The European Commission and Bureaucratic Autonomy

The European Commission is one of the most powerful bureaucracies in the world, affecting the lives of 500 million Europeans. In the past two decades, the Commission has found itself on the defensive as its political masters have sought to tame its authority. This book examines the struggle of the bureaucracy to sustain its autonomy from its political overseers. Using a survey of nearly 200 top officials of the Commission, this book disentangles the complexity of this organization and makes a contribution to the study of international bureaucracies.

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