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The Challenge of Divergent Agendas

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In this book a broad range of specialists on the region analyze the challenge of divergent agendas both within and outside the EU. They look at how the EU's enlargement to include states on the Black Sea shore has brought about new external policies including the European Neighbourhood Policy, Black Sea Synergy and the Eastern Partnership, all representing subtly different aims and interests, and also examine regionalization, conflict resolution, security, relationships between the Black Sea's states and the vital issue of energy which has begun to dominate the discussion of the region.

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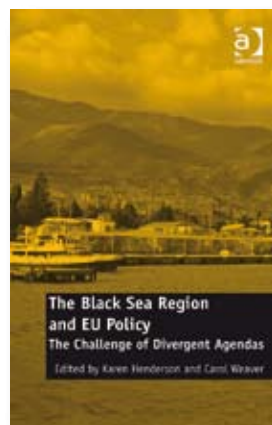
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