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'This book should be considered mandatory for all those wanting the most updated picture of the current situation regarding irregular immigrants in today's Europe. The authors of this volume have a trustworthy voice based on thorough reviews of the best data available on a process which is usually described in sensational ways, more based on fears than on in-depth research.' – Katrine Fangen, EUMARGINS, Norway

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Irregular Migration in Europe contributes to our knowledge of the scale and nature of the much discussed but under-researched phenomenon of irregular migration in Europe. Presenting a comparative analysis of the experiences and policies of different EU member states, this book draws on an extensive range sources, many of which have so far been absent from English-language analyses, to offer an overall picture of irregular migration in twelve EU member states.

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