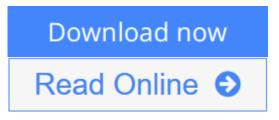


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Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, European University Viadrina, Germany

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