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International Populism: The Radical Right in the European Parliament

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Abstract:

The European Parliament elections five years ago were hailed as a “populist earthquake”, with parties like UKIP, the French Front National and the Danish People’s Party topping the polls in their respective countries.

But what happened afterwards? Which parliamentary groups did they form and why? Based on interviews conducted between 2014 and 2018 with senior figures from 14 parties, along with policy position and voting data, this book explains these parties’ international alliances.

It answers three key questions:

Why, unlike other ideological party types, have radical right populists long been divided at European level? Why, although divisions persist, are many of them now more united than ever? And what do their international actions mean for our understanding of the European populist radical right today?

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