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The article argues that the EU’s smart power (defined by the EU enlargement commissioner Oli Rehn as a combination of hard and soft power, the use of “the whole spectrum of our policy instruments and economic resources”) is an extremely complex process, and according to domestic and/or European circumstances, one or the other of its mechanisms is activated. However, because the mechanisms are not equally effectively, one cannot expect smart power to work similarly everywhere, particularly because countries with difficult transitions are left behind and accumulate over time. The focus of the article is on difficult Eastern European transitions (the so-called Southeastern European countries, namely Romania, Albania, Bulgaria, and the former Yugoslavia) and on making a comparison between these and other transitions made under relatively similar circumstances in terms of European proximity. The article proposes a model of the Southeastern European transition, reviews the evidence of the EU’s impact in crucial areas for this model (nation- and state-building) and finally proposes a more developmental approach to understanding when and how EU smart power works.

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