

Series editors' preface

We are very pleased to include 'Post-Truth Politics, Migration and Border Security: Analyzing Political Discourses in the EU', under the editorship of Karolina Czerska-Shaw and Maciej Stępa, in Routledge's 'Current Debates in European Integration' book series.

We see the present volume as offering a degree of continuity to some of our earlier books that we co-edited and in which a few reflections on how to tackle irregular migration and disinformation, respectively, were provided.

In 2017, with Weatherburn, we argued, *inter alia*, for a visionary governance and management of migration, and a debate thereon carried out in moderation.¹ Harpviken added that dealing with migration requires 'intellectual and ethical honesty'.²

In 2024, one of us (E.K.) co-edited a book on the irregular migration crisis at the EU-Belarus border (started in 2021). In it, *inter alia*, Moraczewska – acknowledging that migratory flows are destined to persist and intensify, causing crises – reiterated that a democracy's 'ability to define and respond to crises is now more important than ever', yet the 'need for urgent decision-making should not mean hasty, ill-considered decisions'.³

Meanwhile, in 2020, with Terzis and Trottier, we argued, *inter alia*, that the efforts thus far to combat disinformation have been rather insufficient, and more is needed while preserving the values and principles on which a democracy has been built.⁴

In 2026, Czerska-Shaw and Stępa's edited volume adds another layer to the ongoing debates. Based on the argumentative discourse analysis of debates in national parliaments of several Member States of the European Union and in the European Parliament, it offers a few suggestions as to dealing with post-truth, drawn from the context of migration (crises). The editors conclude that the resilience to post-truth is 'neither accidental nor evenly distributed', but rather 'rests on the interplay of the quality of particular political configurations, institutional settings, and discursive conventions'.⁵

This volume offers yet another powerful lens for understanding the state of democracy today. It further contributes to the ongoing debates on the resilience of democracy and safeguarding the very foundations of the European integration project.

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¹ Elżbieta Kuźelewska, Amy Weatherburn and Dariusz Kloza, 'Introduction: Asking Big Questions: Migrants *Ante Portas* and What to Do with Them?' in Elżbieta Kuźelewska, Amy Weatherburn and Dariusz Kloza (eds), *Irregular Migration as a Challenge for Democracy* (Intersentia 2018), pp. xlv-xlv.

² Kristian Berg Harpviken, 'Foreword: European Responses to Immigration – and Its Critics: Democratic Dilemmas' in Elżbieta Kuźelewska, Amy Weatherburn and Dariusz Kloza (eds), *Irregular Migration as a Challenge for Democracy* (Intersentia 2018), p. v.

³ Anna Moraczewska, 'Crisis Management at the EU's External Borders in the Face of Migratory Pressures' in Elżbieta Kuźelewska, Agnieszka Kasińska-Metryka, Karolina Pałka-Suchojad and Agnieszka Piekutowska (eds), *Geopolitical and Humanitarian Aspects of the Belarus–EU Border Conflict* (Routledge 2024), pp. 47, 58.

⁴ Georgios Terzis, Dariusz Kloza, Elżbieta Kuźelewska and Daniel Trottier, 'Introduction: "They All Hear 'Ping' at the Same Time"' in Georgios Terzis, Dariusz Kloza, Elżbieta Kuźelewska and Daniel Trottier (eds), *Disinformation and Digital Media as a Challenge for Democracy* (Intersentia 2020), pp. xxx-xxxi.

⁵ Conclusions, in this volume.

⁶ This preface contains solely my personal views and not those of any organisation I may be affiliated with.