A new kind of historic transformation is underway in twenty-first-century Europe. Twentieth-century Europeans were no strangers to social, economic, and political change, but their major challenges focused mainly on the intra-European construction of stable, prosperous, capitalist democracies. Today, by contrast, one of the major challenges is flows across borders – and particularly in-flows of non-European people. Immigration and minority integration consistently occupy the headlines. The issues which rival immigration – unemployment, crime, terrorism – are often presented by politicians as its negative secondary effects. Immigration is also intimately connected to the profound challenges of demographic change, economic growth and welfare-state reform. Both academic observers and the European public are increasingly convinced that Europe’s future will largely turn on how it admits and integrates non-Europeans. This book is a comprehensive stocktaking of the contemporary situation and its policy implications.

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