



# Football Hooliganism in Europe Security and Civil Liberties in the Balance

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In this first EU-wide study of the way football hooliganism has been defined by academics, law makers, law enforcers and the media since the 1960s, Anastassia Tsoukala seeks to unravel the political and security issues at play in the development of counter-hooliganism policies in Europe. Tsoukala analyses the impact that changes within the European security field have had on the regulation and policing of hooliganism, at both national and EU level, and reveals the interaction between all actors involved in controlling football hooliganism, as well as a gradual institutionalized erosion of civil liberties that has been legitimized as an ongoing feature of democratic legal systems through broad social consensus.

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