

In the European Union, more integration and more responsibilities of the common institutions are needed, but no less needed are greater national differentiation and decentralization. Is it an impossible oxymoron? In this book the author brilliantly and persuasively demonstrates it is not.

GIULIANO AMATO | *Former Prime Minister of Italy, and Professor Emeritus, European University Institute*

No one better than Vivien Schmidt combines the analytical brilliance and empirical insights to reveal the fragile alchemy of EU legitimacy during the Eurozone crisis.

This book will undoubtedly become the bible for the study of European political economy and more broadly, of legitimacy beyond the state.

KALYPSO NICOLAÏDIS | *Professor of International Relations, Oxford University*

In a brilliant, theoretically innovative, and empirically comprehensive analysis, Vivien Schmidt diagnoses the malaise of the eurozone as a legitimacy crisis. Her highly original and convincing analysis emphasizes the coping strategies of “technical actors” who, by bending the rules in response, are in effect also undermining the “throughput legitimacy” of EU governing processes.

FRITZ W. SCHARPF | *Emeritus Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies*

Vivien Schmidt’s comprehensive analysis of the Euro Crisis focuses bright light on Europe’s crisis of legitimacy, where simply following the rules is not enough. The euro must also produce satisfactory outcomes. Citizens must feel adequately represented. Schmidt’s thoughtful proposals for EU reform point to a pathway for meeting these challenges.

BARRY EICHENGREEN | *Professor of Economics and Political Science, UC Berkeley*

When the source of legitimacy is outputs, and these turn negative as a result of ‘sticking to the rules,’ EU governors increasingly ‘reinterpreted the rules’ while proclaiming they were not doing so. But this only made publics question their legitimacy more. Vivien Schmidt explains this ‘slippery slope’ of declining legitimacy in the Eurozone crisis perfectly.

MARK BLYTH | *Professor of International Economics, Brown University*

VIVIEN A. SCHMIDT is Jean Monnet Professor of European Integration and Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Europe, Boston University.

Cover image: © FMGB Guggenheim Bilbao Museoa, Bilbao 2020. Photograph: Vivien A. Schmidt.

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

www.oup.com

ISBN 978-0-19-879706-7

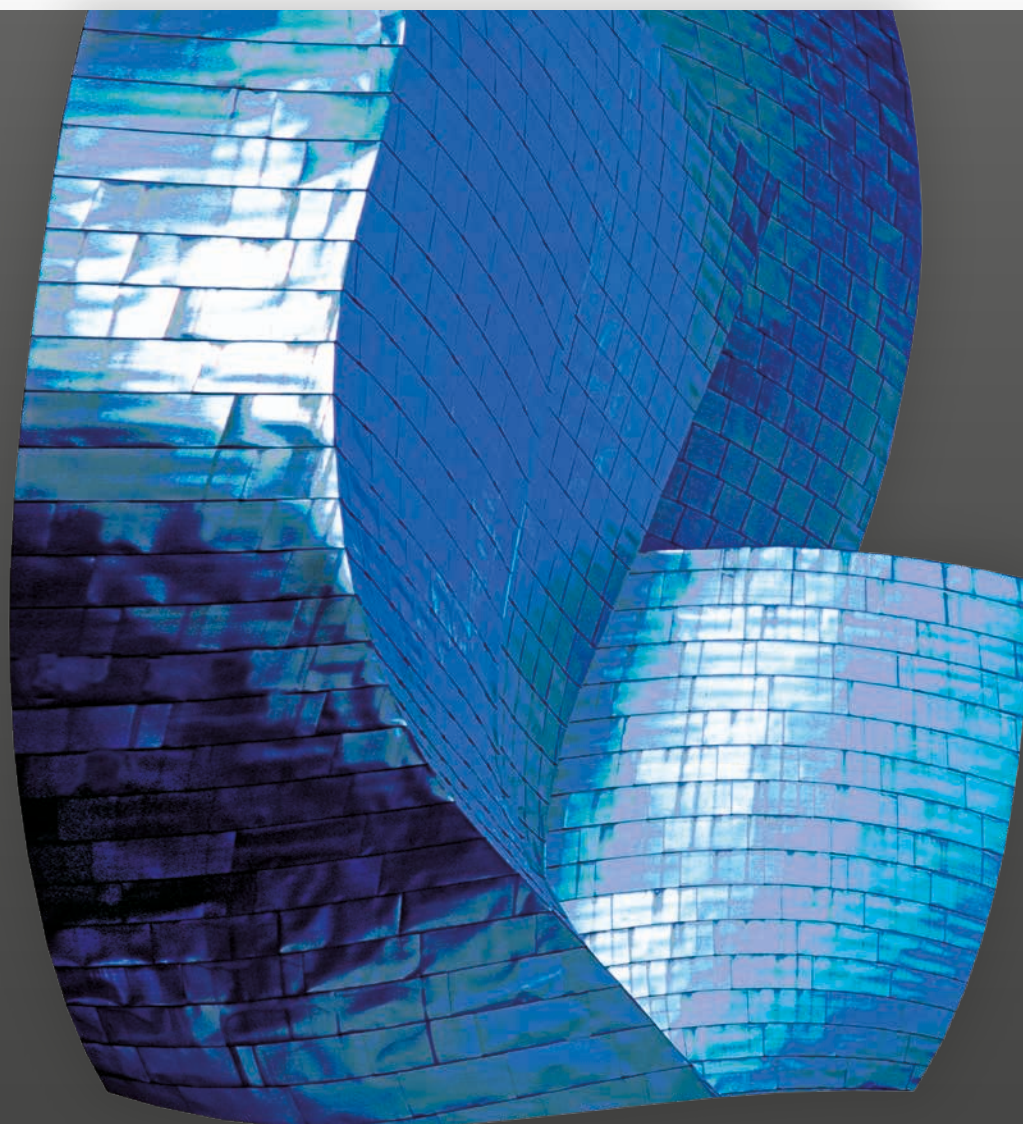


9 780198 797067

SCHMIDT

Europe's Crisis of LEGITIMACY

OXFORD



Europe's Crisis of LEGITIMACY

GOVERNING BY RULES
AND RULING BY NUMBERS
IN THE EUROZONE

VIVIEN A. SCHMIDT

OXFORD