

# SUMMARY

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## **Integration theory and the first period of the development of European Union**

*The author analyses the early integration theories from the viewpoint of political economics. His main idea is that the customs union and free trade area theories discuss indirectly the structure and the challenge of the international political order after the World War II. The method of the essay is comparative analysis, i.e. approaching and understanding regionalism from both the country and the global point of view. The task of the 1990's is not describing either globalism or regionalism but explaining globalism within regionalism. The author finds the execution of the task in the method of political economy, in understanding the functional meaning of globalism as well as in translating integration theory into foreign economic strategy. The structure of the essay follows this sequence of ideas – understanding globalism (a new approach), re-reading the first integration theories (Viner, Bye, Giersch, etc.), translating the main terms of the theories into foreign economic strategy, the political economic content of the integration strategy, the necessary future steps for the research.*