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In the last few years, he has completed two major research projects, both of which received external funding from multiple sources and were presented at major conferences in 2000-02. The first is an examination of the European Union's efforts to promote democracy in neighboring countries that can be labeled "reluctant democratizers." This work takes a more skeptical view of the European Union efforts in this area, and in so doing engages a broad literature on integration, democratization and international norm promotion. His second project was a book-length comparative study of organized labor in four post-communist states -- Poland, Hungary, Ukraine and Russia. Kubicek conducted extensive fieldwork in each country, and tried to uncover how labor is faring in a marketized and increasingly globalized political economy. This project is currently under review at Cornell University Press.

SUMMARY

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