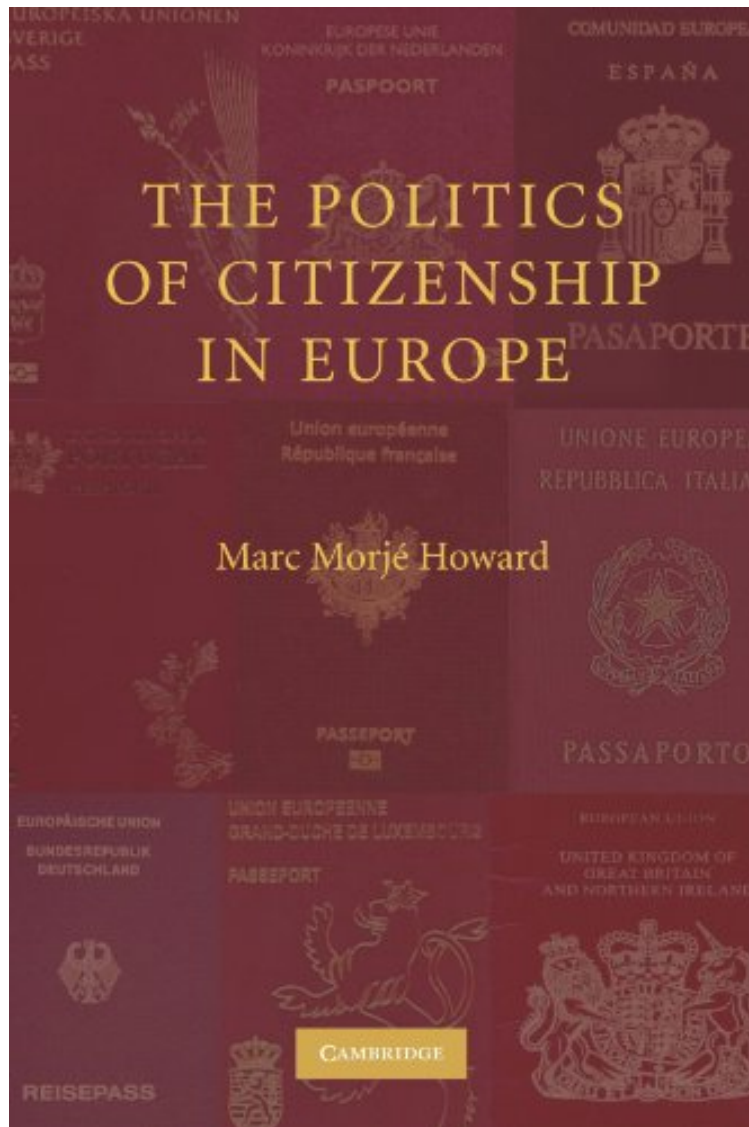


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Marc Morj Howard : The Politics of Citizenship in Europe before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Politics of Citizenship in Europe:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Resource for Third-Country Nationals in the EU By CustomerAs a third-country national living in the EU, I found Howard's book fascinating. It provided some much appreciated context around citizenship in EU countries - the history, the politics and how the requirements have changed over time (often for reasons that I found rather startling). The book is well organized with a good overview of citizenship in Europe and the impact of certain historical trends like colonialism and gradual democratization. In Part

It goes into more detail with country profiles (Liberal versus Restrictive EU countries and those in between). Anyone considering becoming a naturalized EU citizen will find this an excellent resource. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book. If you're interested in immigration policies in Europe or in citizenship policies in general, this is definitely a must-read. After reading this book, you'll have a general view of the citizenship policies in the EU, as well as the factors that have shaped them. Clear exposition of all the information and solid arguments. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Winner of 2010 ENMISA Distinguished Book Award. By LittleTank "The ENMISA Best Book Award committee is delighted to recognize Marc Morj Howard's *The Politics of Citizenship in Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 2009) ... as ENMISA 2010 Distinguished Book(s). Howard investigates why some European countries have significantly liberalized their citizenship laws over the last decade whereas others have not. Combining medium-N quantitative analysis with fifteen in-depth case studies, Marc Howard develops a novel measure of citizenship liberalism—the Citizenship Policy Index—which he uses to demonstrate that a country's history of colonialism, the timing of its democratization, and the mobilizational capacity of its right-wing parties best explain the differences in citizenship policies across European countries and over time." (From [...]) Howard is on to a strong conceptual Index, and an intriguing argument on citizenship rights in Europe. This book is accessible, and a great read on a subject that is growing in importance daily (especially in the EU member states).

In this book, Marc Morj Howard addresses immigrant integration, one of the most critical challenges facing European countries today, the resolution of which will in large part depend on how foreigners can become citizens. Howard's research shows that despite remarkable convergence in their economic, judicial, and social policies, the countries of the European Union still maintain very different definitions of citizenship. Based on an innovative measure of national citizenship policies, the book accounts for both historical variation and contemporary change. Howard's historical explanation highlights the legacies of colonialism and early democratization, which unintentionally created relatively inclusive citizenship regimes. The contemporary analysis explores why some of the more restrictive countries have liberalized in recent decades, whereas others have not. Howard's argument focuses on the politics of citizenship, showing in particular how anti-immigrant public opinion - when activated politically, usually by far right movements or public referenda - can block the liberalizing tendencies of political elites. Overall, the book shows the far-reaching implications of this growing and volatile issue.

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