



Geoliberal Europe and the Test of War

By Richard Youngs

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“A must-read for everyone thinking about how Europe can live up to today’s geopolitical challenges while remaining true to its liberal foundations.”

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“When Russia launched its unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the European Union quickly rose to the urgency of the moment. Now, Richard Youngs argues, is the time to start thinking beyond the fast pace of current events and toward the important challenge of building a new European and global order. That task is complicated by overlapping lines of tension – between liberalism and geopolitics, democracy and inclusiveness, security and interdependence. Europeans cannot make an easy choice between stark alternatives. They must do the hard work to forge a new synthesis. Youngs’ book is essential reading for anyone wanting to understand how and why that can be accomplished.”

— *Erik Jones, Director, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute*

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine has pushed Europe into a new strategic era. The knock-on effects of the war have combined to open a period of reordering across the European continent. European governments and the European Union collectively have begun to fashion policies for this shift, recognizing this to be a pivotal historical moment.

Richard Youngs unpacks the different dynamics that have come to characterize European policies in the wake of the war: the nature of EU integration, geopolitical power, defence priorities, European borders, liberal values, the green transition and economic sovereignty. The book looks to the future and outlines the issues and choices with which European governments still need to grapple. Youngs develops the notion of geoliberalism as a way of addressing these challenges and guiding European governments and the EU into the fragile order taking shape in the shadow of Ukraine’s war.

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