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Outstanding Title!**48-4716**

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Dancygier, Rafaela M. **Immigration and conflict in Europe**. Cambridge, 2010. 345p bibl index ISBN 9780521199070, \$90.00; ISBN 9780521150231 pbk, \$28.99

Scholars seeking to understand conflict surrounding immigration or anti-immigrant behavior generally privilege economic competition over cultural differences as the root cause, but they struggle to effectively explain why, where, or when such conflict emerges. Dancygier (international affairs, Princeton Univ.) provides the missing ingredient by probing further and asking whether immigrants wield electoral power. She astutely scrutinizes the local level, for here she can trace how successful mobilization leads to immigrant-native conflicts, while lack of success usually provokes immigrant backlash against the state. The in-depth analysis of conflict and anti-immigrant sentiment in the UK offers meticulous evidence of such behavior, convincingly supporting her theory. However, Dancygier's theory does not apply easily to the German case, where state action to support guest workers precluded British-style conflict. Nevertheless, her preliminary research suggests that the theory holds true for France, giving the book greater claim at explaining European conflict overall. Regardless of the generalizability of its theory, the book constitutes solid social science, presenting a novel, convincing, and important argument about the nature of conflict surrounding immigration that will surely guide further empirical research.

Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, and researchers.

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