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French national parliamentarians have adapted differently to the EU. Far

beyond the sole scrutiny of European draft legislation, the book provides a comprehensive map of this changing environment. It supports the view that the process has been driven by the search for day-to-day emotional gratifications rather than utilitarian strategies. Olivier Rozenberg is Associate Professor at the Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, Paris, France. He has coedited books on parliamentary roles and questions, national parliaments, and parliamentary studies more generally.