

Is this the End? The European Union in a Time of Crisis

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Abstract:

In 2015, the European Union has been facing a number of challenges: the crisis in the Euro-zone, requiring difficult negotiations about repeated bail-outs for Greece; the war in Eastern Ukraine and the deteriorating relationship between the EU and Russia; and the arrival of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and other failed states, creating political, logistical and institutional problems for several EU member states. The coming together of these challenges has the potential to threaten the past achievements of the European Union - the creation of the largest single market in the world, free movement for EU citizens after the abolition of internal border controls, the conduct of a value-based foreign policy focused.



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