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Policy Change in Net Neutrality at the European Level

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Summary

With the Telecoms Package and the Telecom Single Market Regulation, two policies which successively strengthened net neutrality were enacted at the European level between 2005 and 2016. This book comparatively analyses the pathways to policy change in net neutrality at the EU level. At the same time, it traces the establishment of the subsystem of net neutrality over time and provides a comprehensive mapping of all actors and positions involved in the context of the policy fields of EU telecommunications and internet policy. Using the Advocacy Coalition Approach (ACF) and a combination of methods, including process analysis and discourse network analysis, the change in EU politics can be determined via a combination of paths: In both cases, policy change within the policy problem of net neutrality was favoured through different ways of supporter mobilization, subsystem and coalition changes as well as policy learning and brokers as intermediary actors.

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