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The Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) sector is an area of European legislation that has been most affected by changes in the last decades, both in content and in form; and is also one of the most discussed and criticized parts of EU law in recent years. Take, for instance, the topics of immigration (both within and outside EU borders) and asylum, which this book primarily deals with. The book traces the histories of these topics, from the intergovernmental method to the current generalized application of the ordinary legislative procedure, which involves the roles of the Commission, Parliament and Council, and the results of which can also be subjected to the judgement of the Court of Justice. The book also analyzes the changing objectives of the related legislation, from giving common minimum standards to providing a uniform system, the consequent modification of the rules, and the improvement of their binding effect. The problems, as known, are concentrated above all in this phase, which still today seeks to achieve sufficient efficacy and to remedy its internal dysfunctions. The book is as detailed and exhaustive as possible in reconstructing the relevant discipline. Its clear, ordered sections make it easier for readers to comprehend the dense information, and reduce the risk of confusion. The introduction also gives some analysis guidelines, which are then followed in all the sections and are very useful in understanding the content, in a way that goes beyond the literal and formal data.

The author, despite the very accurate didactic and scientific narration, does not fail to draw a conclusive judgement. His constant effort to never deviate from facts and data also makes the reader participate in the conclusions of the author, as he knows the assumptions of reasoning.

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