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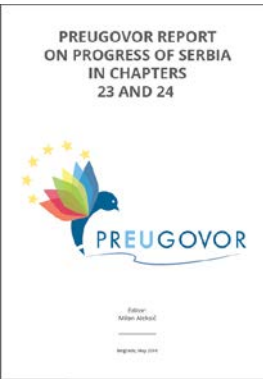
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Suggestions for further reading on the European Union's enlargement policy

This note lists a selection of books, as well as links to the text of recent articles and papers (2015 onwards) on the European Union's enlargement policy.

Title	Description/Preview	Availability
<p><i>The EU and Member State Building: European foreign policy in the Western Balkans</i></p> <p><i>Soeren Keil and Zeynep Arka (ed.)</i></p> <p>2015</p> 	<p>This book critically examines the process of statebuilding by the EU, focusing on its attempts to build Member States in the Western Balkan region. It analyses the European Union's policies towards, and the impact they have, upon the states of the Western Balkans, and assesses how these affect the nature of EU foreign policy. To this end, it focuses on the tools and mechanisms that the EU employs in its enlargement policy and examines the new instruments of direct intervention (in Bosnia and Kosovo), political coercion (in the case of Croatia and Serbia in relation to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia), and stricter conditionality in the Western Balkan countries.</p>	<p>Monograph available at Central Library</p> <p>Shelfmark 103200</p>

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<p><i>The long march towards the EU: candidates, neighbours and the prospects for enlargement</i></p> <p>Konrad Niklewicz</p> <p>2016</p> 	<p>Seven consecutive enlargements, spanning over half a century, have provided geopolitical stability in Europe and facilitated trade and economic growth. Currently, the EU is considering further expansion towards the Western Balkans and Turkey. In this process, the EU is weighing fundamental values against security concerns, public scepticism in some member states and past experience of letting in countries that were not prepared. The present paper considers options for further EU enlargement, including ending enlargement altogether, offering a reduced membership status ('membership minus') and keeping enlargement alive under strict conditions.</p>	<p>Online article</p>
<p><i>The EU and the Western Balkans: do they share a future?</i></p> <p>Eran Fraenkel</p> <p>2016</p> 	<p>This paper analyses the political debate on EU accession of the Western Balkans. The rationale for denying EU accession differs for each country, but the underlying reservations are identical: yet "not prepared"; "too early" to accept a new country; or the "cost" of admitting a new member outweighs any benefits that might derive from its accession. The author call for stronger engagement of the EU in the accession process, based upon mutually agreed-upon accession benchmarks.</p>	<p>Online article</p>
<p><i>EU enlargement to the Western Balkans: out of sight, out of mind?</i></p> <p>Marko Stojić</p> <p>2016</p> 	<p>The aim of this policy paper is to assess the current state of play in the process of EU enlargement to the Western Balkans. It examines ways of accelerating the process, asking the question whether the EU and the Commission in particular possess appropriate tools to deal with the 'complicated' candidate countries in a complex international reality. The paper argues that, although the recent changes in the Commission's approach to candidate countries are positive, there is more to be done to re-energise the process and encourage domestic reforms in these countries.</p>	<p>Online article</p>

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<p>Die zwei Gesichter der deutschen Erweiterungspolitik gegenüber dem Westlichen Balkan Cornelius Adebahr and Theresia Töglhofer 2015</p> 	<p>This paper explores the background of the so-called German politics of "yes, but" towards EU enlargement in Western Balkans. Even though Germany shows a key impetus for the integration of Western Balkans countries, at the same time it acts as a strong critic of the candidate countries and insists on a strict interpretation of the accession requirements.</p>	<p>Online article</p>
<p>EU member states and enlargement towards the Balkans Rosa Balfour and Corina Stratulat (ed.) 2015</p> 	<p>Although the region has a clear European perspective, progress on the dossier has been marred not just by outstanding challenges in individual Balkan countries but often also by hurdles which develop within the Union – more specifically in the Member States. In 17 case studies and two theoretical chapters, this publication investigates whether the dossier has shifted more under the control of the Member States, and looks at the kind of considerations and potential 'roadblocks' that influence the positions of key national actors on enlargement.</p>	<p>Online article</p>
<p>PrEUgovor report on progress Serbia in chapters 23 and 24 Milan Aleksić (ed.) 2016</p> 	<p>Serbia officially started the negotiation process for its accession to the EU in January 2014, more than two years ago. This report focuses on the issues covered by Chapters 23 (Judiciary and Fundamental Rights) and 24 (Justice, Freedom and Security).</p>	<p>Online article</p>

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<p>Reshaping relations in the midst of crises: a bitter anniversary for Turkey-EU accession negotiations</p> <p>Ilke Toygür and Melih Özsoz</p> <p>2016</p> 	<p>In this paper, Turkey's accession negotiations are revisited on the 10th anniversary of their beginning with a special focus on the current situation of negotiation chapters, the Cyprus issue, and the potential revision of the Customs Union. The paper will then discuss the refugee deal, including the possibility of visa-free travel for Turkish nationals.</p>	<p>Online article</p>

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