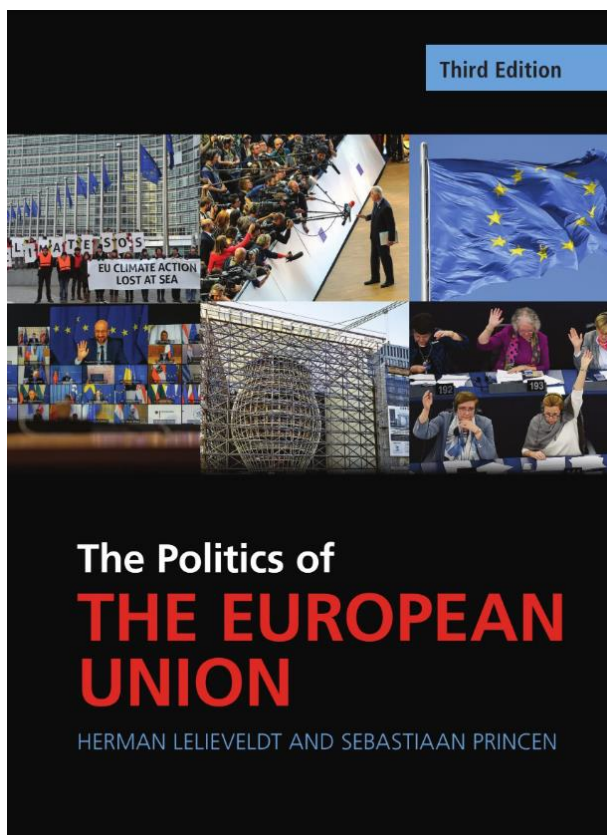


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This chapter outlines what types of decision the EU takes and how these decisions are adopted. This includes explanations of the Ordinary Legislative Procedure, special legislative procedures and the Open Method of Coordination, as well as the role of informal trilogues, the way qualified majority voting in the Council works and the subsidiarity check by national parliaments. In addition, the chapter discusses the role of differentiated integration in EU decision-making. Throughout the text, the chapter highlights the rationales behind different forms of EU decision-making. It argues that the EU's decision-making procedures seek to find a balance between competing objectives: fostering EU-wide approaches to issues, protecting the sovereignty of its member states and installing an element of democracy in the way decisions are made. If one understands the logic behind this balancing act, the complex and diverse world of legal instruments and decision-making procedures in the EU becomes much easier to navigate.

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