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Sommario/riassunto	On January 1 1995, Austria and Sweden joined the European Union (EU). This book examines why these two countries joined at such a moment and studies their accession against the structural background of globalization. In this cutting-edge analysis, Andreas Bieler argues that conventional neo-functional and intergovernmentalist theories fail to explain such structural change as they take existing power

structures as given. Therefore, he develops a neo-Gramscian perspective as an alternative approach to European integration.

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