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neglected and misunderstood subject in International Relations (IR)

theory and politics. By rethinking neutrality through constructivism, this book argues that neutrality is intrinsically linked to identity. Using Sweden as a case study, it lin