



Trans European Policy Studies Association Launches Book on Russia and the Future of Europe

TEPSA continues to provide excellent analysis of political attitudes and trends across the EU27 and beyond

BRUSSELS, 13/07/2022: The latest book in the “Future of Europe” series has just been published by Springer. The book, edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt, and featuring contributions from leading academics in the TEPSA Network and beyond, is published in the midst of Russia’s war of aggression in Ukraine and analyses national attitudes towards Russia.

The book provides different perspectives on the post-COVID future of the European project from authors in 41 European countries within and beyond the borders of the European Union. Paul Schmidt has referred to the ‘Future of Europe’ series **“A political travel guide, where authors from 41 European countries take you on a tour through the political diversity of Europe”**.

This book sheds light on how Member States and EU neighbours relate to Russia. It includes their historical, financial and political ties, as well as the public perception of the national population vis-à-vis Russia. Each chapter builds on these factors to elucidate the country’s position towards Russia and provides a prediction on the future of these relations. This volume shows the diverse relations that the EU member states and neighbours have with Russia, spanning from tense and confrontational to more eased and friendly, highlighting the contrasts between the national state and the EU as a whole.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on 24th February 2022 will change the relationship between the West and Putin’s Russia for decades to come. No doubt that this blatant violation of International Law and the incomprehensible human suffering of Ukrainian citizens will massively change the attitude of the countries analysed in this book.

The book includes a Foreword by the Vice-President of the European Parliament **Heidi Hautala**. The book presents the reader with concrete aspects in different policy areas, via recommendations on how single countries and the EU should deal with Russia.

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