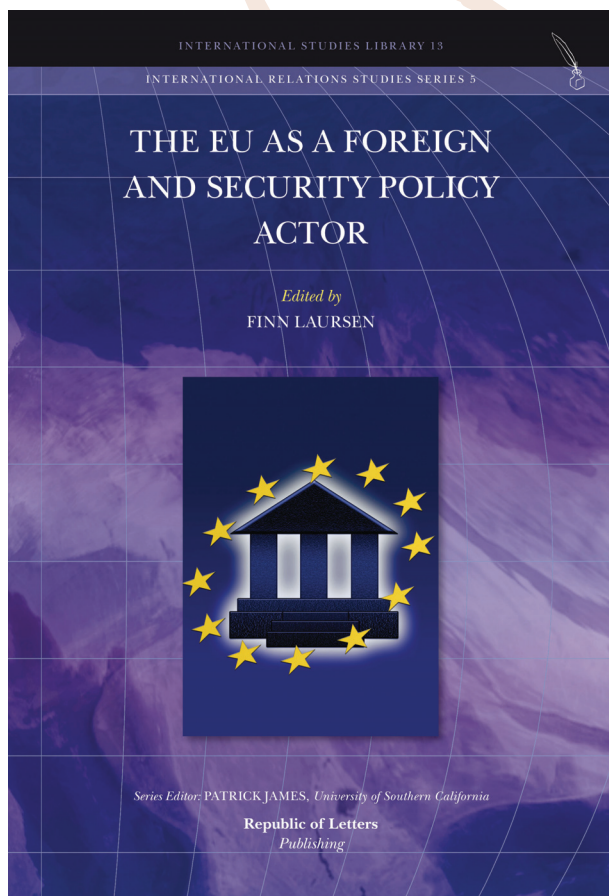


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This book studies important aspects of the EU as an international actor. It deals with the EU's foreign and security policies as they have developed in recent years. Institutionally the focus is on the second pillar of the Union, the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and its defence component, the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP). The latter in particular has gone through important developments in recent years, taking the EU into a realm which was largely a no-go area until 1999. The book has sections on theoretical and conceptual aspects: how do we study this subject matter and how do we explain developments? The empirical chapters deal with the EU and its near abroad, mostly Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean. The section on the EU's far abroad includes chapters on relations with America, Asia and Africa. Finally there are chapters looking at particular aspects of ESDP. Despite difficulties the EU is increasingly becoming an international actor.

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