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EU foreign policy in the Southern Mediterranean aims at fostering prosperity, stability, and democratic reform, based on a consensus with the Arab partner countries in the region. In the Barcelona Declaration of 1995 and in various documents of the European Neighbourhood Policy both parties have formulated common objectives and established mechanisms to ensure their sound implementation. To achieve these ambitious interests there is a wide-spread consensus in academics and politics that a comprehensive socio-economic development and eventually democratic reform in the authoritarian strip of the Southern Mediterranean are essential preconditions. However, are the established strategies and instruments on the ground sufficient for the EU to implement this diverse agenda together with its partners in the South? Focusing this core question the book aims at analyzing the genesis and results of EU-Egyptian cooperation since 1995 in the context of Egypt's political, economic, and social reform process.

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