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Fascism, Liberalism and Europeanism in the Political Thought of Bertrand de Jouvenel and Alfred Fabre-Luce

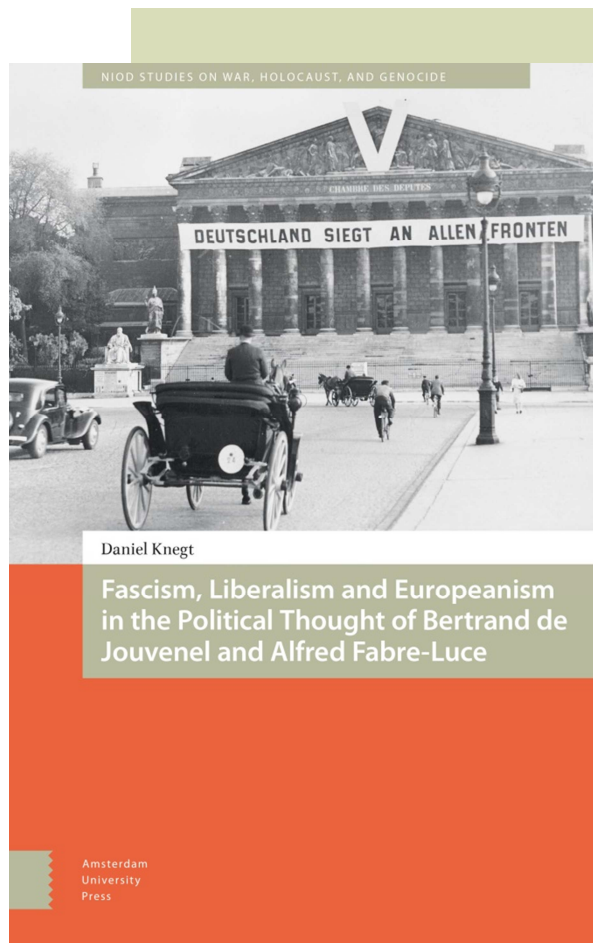
Despite the recent rise in studies that approach fascism as a transnational phenomenon, the links between fascism and internationalist intellectual currents have only received scant attention. This book explores the political thought of Bertrand de Jouvenel and Alfred Fabre-Luce, two French intellectuals, journalists and political writers who, from 1930 to the mid-1950s, moved between liberalism, fascism and Europeanism. Daniel Knegt argues that their longing for a united Europe was the driving force behind this ideological transformation and that we can see in their thought the earliest stages of what would become neoliberalism.

"This is an intellectual history of the highest order by a genuine scholar who provides a powerful case study in the turbulent ideological dynamics of fascism which should interest all those interested in fascism as a project not of reaction and anti-modernism, but of national and social transformation and renewal, of creating an alternative modernity. It is also a remarkable case study in the bad faith and moral cowardice that forces individuals to redact their own past once they survive into a liberal age."

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"This is a thoughtful, well-written monograph on the lives and political activities of Bertrand de Jouvenel and Alfred Fabre-Luce."

Constantin Iordachi, professor of history at the Central European University, Budapest



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