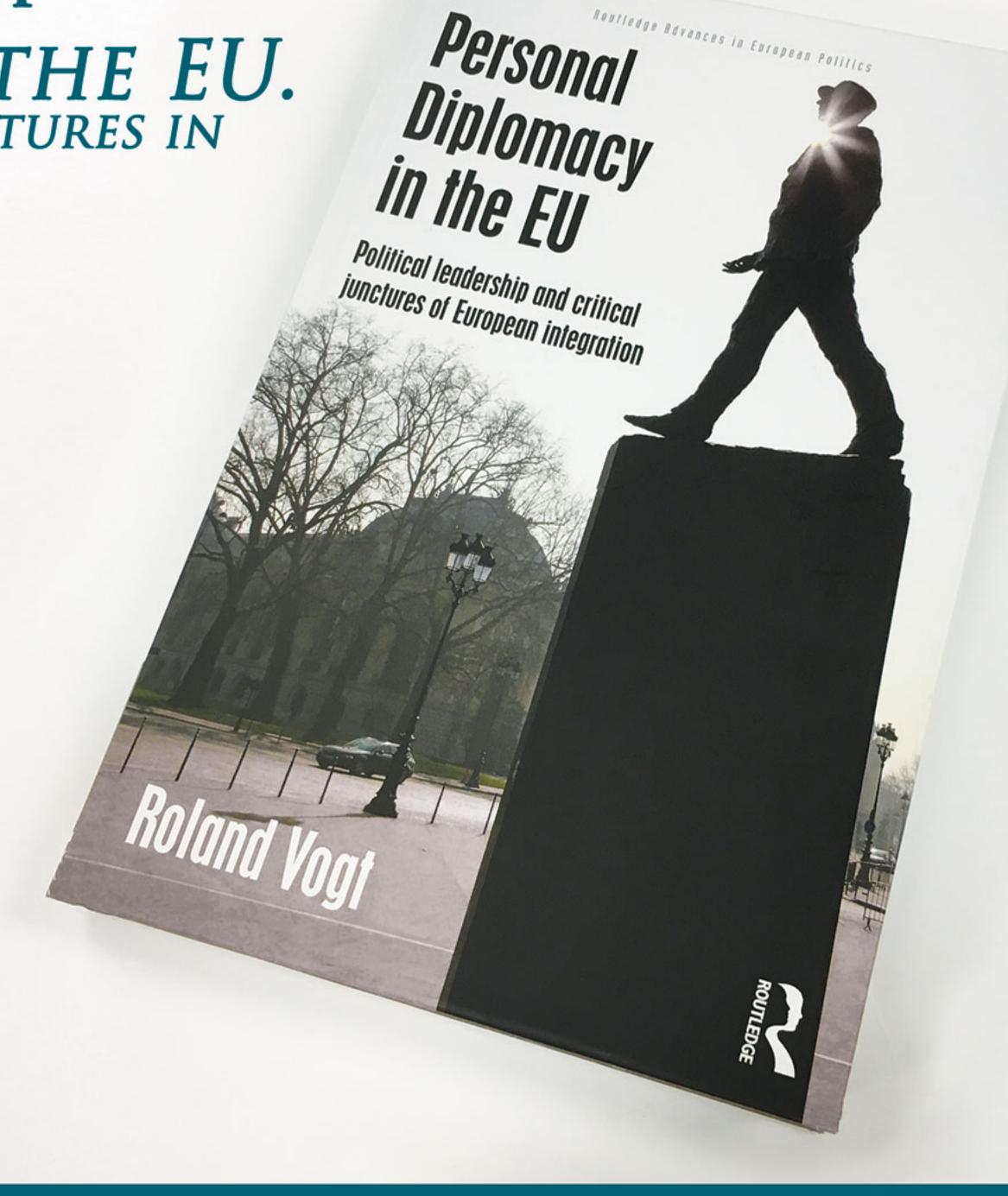


TALK AND BOOK LAUNCH OF

"PERSONAL DIPLOMACY IN THE EU.
POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND CRITICAL JUNCTURES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION"

## 23 NOV 2016 (WED) 4:30-6:00 PM CRT-4.36, RUN RUN SHAW TOWER, CENTENNIAL CAMPUS, HKU

At a time when the project of European integration has become tarnished by economic malaise, institutional dysfunctionality, and growing public disaffection, the impression of a broader crisis of leadership in Europe has gained ground. This talk examines the nature of political leadership and its contribution to the channels of European diplomacy that underpin the EU. Roland Vogt will share his recent key findings from his recently published monograph *Personal Diplomacy in the EU. Political Leadership and Critical Junctures in European Integration* and discuss why the EU's decision-making model has come to atrophy of late.





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