

Nationell EU-parlamentarism : Riksdagen Och EU-fragorna

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From John Locke onwards it has been said that foreign policy and democracy do not go together. However, the increasing internationalization puts new demands on national democracy and national parliamentarism. One of the most tangible expressions of how national and international politics flow together is the European Union (EU). In accordance with the principles of foreign policy, the government represents Sweden in the EU but that does not necessarily imply that the role of the Swedish parliament, the Riksdag, is the same as in traditional foreign policy. The questions posed in this book are if the parliamentary model for domestic policy or the parliamentary model for foreign policy is the most relevant when describing the role of the Riksdag in EU matters, and whether there have been any changes during the first ten years of Swedish EU membership. Some comparisons with other Nordic countries are also carried out. Furthermore, certain observations on second pillar issues (the Common Foreign and Security Policy, CFSP) and third pillar issues (Justice and Home Affairs, JHA) are also made. Hans Hegeland is a political scientist who works as a civit servant in the Swedish Riksdag organization.

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