Territorial disputes and irredentist disputes are very prone to escalation and very difficult to resolve. Since the end of the Second World War, however, European states have tended to resolve their irredentist disputes peacefully. Markus Kornprobst argues that this pattern has arisen due to the emergence of a territorial status quo norm in the region. A study of all territorial claims made in Europe since 1848 and in the world since 1945 provides the background for detailed examinations of German and Irish irredentism, through which the author traces the development of the territorial status quo norm based on argumentation and compromise. Developing new theoretical and methodological tools to study norm selection, this book will be of interest to scholars and students of international relations, nationalism and European studies.

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Irredentism in European Politics

Argumentation, Compromise and Norms

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Für meine Eltern
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Abbreviations

AUD  Aktionsgemeinschaft Unabhängiger Deutscher (Activist Movement of Independent Germans)
BP  Bayernpartei (Bavarian Party)
CDU  Christlich Demokratische Union (Christian Democratic Union)
CnaP  Clann na Poblachta (Family of the Republic)
CPSU  Communist Party of the Soviet Union
CSU  Christlich Soziale Union (Christian Social Union)
DKP  Deutsche Kommunistische Partei (German Communist Party)
DL  Democratic Left
DP  Deutsche Partei (German Party)
DRP  Deutsche Reichspartei (German Empire Party)
EC  European Community
EEC  European Economic Community
EU  European Union
FDP  Freie Demokratische Partei (Liberal-democratic Party)
FF  Fianna Fáil (Soldiers of Destiny)
FG  Fine Gael (Gaelic Nation)
FRG  Federal Republic of Germany (Bundesrepublik Deutschland)
GDR  German Democratic Republic (Deutsche Demokratische Republik)
ICEM  Irish Council of the European Movement
IFF  Independent Fianna Fáil (Soldiers of Destiny)
IMS  Irish Marketing Surveys
IND  Independent Deputy
IRA  Irish Republican Army
KPD  Kommunistische Partei Deutschlands (Communist Party of Germany)
LB  Labour Party
MRBI  Market Research Bureau of Ireland
NATO  North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
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<td>SPD</td>
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<td>WAV</td>
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