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Foreword

Nidhi Menon, Laurent Bélanger-Lowe, and Pierre Nouailletas-Baneth

For the past two years, Covid-19 has dominated political discourse, economic policymaking, and the human experiences of communities across the globe. In so doing, the pandemic has not only reignited dialogues on issues that are of critical importance to the European Union, but also exposed serious vulnerabilities in its political and economic systems.

While recovery efforts are focused on addressing the short-term economic damage caused by Covid-19, the EU must consider how this can be a pivotal moment that enables long-term change. The EU must address the evolving challenges of the global economic situation, certainly. But it must also tackle its vulnerabilities with transformative policies that can bring about a more sustainable, equitable, and successful Union.

Indeed, this period of uncertain economic recovery can become a critical juncture in the EU's history. It provides a window of opportunity for the EU to take on a more assertive role abroad and a more intentional approach at home, and in so doing lay the cornerstones for a better future. This collection of essays explores how Europe might lay these cornerstones.

Inaugurated by Arroyo Nieto's critical piece, the collection begins by considering the EU's 'foundational myth'—the post-war reconciliation between France and Germany—and where it leaves us today.

The need for a pan-European cultural dialogue that Arroyo Nieto concludes on is taken up by Bernoville, who examines the potential of Von der Leyen's New European Bauhaus initiative. Indeed, she proposes that the New Bauhaus can create a tangible narrative connecting European citizens on critical topics, particularly the transformational approach of the European Green Deal.

The collection's third piece digs deeper into the European Green Deal's promise, this time examining a seldom discussed and yet high-impact aspect of the deal. The EU's forest policy—currently in a watershed moment, Bayne argues—has the potential, if delivered correctly, to deliver both a win for climate mitigation and increased cohesion and cooperation between Member States.

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Yet no discussion of the European Green Deal could neglect the imperiled state of climate ambition in the face of today's geopolitical turmoil in Ukraine. Blair's piece assesses this present moment, taking Germany as a case study to propose forward-looking avenues for renewable energy investment in the EU.

Recognizing that the EU's climate ambition must transcend its own internal policies, Simintzis's piece builds on Blair's by examining how the EU can externalize its climate policies, and ensure that the so-called Brussels Effect actually does spur the adoption of EU standards abroad.

In pursuing this more muscular role overseas, the EU must carefully consider how it can leverage its allies to advance value-based outcomes. Evergreen's piece tackles this question by examining the implications of EU and US relations with China. A strong transatlantic bond, she concludes, is an indispensable aspect of a more global Europe.

At the same time, Europe's global role cannot be exclusively outward-looking. Indeed, the chaos caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has damaged the EU's brand. In her piece, Ghosh examines how the global community—and the EU in particular—has violated a central tenet of the global framework for refugees.

Thakker's piece supplements this view with a broader analysis of how the EU's migration policies have evolved during the course of the pandemic, concluding that the EU needs a more coherent approach.

This need for coherence, once again made clear during the EU's uneven Covid-19 response, is explored in greater detail by Asghar's piece. Exposing a severe lack of preparedness across countries and institutions, Ashgar proposes a way forward, a new framework for European crisis and disaster management.

A key aspect of this new framework is greater citizen inclusion, which is at once critical in creating rapid and effective response measures, and in ensuring their political and ethical legitimacy. The imperative to create a more genuinely inclusive way of engaging citizens—a motif throughout this collection—is tackled by its last piece, in which Wong outlines how Europe can design its cities for meaningful public participation that goes beyond the largely symbolic roles that currently exist for citizens. To do so, Europe must look beyond conventional ideas of empowerment and design its cities for trust; only then will the EU be able to bridge the gap between citizens and policymakers.

This is the very gap that we tirelessly work to narrow at European Horizons. We firmly believe in Europe's potential as a force for good, and want to harness the bold and innovative spirit of today's young transatlantic leaders—the catalyst we think is needed to drive meaningful change in

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an often intractable world. We hope this book will play its small part in helping European leaders conceptualize, design, and implement policy solutions that champion the aspirations and values of the European Union.

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