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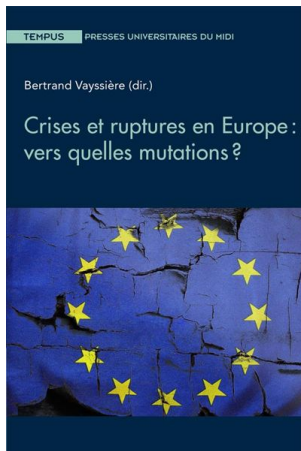
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## **"Crises et ruptures en Europe : vers quelles mutations ?" Edited by Bertrand Vayssière, with the contribution of the IRDEIC.**

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'Crises and breakdowns in Europe: what changes are next?' collects the presentations of the conference 'Use and representations of crises in Europe', Amphis de l'Europe [Lectures on Europe] series, IRDEIC.



With the many consequences of the profound crises faced by Europe today (sovereign debt, euro, migration, borders, values, environment, etc.), terrorist attacks on French soil have sharpened the questions on the legality of emergency powers and the tensions between freedoms and security.

The Brexit discourse that was endorsed by the 23 June 2016 referendum was a veritable wake-up call. The idea of a break-up had been until that moment unthinkable within the European Union since the interdependence woven by the European project seemed to have brushed aside such secessionist pipe dreams. For the world, the EU is in crisis. But what does this mean exactly? Is the EU in decline or finding a new starting point? Different specialists in humanities have weighed in on these questions to attempt to answer them using their different fields of expertise to explore different periods and domains.

Those answers will enable the reader to find a foothold in the many debates raging today in Europe and the take a critical look at the phenomenon of the crisis, which is perhaps now a caricature of itself because constantly used to describe the union.

Presentations of the conference '[Use and representations of crises in Europe](#)', Lectures on Europe conference, IRDEIC

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