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POLICING IN FRANCE

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Jacques de Maillard a co-dirigé (avec Wesley Skogan, Northwestern University) l'ouvrage *Policing in France*, Routledge, 2020.

Contenant 22 chapitres, impliquant 23 auteurs (dont de nombreux chercheurs du Cesdip : J.-M. Berlière, E. Blanchard, M. Darley, F. Jobard, R. Lévy, V. Malochet, C. Mouhanna, F. Ocqueteau, A. Restelli, M. Zagrodzki).

PRÉSENTATION

The eminent contributors to a new collection, *Policing in France*, provide an updated and realistic picture of how the French police system really works in the 21st century. In most international comparisons, France typifies the « Napoleonic » model for policing, one featuring administrative and political centralization, a strong hierarchical structure, distance from local communities, and a high priority on political policing. France has undergone a process of pluralization in the last 30 years. French administrative and political decentralization has reemphasized the role of local authorities in public security policies; the private security industry has grown significantly; and new kinds of governing models (based on arrangements such as contracts for service provision) have emerged. In addition, during this period, police organizations have been driven toward central

government control through the imposition of performance indicators, and a top-down decision was made to integrate the national gendarmerie into the Ministry of Interior.

The book addresses how police legitimacy differs across socioeconomic, generational, territorial, and ethnic lines. An analysis of the policing of banlieues (deprived neighborhoods) illustrates the convergence of contradictory police goals, police violence, the concentration of poverty, and entrenched opposition to the states' representatives, and questions policing strategies such as the use of identity checks. The collection also frames the scope of community policing initiatives required to deal with the public's security needs and delves into the security challenges presented by terrorist threats and the nuances of the relationship between policing and intelligence agencies. Identifying and explaining the diverse challenges facing French police organizations and how they have been responding to them, this book draws upon a flourishing French-language literature in history, sociology, political science, and law to produce this new English-language synthesis on policing in France.

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