



## **European Socio Economic Integration: Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons Learned**

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The volume comprises from two main parts. The book consists of nine main chapters. Part 1 is devoted to economic integration, macroeconomic issues, the problems and the process of economic integration. The chapters in this part contain theoretical and empirical analyses of economic integration, the European Union and the integration process. Part 2 investigates the social policy and integration process and deals with institutional matters and the policies of integration, the challenges for an integrated Europe, with emphasis on social policy, the welfare state and political reforms.

The book argues that national or regional economic development depends mainly on technical change, social and human capital and knowledge creation and diffusion. The book is intended to provide a basic understanding of the current issues and the problems of knowledge economy, technical change, and innovation activities; the book also examines many aspects and consequences of regional integration that are obscure or yet to be explored. In particular, with its wide range of topics, methodologies and perspectives, the book offers stimulating and wide-ranging analyses that will be of interest to students, economic theorists, policy makers, as well as the informed general reader.

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