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the launch of a new book by

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**The Europeanization of
Environmental Policy in the New
Europe
Beyond Conditionality**

*An up-to-date account of how post-communist member states have
handled policy initiatives in the field of environmental policy after
accession.*

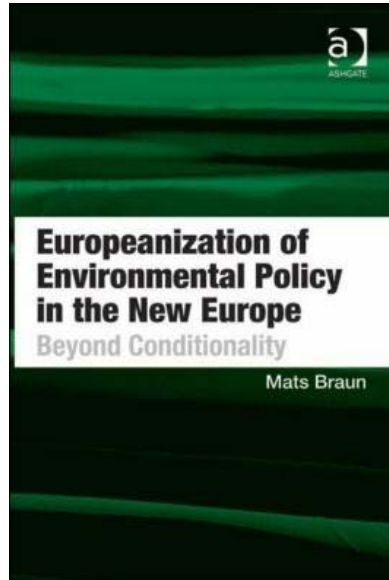
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Prior to the European Union's (EU) 2004/2007 enlargement there were several predictions that this event would hamper progressive decision-making within the EU on environmental policy. It was believed that the new member states had adopted EU rules as a consequence of the EU's conditionality and consequently they would rather slow down the reform speed in the field after accession.

Using detailed case studies of how Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland and Romania dealt with two different EU policy initiatives - REACH and the Climate-Energy Package - Mats Braun explores whether social norms and the process of socialization can help us understand why the track record of the new member states in the area of environmental policy is more varied than was originally envisaged prior to enlargement.

'The European Union has often been considered to be a global environmental champion promoting the diffusion of norms such as ecological modernization, sustainable development or the precautionary principle. But the accession of the ten Eastern European states has increased the heterogeneity within the EU, making common agreements on shared norms ever more difficult. Based on impeccable methodological underpinnings that connect the EU's ability to norm diffusion and domestic contexts, Mats Braun's book is the first one to show how the new member states are successfully socialized into EU decision-making – and the problems that remain. This will be a crucial reading for both scholars and practitioners interested in the transformative power of Europe, its impact on Central and Eastern European Member states, and the future of the EU's green agenda.'

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