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The European Union (EU) remains a unique institutional system for transnational politics. No other international organization has obtained comparable regulative competences, and only in the process of European integration a specific structure for the joint exercise of national sovereignty has emerged. Its uniqueness is essentially reflected in the interdependence of supranational legislation and intergovernmental interest mediation. This interaction is particularly evident in the negotiation of the multiannual financial framework. Here, the EU and its member states not only define their political priority setting for the coming years, but also the degree of mutual solidarity among them for the strengthening of economic and social coherence. Because of the importance of the long-term financial planning, ambitious reform proposals have always been addressed for future multiannual financial frameworks. The present volume turns against those expectations from a theoretical and empirical perspective. It shows that the financial perspective over the past decades has developed a strongly path-dependent structure whose value lies precisely in realizing necessary changes in the context of institutional stability.

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