



Decisionmaking in an enlarged European Union

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Discusses EU member state institutions that take their decisions either by unanimity or by qualified majority (about two-thirds)

This book discusses EU member state institutions that take all their decisions by unanimity (i.e., individual countries can and do hold all others hostage in order to extract concessions for their vote). On the other end of the spectrum are EU institutions that take most of their votes by so-called qualified majority. In this case, the former hostage holders can now simply be outvoted. Hence, the latter EU institutions could be a likely candidate for a practical solution to the unanimity-voting quagmire.

Readership

This book is intended for master's and doctoral students as reference material for their own research on the EU.

Key selling points

- Compares EU institutions based upon how they vote
- Compares (de)centralized EU policies
- Shows that decisionmaking process considerably slows down as the number of member states increases
- Examines all of them theoretically

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