

## The Challenges of Pluriculturalism in Europe

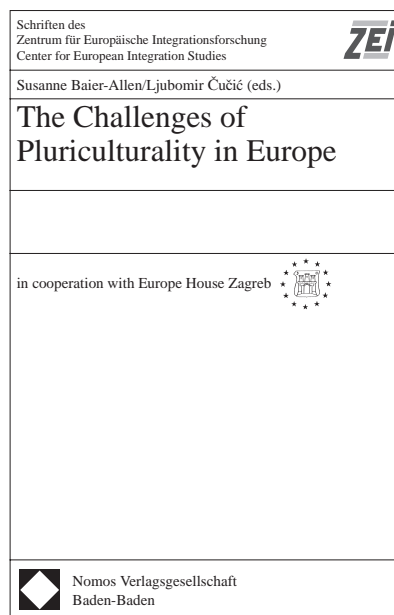
European integration has primarily been driven by rational thinking and a functional dynamic. In this process of uniting Europe politically and economically the question of how this unity can be sustained beyond functionalism has gained increasing importance given the cultural diversity of an enlarging Europe.

The authors assembled in this volume are addressing this question from the perspective of EU member states, aspiring member countries, and European organisations. The common thread that runs throughout this book is the recognition that the unity of Europe does not lie simply in the further deepening of existing structures, but in the diversity of identities and cultural pluralism.

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