namely, the press, and the broadcasters. While political how can we hold them to account for it? And political communication, of course, continues to is information. Unless we know what it is that those in positions of power are proposing to do, Kevin remind us in their excellent contribution that the essence of democratic accountability In this sense Europe would be more democratic without the EP than with it. Schlesinger and governance is fully exposed such that no national parliament would any longer put up with it. The European Parliament may be democratically elected, but in other respects it is a

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and Future. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2001. 214 pages. ISBN 0-7190-5998-4. T. Kostakopoulou, Citizenship, Identity and Immigration in the European Union: Between Past

Unsurprisingly, it is not entirely successful, although the attempt is laudable. Kostakopoulou then derive policy implications. This is an ambitious and perhaps even audacious project. is the author's attempt to fuse normative and positive theory with empirical evidence and What sets Kostakopoulou's book apart from most others that consider the three title themes appeals to post-modern and critical theory to argue for less restrictive European immigration identity and settles on a constructivist approach which "conceives of the emerging community policy and a "constructive" citizenship. The first chapter examines various options for European attical Assism and of Furonean identity as a task" (p. 35). Kostakopoulou

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a democratic polity that takes "difference" seriously and critically while remaining inclusive. model and instead fosters the creation of a community of expectations and civic engagement, the constructivist model of European citizenship transcends the limitations of the nationality In the second chapter, the author turns attention to the institutional construction of European identity by filtering out alternative considerations about a civic and inclusive mode of European to nationals of Member States "biased the process of the institutional construction of a European Maastricht Treaty. Her key point is that the early decision to restrict free movement provisions identity, examining the policies that culminated in the introduction of EU citizenship in the to free movement rights if they had extended not just to EC nationals but also others? about the political prospects for wider application: would the Member States really have agreed identity" (p. 62). While this is clearly true, Kostakopoulou is perhaps being somewhat optimistic

and migration through to the Amsterdam Treaty. The chapter, in line with other parts of the book, provides a useful summary of the case law. Kostakopoulou argues that policies concernexpansion" and writes that, if European citizenship is to become a "genuine form of citizenship ing European identity, citizenship and immigration "have reached the limit of their cognitive boundaries of membership in the Euro-polity must be rethought" (p. 79). Kostakopoulou's beyond the nation-state and "mature" as an institution, then the normative foundations and counter-argument that the current model, in which EU citizenship remains derivative of nationstatus quo would counter the author's assertion that conceptual change is necessary with the it is less obvious why such a rethinking of European citizenship is necessary. Supporters of the political preferences are clear. Yet, although genuineness and maturity are perhaps desirable, al citizenship and in which individuals who are not citizens of Member States can claim only existing theories of citizenship are inadequate because they remain wedded to the territorial seeks a theory of European citizenship. The chapter is a literature review, which concludes that alternative institutional designs from a more theoretical angle in the short fourth chapter, which limited European rights, is fine and perfectly defensible. Kostakopoulou pursues her search for democratic citizenship beyond the nation-state which is inclusive and respectful of 'difference" (p. 101). This framework, which the author terms "constructive citizenship", is based nation-state. In the book's fifth chapter, Kostakopoulou expounds her own "framework for on seven propositions. Constructive citizenship acknowledges citizens' multiple identifications justice, show respect for others, and be critical; and should be open to contestation. Some of more egalitarian distribution of socio-economic benefits; requires citizens to be concerned with for individual empowerment; encourages participation in democratic decision-making; implies and is therefore based on domicile; focuses on social membership; conceives of rights as tools The third chapter continues the history of the construction of European identity, citizenship these elements are more recognizable than others, but the author argues that together they form

a single framework. After laying out her vision of constructive citizenship. Kostakopoulou turns her attention to

mirror prevailing conceptions of membership, the author posits that her conception of conits potential implications for European immigration policy. Because immigration provisions aries and a more liberal immigration policy" (p. 127). The chapter goes into a high level of detail about the design of this more liberal policy, but the central idea is the "transfer of only] flexible membership and a constructive model of citizenship, but also porous boundreconsideration, she suggests, is the conclusion that "democracy in the Union [requires not structive citizenship might change the way we think about immigration. The result of this migration-related issues into the full competence of the Community" (p. 146). This is a radical proposal, and it is certainly true that a "legally-binding, constitutional framework for immigto the Community, it is difficult, however, to imagine it occurring in the current context of Whatever the theoretical attractiveness of transferring responsibility for immigration policy ration would free immigration from the whims and prejudices of transient majorities" (p. 150). rising populism and anti-immigration fears in the Member States; political opposition almost

Many readers, if they have followed the author's policy-oriented analysis to this point, will be unfamiliar with the kinds of arguments presented in the seventh chapter to refute sceptics such as this reviewer. There, Kostakopoulou reaches the conclusion that "Heidegger's conception of boundary as *horismos* can be used to subvert the authoritative disciplining of boundaries by replacing the boundary-obsessed territorialism accompanying statism with a focal sense of territoriality" (p. 164). In other words, she proposes that Heideggerian thought can alter traditional concepts of the relationship between territoriality and nationality and thereby foster a new democratic sensibility. For Kostakopoulou, Europeans have "the responsibility to think about dwelling and to act for the sake of dwelling; to question narrow articulations of national interest and official discourses which undermine community by scapegoating migrants and admission seekers; to think what political belonging can be in the European polity; to think about exile and human suffering and to give an enlightened moral response to the plight of migrants and refugees" (p. 163). This responsibility, the author argues, grounds the "ethic of the other" and will lead to the realization of the institutional designs and more liberal citizenship and immigration policies her book suggests. For those not regularly exposed to discussions in political philosophy, it may seem extremely unlikely that any "democratic discourse of belonging" can "induce the readjustment of the individuals' cognitive structures" by "creating the right conditions for a philosophical and critical relation to reality" (p. 154). It may indeed well be the case that we remain so mired in concepts inherited from the construction of democratic nation States that we cannot conceive of new forms of postnational democracy. Nevertheless, Kostakopoulou's book is one step in the direction of overcoming the difficulties of such conceptual and political shifts.

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V. Korah, Cases and Materials on EC Competition Law. Second edition. Oxford: Hart Publishing 2001. 687 pages. ISBN 1-84113-300-0. GBP 30.

Valentine Korah's second edition of *Cases and Materials on EC Competition Law* is a gem of a casebook for students, teachers, and practitioners with probing minds. This volume was published six years after the 1995 cut-off of the first edition. Those six years at the turn of the 20th century have been rich ones for EC competition law. Indeed, they have seen a maturing of European competition law in a direction long advocated by Professor Korah. In this brief review, I will first describe the structure and methodology of the book. Second, I will identify cases and developments that, if not directly influenced by Korah, have followed the path she has lighted. Third, I will identify issues that remain targets of Korah's pen and ask whether a future third edition of the casebook might be celebrating a Valentinian triumph. I offer a hypothesis at the start: globalization is pushing EC competition law in the directions (efficiency and market-reliance) that Korah has persistently advocated from the start.

Structure and methodology. Casebooks are different from treatises. Treatises are secondary law. They summarize the law. They seldom convey much about the analytical framework of the cases. But especially in competition law, the cases are the "real thing". They are the primary sources (along with the legislation), at least in common law methodology; and European competition law is some 80% common law. For a student or practitioner of competition law, understanding the analytical methodology is infinitely more important than knowing outcomes of particular past cases. The intricate mix of microeconomics, socio-economic policy, and the economic generalizations made to accommodate the demands of the legal system, distinguish the study of competition law from most other bodies of law and enhance the importance of a good casebook. The writer of a European competition casebook has a unique challenge; how to

omissions in coverage on the Community side, most notably there is no discussion of *Oscar Bronner* when addressing Article 82, and while EEA exhaustion is covered, no mention is made of international exhaustion and the controversial *Silhouette* judgment and subsequent cases like *Micro Leader*. There is little discussion of the European Union's enlargement and it might have been interesting to include a chapter covering the competition laws of an accession state such as Poland to review the "Europeanisation" of competition policy in Eastern Europe.

The book is a descriptive account of the substantive law, with some useful examples from the case law. The section on Japanese antitrust law is especially well set out, explaining the political background to the many amendments. Each chapter is fairly well organised and although there is the occasional comparative reference, the book could have benefited from adopting a stronger comparative perspective throughout, specifically in the light of the book's final reflections as to the possibilities for developing a global competition policy.

As a matter of form, the author consciously decided not to include footnotes to enhance readability, however had footnotes been used at least to indicate the sources of some quotes and journal articles, this would have assisted the interested reader immensely, especially as the bibliography is only selective and as the case list only contains United States and Community cases, so that chasing up cases and articles referred to is well nigh impossible especially for the intended readership of this book.

The book is clearly written and a competition law novice will find it informative, however the price is rather high.

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CITIZENSHIP, IDENTITY AND IMMIGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION. BETWEEN PAST AND FUTURE by *Theodora Kostakopoulou*. [Manchester: Manchester University Press. 2001. ix + 214 pp. inc. index. Hard cover. ISBN 071905998 4. £40.00.]

This book brings together Union citizenship, immigration policy and identity as highly interdependent categories. This idea is successfully realised in the structure of the argument permeated by the major concepts throughout the book and reinforced by numerous cross-references.

In the first two chapters Dr Kostakopoulou addresses the issue of European identity, including the "conditions of possibility for a European identity", typology of European identity options and the institutional construction of European identity. The author does not follow the well-trodden path of scepticism based on the vision that people are the pregiven part of body politic and thus determine the identity discourse. On the contrary, she builds her conception on the premise that identity is always in the process of change due

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to various social and political factors and, therefore, by approaching the formation of European identity as a political process the sense of community among the population of the Union may be significantly fostered.

The discussion on identity is continued in the last chapter which examines the impact of the politically endorsed concepts of territoriality on the ways in which individuals relate to other individuals and groups. The comprehensive overview of political and philosophical theories developed to date serves the author's conclusion that boundaries are used in the official discourses to affect behaviour by controlling access to the territory and the structure of relationships creating negative perceptions about immigration through such strategies as assimilation, integration or differential exclusion of resident migrants. Bearing in mind that the spatial factor in the E.U. is characterised by multiplicity of territorial and non-territorial spaces, a different thinking about boundaries and spatiality is needed to help advance a new way of being together in the European polity and prompt reorientation of European immigration policy. According to Dr Kostakopoulou, a new European Union democratic discourse of belonging requires an alternative conceptual basis which lies in Heidegger's concepts of dwelling and being, namely the idea of perception of "selfhood" through "otherness" where the element of "space" is not limited by geo-political boundaries. According to the author, a new political discourse built around those concepts could promote respectful relationships among "dwellers" in inclusive communities with flexible membership. Within this matrix the problem of hegemonic national narratives could be solved without dissolution of the State's boundaries. Although this part of the chapter deserves to be praised for an innovative approach, there could be made, it is respectfully submitted, two critical remarks. Firstly, the fact that the ideation of identity is disunited in such a way that a conceptual part of it appears in the last chapter of the book gives the impression of an upside down pyramid. Secondly, Heidegger's philosophical heritage is marked by both genius and controversy. This does not mean that the reviewer shares the opinion that Heidegger's engagement with Nazism was necessarily a public enactment of his philosophical convictions. However, the choice of such a foundation for one's assertions requires that one should hone every detail of the argument. The problem is that the chapter seems to be too short to allow the author to fully corroborate the conceptual issues. As a corollary, some Heideggerian insights into the human condition are taken out of the context and extrapolated to the socio-political realities of emergent European Union identity without adducing grounds for such an interpretation which results in mixing up the existential and social.

Chapters 3, 4 and 5 are devoted to citizenship. The core of this part of the book is an alternative "constructive" paradigm of the Union citizenship presented in the form of an unfolding set of seven propositions which focus on such facets of citizenship as domicile-based status, social membership, citizenship rights and institutional reform. The argument is reinforced by the analysis of the limitations of Union citizenship and a critical overview of the main theoretical concepts of citizenship which is short but well referenced.

The problems of European Union immigration policy are scrutinised in Chapter 6 where Dr Kostakopoulou challenges the "fortress" logic and the "invasion syndrome" dominating the approach laid down in the Schengen Agreement and proposes an alternative framework for the European migration policy. She presents a strong argument for a non-

restrictive migration policy, the transfer of migration-related issues into the full competence of the Community and adoption of a Charter on European migration and refugee policy.

This volume could not, for objective reasons, include analysis of the Treaty of Nice or the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union which are undoubtedly pertinent to the issues of Union citizenship and identity, especially with regard to the enlargement of the Union, although their imminent adoption is taken into account. However, this does not diminish the value of the book for the problems raised in it have not been removed from the agenda and, last but not least, this scholarly work offers the reader an original conceptual framework which makes it a fine analytical tool for judging the forthcoming developments.

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NEGOTIATING EUROPE'S IMMIGRATION FRONTIERS by *Barbara Melis*. [The Hague: Kluwer. 2001. xv + 250 pp. inc. index. Hard cover. ISBN 9 041 11614 1. £53.30.]

Immigration policy has steadily increased in terms of political and legal relevance to the European Union, at least since the mid–1980s. A clear turning point occurred in 1999 with, first, the insertion of a new legal competence for immigration in the E.C. Treaty and, second, the political agreement of the Tampere European Council to act upon this new legal framework. In this book, Barbara Melis examines comprehensively the evolution of European Union immigration law and policy up to, and including, the Tampere European Council. As such, it provides an invaluable overview, which helps to explain the context within which the "Area of Freedom, Security and Justice" is being elaborated.

The book commences with an analysis of the key factors and influences informing policy and legal developments in the immigration field; sensibly, she does not attempt to consider also asylum law and policy and she successfully manages to maintain the distinction between these two overlapping fields. Her book is then divided into two main parts. First, there is a series of chapters concerned with "immigrants policy"; measures relating to third country nationals already present within the Union, such as rights regarding working conditions or social security entitlements. Within this part, there is an excellent analysis of the contribution made to the rights of third country nationals through judicial interpretation of agreements between the European Union and third countries. The other principal part of the book focuses on "immigration policy"; in this case, instruments and strategies relating to the control of access to European Union territory for those not already present. This section considers matters such as visas and expulsions.

Running throughout the book is a strong critique of European Union immigration policy based on issues of gender and race. The most innovative of these perspectives lies in relation to gender and her concentration on the multiple discriminations faced by women as a consequence of restrictive immigration policies. For example, Melis argues that white, European women have improved their position in the labour market often by

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0-6057 JN30 2001-30114 MARC ostakopoulou, Dora. Citizenship, identity and immigration in the European Union: between past and future. Canchester, 2001. (Dist. by Palgrave) 214p bibl index ISBN 0-7190-5998-4, \$74.95

ostakopoulou combines critical theory and a postnational perspective with policy prescriptions to argue for what the terms "constructive" citizenship and a less restrictive European immigration policy. Constructive, for the author, eans democratic citizenship beyond the nation-state, which is inclusive yet respectful of difference. Although it is ounded in Kostakopoulou's 1995 PhD dissertation--with several chapters being revised versions of previously ablished articles--the book reflects the current preoccupation of European academics and political elites with the the themes. Starting with a review of the history of the construction of European identity through to the Treaty of msterdam, the author next elucidates the limits of existing theories of citizenship before presenting her own plution. Kostakopoulou's policy recommendations will strike many as unrealistic, but her normative focus deserves tention, although it too requires further elaboration to be truly convincing. The book ends with a Heideggerian ision of political praxis, a view perhaps only tenuously related to the case law and policy practices described earlier. his book is recommended for specialist collections in European integration and is likely to interest primarily raduate students, faculty, and practitioners. -- W. Maas, Yale University

one another as neighbours. Silver's argument represents multiculturalism at its most divisive and reactionary – rejecting any community that does not have as its basis racial division.

While the book's contributors celebrate the freedom that the internet gives users not to be tied down by racial assumptions they will not permit internet users to abandon racial identity altogether. The most degenerate thing about online anonymity – the irresponsibility of speech that cannot be accounted for – these authors promote. The most progressive thing about online anonymity – the fact that it allows us to communicate, not as members of a particular race or gender, but as human beings – these authors reject.

In the book's concluding chapter, Beth E. Kolko bemoans the absence of race tags for users in the virtual environments known as MUDs (Multi-User Dungeons – a text-based interactive discussion/games-playing environment). 'Bringing race to the forefront in a text-based virtual world will provide information that can be useful in graphical worlds and other computer-mediated communication systems', she says (p. 230). But 'useful' for what? How is it useful to know the race of the people you communicate with, unless you subscribe to the racist assumption that one's race is essential to one's character?

The Internet is, potentially, a universal communications medium which transcends race. But the authors of *Race in Cyberspace* would prefer the Internet to consist of an infinitude of divided racial categories. Despite their radical credentials, theirs is a deeply conservative project.

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#### Citizenship, Identity, and Immigration in the European Union: Between Past and Future

Theodora Kostakopoulou Manchester University Press, 2001 HBK: ISBN 0719059984 £40.00 pp. 214 (including: bibliography, index)

Citizenship, Identity, and Immigration offers an introduction, an overview and proposals for reform on citizenship and immigration policy in the context of European integration. Beyond that, it aims to develop an approach to 'constructive citizenship' with the twofold goal of applying normative critical thought towards developing proposals for institutional reform. This two-tiered perspective is labelled a 'constructivist' approach (p. 2). While taking a critical stance that aims at rigorous scrutiny of current theory and practice of citizenship, the book maintains an optimistic tone. Expectations for change in the area of citizenship are based on the particularity of the emerging Europolity as one that stems from a process of institution building which is in flux. In a nutshell, and following a number of other works on citizenship published in the 1990s, Kostakopoulou takes the unfinished Europolity's key features of process and pluralism as the cornerstones for her work. The novelty of this book is the ambition to develop a normative new 'political theory of European integration' (p. 5) that is not limited to a politico-theoretical debate on democracy and legitimacy but that strives to make concise proposals for institutional reform as well. Taking process as the key issue for both theory and practice, the book finds 'that there



are good reasons for thinking about things differently and for considering alternative institutional designs which are both normatively justified and feasible' (p. 65). More specifically, Kostakopoulou seeks to elaborate and justify a normative political theory of European integration based on changed concepts and practices of citizenship and immigration. Her concern is with prevailing unequal power relations generated by structural conditions of inequality brought about by race and gender relations. If there is no institutional change which specifically attempts to undermine these conditions of inequality, she contends, they will stabilise, hence her plea to grasp the chance and 'engage in normative theorising on the emergent institutional designs of European citizenship and immigration' now (p. 1). As a project, this approach means identifying the key features of constructive citizenship. It is addressed in seven chapters. Similar to the actual development of citizenship policy in the European Union (and previously in the European Community), the book begins with discussions of European identity and democracy, its importance in general, its emergence in the process of European integration, as well as the difficulty of making sense of the concept in a non-state realm. Here both theoretical and institutional perspectives (Chs. 1, 2) are offered at first, followed by selected references to the debate over citizenship that is not bound to the nation-state. In particular, she examines the legal case material on citizenship in the EU (Chs. 3, 4). The second half of the book entails at times more rigorously elaborated theoretical perspectives including 'propositions for constructive citizenship in the European Union' (Ch. 5), an 'alternative framework for a European migration policy' (Ch. 6) and 'Heideggerian insights' on 'dwelling, boundaries and belonging' (Ch. 7).

Despite the impressive display of theoretical knowledge and imagination as well as the application of a detailed expertise in European case law, this book, while provocative in its core argument, is likely to generate more questions than answers, given the somewhat idiosyncratic approach to existing debates and the resulting incoherence in theoretical and methodological clarity, explanation and detail. Particularly, those who have been following the respective debates in the manifold academic fields touched by the ambitious argument, including political theory, historical sociology, comparative politics and European integration studies and law will feel that methodological and theoretical terminology is used in a way which stretches beyond the challenge of interdisciplinarity towards an eclecticism that unnecessarily undermines the otherwise strong philosophical and empirical knowledge conveyed in this book. Yet, it is perhaps the author's readiness to engage with the challenge of interdisciplinarity that any academic studying the European Union is faced with (and few dare to take on) that contributes to the at times puzzling, if always interesting and provocative, reading. The overwhelming breadth of theory, ranging from scratching the surface of debates over European integration theory and European citizenship, to engaging more deeply with general theories of citizenship and proposals for migration policy - the strongest chapters of the book - to the final and unexpected turn towards Heidegger's notion of 'dwelling' as a basis for capturing the European Union's complex notion of belonging amongst and despite diversity (p. 160-164), leaves the reader uncertain as to the major theoretical thrust of the book. While the reference to Heidegger is not necessarily misplaced, after all, the Heideggerian turn sustains the book's core argument that 'belonging in the Union is not only multiple and flexible, but is also critical and transformative' (p. 163), it still comes as a surprise and is then left relatively unexplored.

The fact that some of the chapters are relatively dated, including, for example the, albeit revised, re-publication of several previously published articles in the

book as well as reference to material generated by a doctoral dissertation submitted in 1995 may have prevented a focus and in-depth exploration of some of these questions. Still, a more structured approach to presenting the important and innovative argument at the book's core, laying out the author's normative approach to constructive citizenship based on process and pluralism and an inherent *Herrschaftskritik* would have done both author and readers great service. However, there is no doubt that this book is likely to take the debate further and make an interesting additional reading for postgraduates and scholars.

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#### Globalization and Nationalism, the Changing Balance in India's Economic Policy 1950-2000

Baldev Raj Nayar Sage Publications [New Delhi], 2001 HBK: ISBN: 0761995366 £29.99 pp. 287 (including: index, bibliography)

We live in an age of globalization. Although it may not constitute an entirely new phenomenon, globalization in its current phase can be described as an intensification of political, economic and cultural interconnection across national boundaries. However, not everybody experiences globalization in the same way, nor is every society convinced of the efficacy and benefits of global markets. There are then many stories to be told about current global trends and distinct national dispositions. Baldev Raj Nayar unfolds for us one such important story: about the changing roles of markets and the state in India. This book is especially important for those who want to know how ethnically divided countries like India incorporate and carry forward the new neo-liberal dispensation. Nayar carefully delineates the passage of new economy through the maze of India's coalition politics and federal polity. Set against the background of a declining Congress that had ruled as a majority party for more than four decades, the beginning of governments by coalitions - which has been an alliance of several ethnically based regional parties - marked a decisive turning point in Indian politics. That it should coincide with the dismantling of the state-led development and beginning of market-based reforms, have raised at least three questions about the changes in the past decade: Why did India abandon the commitment to state led growth? What role did the regionally based ethnic parties play in this transition? How would the new coalition politics determine the pace and success of the new economy? Nayar's book seeks to answer these questions. It outlines how ethnically divided societies deal with globalization and market reforms.

Although Nayar outlines the halting but enduring pace of economic reforms through the periods of crises and re-engagement in India, this study goes well beyond the purely economic explanations. It does what the bulk of the economic literature has largely ignored: incorporate in its analysis compulsions emanating from India's ethnic diversity, institutional structures, electoral rhythms. Nayar argues that for the Indian leaders, political independence and national security – each essential for domestic legitimacy – could not be separated from the quest for economic development. India rejected the 'Shock therapy' so enthusiastically advocated by the Harvard economists in the early 1990s because that would have meant dismantling the edifice of ethnic and regional collaboration so carefully