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The volume reviewed here titled *European Security and Stability in a Complex Global Order – The Case of Neighbourhood Policy* is the first in a series of monographs devoted to questions of values, stability and economic prosperity of the European Union (EU) that will be published by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the Warsaw School of Economics (WSE) over the next few years. The objective of the series is to promote the mission of the WSE Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. That mission is consistent with boosting excellence in research, teaching and learning, and building synergies among researchers, academics and experts from the WSE and other institutions in Poland and abroad. The volume reviewed mirrors the mission and

objectives of the WSE Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. It is representative of research drawing from various disciplines and geared toward enhancing the debate on European Studies in terms of research and teaching. The book at hand offers a detailed insight into questions of stability and security of the EU, with special emphasis placed on Eastern Partnership, the EU Trade and Investment Policy, and EU's external relations.

The EU plays a central role in the global economic and political relations, continuously developing its relations with third countries, organisations and groupings. The intensification of economic processes is facilitated by the ongoing process of globalisation, as well as by the growing importance of international groupings, which aim at strengthening their position in the global economy and, in this way, at widening their spheres of influence. This is how international groupings influence the global configuration of power, as well as the correlations and transformations occurring within it. The abovementioned factors result in the ongoing transformation of the EU. The EU institutions continually undertake actions to ensure stability and European security in the increasingly complex global setting. In the present economic, political and social climate, both on a global and a regional scale, the issues of the EU's security and stability require attention.

The volume reviewed here consists of 18 chapters divided into four thematic parts, titled respectively:

- The concept of European integration and the role of the EU in the global order
- The European Neighbourhood Policy: A Need for Evolution or Revolution
- EU Trade & Investment Policy: Engine for Growth and Job Creation? The Economic Effects of New FTAs Generation – How to Assess Their Effects?
- The EU External Policy at a Crossroads: Facing New Challenges and Threats from the East and Mediterranean Region.

Part 1 of the book discusses the diversification of the European integration process and the importance of the EU as a global partner, indicating the actions taken up towards the least developed countries. Part two, focuses on the association agreements concluded with Georgia, Moldavia and Ukraine. Particular attention is paid to threats and opportunities resulting from the transformation of the countries of

the Eastern Partnership. Part 3 takes up the subject of non-trade effects of free trade agreements concluded with countries of Eastern Partnership and discusses the trade and investment policies being carried out in the countries of the Visegrad group. Moreover, it indicates the connections between the EU and China within the multilateral system of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The authors also deliberate on the development of the presently existing EU trade relations with the Mercosur countries and Russia, as well as the integration processes taking place in Africa. Part 4 of the volume is devoted to the EU's relations with the Mediterranean region and in the EU's eastern neighbourhood. Here, substantial part of the discussion addresses the question of Turkish foreign policy in context of Turkey's aspirations to join the EU.

It needs to be emphasised that the authors of the publication are renowned representatives of Polish and international academic circles, as well as young researchers whose academic achievements are enhanced by means of actions undertaken in the WSE Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. The multidimensional and interdisciplinary approach to topics and issues discussed in the book have to be stressed. Indeed, the publication allows the reader to acquire a comprehensive view on the European integration processes and factors conditioning its dynamics in the 21st century. As such, the volume reviewed here will be of interest of a broader audience interested in understanding what the EU is and how it functions. Moreover, the scope of topics covered in the book as well as approachable way of presenting the content, makes it a very useful teaching material in undergraduate and graduate education.