

The Search for a European Identity

Values, Policies and Legitimacy of the European Union

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This book examines the link between political identity and legitimacy in the European Union. Stimulated by the crisis of legitimacy and identity suffered by the EU after the referenda on the Constitutional Treaty, the editors have developed a theoretical framework to examine the interplay between these two items in the problematic development of the EU into a fully-fledged political actor.

The contributors to the volume seek to:

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