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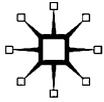
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## Series Editor's Foreword

**A**riane Chebel d'Appollonia's book on immigration, securitization, and mobilization in the United States and Europe focuses on the very heart of the politics of immigration on both sides of the Atlantic. During the past decade, issues of immigration have been increasingly tied to questions of state security. This is perhaps less surprising in Europe, where the majority of immigrants have been Muslim. At a time of increasing political chaos in the Islamic world, large and growing immigrant Muslim populations in Europe have been politically framed as threats both to national identity and to national security. It is more surprising in the United States, where it has taken considerably more political effort and creativity to link Latino and Asian immigration to challenges of security.

Moreover, the flow of immigration is very different on both sides of the Atlantic. The steady rise of legal immigration into the United States since 1965 has not been challenged. There have been no legislative efforts to halt or even cut back legal immigration since the 1990s, and recent proposals to "reform" immigration have all contained proposals to expand legal flows. Efforts to block entry have all dealt with undocumented migrants, or migrants who have overstayed their legal visas.

Although levels of legal entry into Europe have been roughly similar to those of the United States, the political opposition even to legal immigration has been strong, and has grown stronger during the past decade, as radical right political parties have achieved political breakthroughs. In contrast to the United States, countries in Europe have been politically sensitive to perceived challenges to their national identity, and, as Chebel d'Appollonia carefully notes, have taken action meant to deal with these challenges.

Despite these important differences, however, this book makes clear that the immigration-security nexus has been powerful on both sides of the Atlantic. The perceived threats to security may not be exactly the same in Europe and the United States, but the administrative and

legislative actions have had surprisingly similar rationales. Moreover, the impact in each case has also been similar.

The core of this book is really about the impact of securitization programs, both on the targeted groups and on their social and political incorporation. Instead of facilitating incorporation, securitization measures raise obstacles that often cannot be met, and therefore exacerbate the problem.

On the other hand, these measures tend to influence and shape patterns of immigrant/ethnic mobilization on both sides of the Atlantic. This is the most important part of the story in this book, since it involves, for the most part, those migrants who are now in fact European and American. The way that they integrate into the political system will be the other side of impact—the impact that immigrant populations have on electoral and more general political outcomes.

In this context, as Chebel d'Appollonia demonstrates in chapter four, securitization often has perverse effects. Rather than promoting deeper integration and social peace, these policies tend to promote greater ethnic identity and protest mobilization. In Europe, the impact appears to have deepened, rather than undermined multiculturalism, and politicized ethnic identities in important ways.

This is an important study. It both integrates a broad range of scholarly literature, and takes in new directions. I am very pleased that we have been able to publish it in the *Europe in Transition* series.

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