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This is a scholarly, comprehensive and timely study of the different experiences of regional integration that Europe and Asia, two of the world's most diverse and important areas, have had in recent history. Covering issues like trust, sovereignty, reconciliation and values, the contributors show that in spite of differences, there is much that both can learn from each other as they strive for a more dynamic relationship in the twenty-first century.

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The book offers rich insights into the drivers and development of regionalism in Europe and Asia, covering a wide range of themes and providing comparative perspectives between the two regions. This worthy analysis represents an invaluable guide and a must-read for all who are interested in regional studies.

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The European Union (EU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are two relatively successful regional organizations in the world, and their trans-regional cooperation in the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is likely to redefine and affect both regional and global politics. In this context, there is an increasing demand for knowledge in order to understand both regional organizations and their collaborative relations and efforts. This edited book meets this demand by undertaking a comprehensive comparative study of European and Asian regionalism. The intellectual virtue of this book lies in the fact that it brings together diverse scholars from both regions and offers a variety of fresh perspectives. The uniqueness of this book is its focus on the multifaceted drivers of, as well as impediments to, regionalism in comparative terms. It covers a wide range of issues such as the role of crisis, traditional and non-traditional security, economic dynamics, regional institutions, and processes of European and Asian regional integration. I strongly recommend it as a textbook for graduate courses on international relations, comparative regionalism and global politics.

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Drivers of Integration and Regionalism in Europe and Asia

This book examines the drivers of regionalism and integration in both Europe and Asia and seeks to forge comparative perspectives between the two regions.

Comprising contributions from scholars, analysts and policymakers, this volume explores and debates how and why regional bodies such as the European Union (EU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are formed and sustained. Furthermore, it examines the drivers of, and impediments to, regionalism and integration. The debates regarding what and who constitute drivers are presented in a fresh, thematic and comprehensive manner. Leadership and core states are also critically examined whilst material, ideational and normative factors are all assessed comparatively. Significantly, in light of the global financial crisis, the book considers the role of crisis as a driver of regionalism and integration.

This book will be of interest to students, scholars and policymakers interested in Asian and European politics and comparative politics.

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