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After the Second World War, the international migration regime in Europe took a course different from the global migration regime and the migration regimes in other regions of the world. The free movement of people within the European Union, European citizenship, and the Schengen agreements in their internal and external dimensions are unique at the global level for the openness they create within Europe and for the closure they produce towards migrants from outside Europe. On the basis of relevant national and international archives, this book explains how German geopolitical and geo-economic strategies during the Cold War shaped the openness of that original regime. *The History of the European Migration Regime* explains how the regime was instrumental for Germany to create a stable international order in Western Europe after the war, conducive to German reunification, the rollback of Russian influence from Central Europe, and German economic expansion. The book embraces a large time frame, mostly between 1947 and 1992, and deals with all types of migration between and towards European countries: the movements of unskilled labourers, skilled professionals, and self-employed workers, along with the migrants' family members, examining both their access to economic activity and their social and political rights.

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