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Abstract

The paper will deal first with a brief review of the political economy of Mediterranean countries which are not members in the European Union. It will proceed with an economic analysis of their relations with the European Union since the 1960s. Among other subjects, special focus will be laid in exploring the effects of the different EU Enlargements (such as the entry of Spain in the EU). A particular emphasis will be put on analyzing the effects of economic incentives, conditionality and reciprocity built-in in the most recent policies adopted, such as the "Euro-Med Partnership"(EMP), the "European Neighbourhood Policy"(ENP) and the new "Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean" project.