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Alistair Cole, The Times Higher, December 2nd 2005

'The work will interest scholars and students of European Union Studies and International Relations.'

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'As an empirical study, this book has much to recommend it. Undergraduate students in particular will appreciate the detailed historical narrative which pulls together a lot of relevant material in a structured, logical format.'

Brian White, European Foreign Affairs Review Vol. 11, Issue 4

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What is the EU doing in its relationships with the rest of the world and to what effect? These are the questions that *The International Relations of the EU* tries to answer.

In an incisive and lively discussion, both the economic and security dimensions of the EU external relations are examined. The authors take an innovative combination of International Relations/International Political Economy approaches to the task. Their critical analysis of the EU across a range of its key international relationships provides new insights into its ambitions, strengths and weaknesses as an international actor.

Written in an engaging and accessible style, this book provides a refreshing alternative to the often more narrowly focused literature on the EU. Set against a backdrop of EU enlargement, disarray over the military intervention in Iraq and an evolving international system that poses it new challenges, *The International Relations of the EU* is a timely and important contribution to our understanding of the Union's role and impact in contemporary international relations.

The International Relations of the EU

is a key text on any course on international relations and especially for courses on the EU and its external relations.

Highlights

- Provides historical contextualisation of the EU's development as an international actor
- Analyses post-Cold War EC/EU competencies and reforms
- Examines the post-Cold War EU-US relationship
- Investigates the EU's contemporary external relations with its immediate neighbours
- Examines the EU's international relations in a global context
- Assesses strengths and weaknesses in the EU's external relations
- Highlights issues likely to affect the EU's future course as a global economic and security actor.

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