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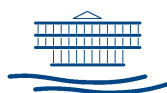
Regional integration and the organisation of cross-regional relations have been some of the most prominent features of international relations in recent years. By further strengthening the institutional framework of the European Union, Europe will make steps to become a capable international actor. The Middle East on the other hand has remained politically fragmented and economically disintegrated. Given these structural imbalances, but also geographical proximity, economic interdependencies, and shared historical experiences, what interests does Europe pursue in the Middle East? And how, if the goal of European policies is assumed to establish stable political, economic and social relations with its neighbouring region, could cross-regional relations best be organised? Fourteen contributors try to identify answers to these questions.

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