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What is the role of the European Union (EU) in dealing with crises that go beyond the nation states' borders, caused, for example, by terrorism, cyber attacks, regional conflicts, state failure, organised crime, natural and man-made disasters?

The authors assess what they deem the EU's main challenge: the need to operate in a multidimensional setting with a wide range of actors, such as member states, national and international NGOs, international organisations (particularly NATO and the UN), as well as a wide range of activities, rules and norms, which these diverse crises generate.

The book aims at assessing the current theoretical debate on the EU's ability to cope with increasingly transboundary challenges (terrorism, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, regional conflicts, state failure, organised crime, natural and man-made disasters); offering an in-depth analysis of sub-policies (crisis management and resilience; formal/informal institution-building); providing an empirical evaluation through case studies.

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