Informal Governance in the European Union

Kleine, Mareike

Published by Cornell University Press

Kleine, Mareike.


For additional information about this book
https://muse.jhu.edu/book/27320
I thought about whom to thank in my book’s acknowledgment even before I wrote its first sentence. Now that I am finally putting this virtual list into writing I realize that it has become a great deal longer. In writing a book, you accumulate many debts over time.

Andy Moravcsik has been a fantastic mentor throughout the years. Most important, I could always rely on the fact that he would come through for me, even under difficult circumstances, when I really needed his advice and support. Furthermore, while sitting in front of Andy’s office waiting for him to show up to our appointment, I realized how very lucky I was to have such a relentless adviser who constantly challenged me to improve what I had written and who believed in my ability to surpass myself. Andy taught me to question conventional wisdom, to be diligent in my argumentation, never to lose sight of the big picture, but also, and perhaps more important, not to take certain things more seriously than they really are. I am lucky to call him my mentor. I am proud to call him my friend.

Writing a book can be nerve-racking and not only for the person writing it. Thomas Risse, my adviser in Berlin, probably incurred the highest toll. Thomas guided me through the stage of early confusion, offered frank feedback on multiple outlines of this project, and endured my stubbornness and occasional imper- tinence. Nothing I accomplished would have been possible without his long-standing support, from my first undergraduate paper until the defense of my doctoral thesis. For all this, I am truly grateful.

I am also heavily indebted to Bob Keohane. His extraordinary accomplishments as a scholar are widely known, and I am but one of many students to praise his brilliant advice and extraordinary support. However, I believe that Bob has had the greatest impact on my scholarship and on me as a person simply by being a role model as a human being and an academic of integrity. I hope I will be able to follow his stellar example and become such a genuine person devoted to the pure pursuit of knowledge.

Three reviewers for Cornell University Press offered extraordinarily thoughtful and detailed comments. Ironically, the most disapproving among them turned out to be especially helpful, because the review revealed where my argument would be misunderstood or even misconstrued. I would like to thank him or her for the opportunity to make this book more accessible and, hopefully, even more convincing.
Many more people offered invaluable comments and advice over the years. Mark Pollack gave me extremely insightful comments at several stages and on several parts of the manuscript as well as much-appreciated moral support. Jessica Green commented on countless versions of introductions, theory chapters, and case studies. Will Phelan read almost the entire manuscript and offered very detailed and helpful feedback. So did, at various stages of this work, Damian Chalmers, Marco Dani, Jeff Frieden, Todd Hall, Tobias Heider, Barbara Koremenos, Christina Schneider, Duncan Snidal, Randy Stone, Jonas Tallberg, Johannes Urpelainen, and Cornelia Woll.

At Princeton, Sarah Bush, Jeff Colgan, Christina Davis, Tom Hale, Marina Henke, David Hsu, Soo Yeon Kim, Helen Milner, Sophie Meunier, and the participants of the Graduate Research Seminar in International Relations offered excellent feedback on my work. In Berlin, Tanja Börzel, Ingo Peters, Carina Sprungk, and Michael Zürn offered thoughtful advice. Sara Hagemann, Simon Hix, and Helen Wallace at the London School of Economics also had excellent suggestions for various parts of the manuscript. At Harvard, I received feedback, among many others, from Peter Hall, Jane Mansbridge, and Kathleen Thelen. I also thank the audiences of seminars at Cambridge University, Harvard University, the London School of Economics, Oxford University, Princeton University, Temple University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of Rochester, the University of Toronto, and the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin for thought-provoking questions.

The following institutions and people offered institutional support: my former colleagues at the Arbeitsstelle für Transnationale Beziehungen, Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik; Matthias Jopp and my former colleagues at the Institut für Europäische Politik; Wolfgang Wessels and his colleagues at the University of Cologne; Paul Magnette at the Institut d’Études Européennes at Université Libre de Bruxelles; Trisha Craig and her colleagues at the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies; the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance; the staff of archives and libraries in Berlin, Brussels, Harvard, Florence, Koblenz, London, Princeton, and The Hague; and my interview partners in Brussels, Berlin, and other parts of the world. I received financial support from the German Academic Exchange Service, the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies, Princeton University’s Graduate School, Harvard’s Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, the American Political Science Association, the Suntory and Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines at the LSE, and the EU’s sixth framework program for research.

Portions of chapters 4, 6, 7, and 8 were previously published in “Knowing Your Limits: Informal Governance and Judgment in the EU,” Review of International Organizations 8, no. 2 (2013): 245–64, © Springer, reprinted with kind permission from Springer Science+Business Media.
Roger Haydon at Cornell University Press has been extraordinarily helpful and supportive of the book project from the outset. Jan Böckstiegel, Aisling Bolger, Mary Noble, Susan Philand, John Raymond, Susan Specter, and Victoria Volossov offered excellent research assistance and editorial advice.

More important than the intellectual and institutional support is the moral support I received from the wonderful friends I made in Hesse, Berlin, Brussels, Princeton, London, and Cambridge. Above all, my sister Adelheid and my brother Christian always supported my ventures and sought to give me the stability that we had lost so early in our life. Our parents would be very proud. The book is dedicated to their memory.
INFORMAL GOVERNANCE
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION