Imagining Europe
Myth, Memory, and Identity

In *Imagining Europe*, Chiara Bottici and Benoît Challand explore the formation of modern European identity. Europe has not always been there, although we have been imagining it for quite some time. Even after the birth of a polity called the European Union, the meaning of “Europe” remained a contested topic. What is Europe? What are its boundaries? Is there a specific European identity or is the EU just the name for a group of institutions? This book answers these questions, showing that, in Europe’s formation, myth and memory, although distinct, are often merged in a common attempt to construct an identity for its present and future. In a time when Europe is facing an existential crisis, when its meaning is being questioned, *Imagining Europe* explores a vital and often unacknowledged aspect of the European project.

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Abbreviations

EC European Community
ECSC European Coal and Steel Community
EDC European Defense Community
EEC European Economic Community
EU European Union
GEI Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research
UN United Nations
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