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Sommario/riassunto	"In 1992, when Yugoslavia was on the point of disintegration, the Badinter Commission recommended that the issue of its boundaries be resolved according to the principle of uti possidetis: the internal boundaries dividing the former Yugoslav Republics should automatically become the international boundaries of the new states." "In Determining Boundaries in a Conflicted World Suzanne Lalonde examines the origins of the uti possidetis principle, its evolution and colonial roots as well as more recent applications, to determine whether it merits the overriding importance now attributed to it. She argues that nothing justifies conferring such a binding status on the principle and that the uti possidetis applied in Yugoslavia was an entirely new version that can derive no legitimacy from colonial precedents. While the doctrine may have considerably utility in some cases, it is only one principle among many that must be considered if future disputes are to be resolved so as to promote long term peace

and stability. Lalonde sounds a cautionary note, showing that the idea that *uti possidetis* provides a one-size-fits-all, legally incontestable solution to all territorial disputes is an illusion."--Jacket
