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Gstöhl and Schunz have assembled a fabulous group of contributors to assess, consolidate and take forward the study of European Union external action. They illustrate the richness of new conceptualisations and theorising about EU external action, and argue for a more systematic combination of various approaches, as well as the exportation of these concepts and approaches to the wider disciplines of International Relations and EU Studies.

— *Karen E. Smith, London School of Economics, UK*

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