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Abstract

The EU counter-terrorism policy is an example of differentiated integration with horizontal and vertical differentiation that can be analyzed with differentiated integration theory. Given the high importance of securing EU citizens' lives and given the uniform integration in other policy fields, this thesis investigates why the counter-terrorism field has not been integrated yet. The method used is a case study of the entire field within the framework of a convergence analysis of differentiated integration theory. The theory suggests that high and asymmetric politicization, asymmetrical interdependence, low preference convergence and weak supranational actors lead to differentiated integration in this field. The analysis can only partly confirm this theory. Politicization is influential but the causal mechanism needs to be specified. The other factors preference convergence, interdependence and supranational actors widely act as expected. Other results of the thesis are that differentiated integration theory is applicable to the field if other factors such as the legal dimension or practitioners preferences are included. However, the thesis also showed that an analysis using differentiated integration theory in this field should center on each specific integration project.

Keywords

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