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Abstract

The paper aims at highlighting the EU policy towards Ukraine and Belarus. Both countries are included in the European Neighbourhood Policy but they have undertaken different path of development and they show a diverse attitude towards the EU. How the EU interact with them? What are the political resources and rewards it counts on for “Europeanising” the two countries. How can the EU democratise and stabilise them without prospecting accession? Furthermore in which way the EU can influence a country such as Belarus unwilling to look Westwards? The chapter also surveys the Ukrainian and Belarusian – EU relations in light of the legacies of Russian rule and current leverage.