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procuracies in both parts of the world environmental policy change in emerging market democracies demonstrates that although political and economic transformations have positively affected environmental policy in both regions the extent of policy change varies considerably across central and eastern europe and latin america at the same time as tosun argues economic integration has acted as a major driver of a stronger governmental enforcement commitment as expressed by the creation of environmental procuracies the sage handbook of

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in multi party bargaining quantitative analysis of over 200 civil wars since world war ii reveals that conflicts with more of these actors last much longer than those with fewer detailed comparison of negotiations in rwanda and burundi demonstrates that multi party negotiations present additional barriers to peace not found in two party conflicts in addition conflicts with more veto players produce more casualties are more likely to involve genocide and are followed by shorter periods of peace because they present many barriers to peace the international community has a poor track record of resolving multi party conflicts david cunningham shows that resolution is possible in these wars if peace processes are designed to address the barriers that emerge in multi party conflicts policy debates between political actors can facilitate strain or change the direction of future policy making however existing measurement approaches do not tap the full potential of discursive institutionalist 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show that political parties differ systematically over foreign policy and military interventions in particular the left right divide is the best guide to the pattern of party political contestation support is weakest at the far left of the spectrum and increases as one moves along the left right axis to green social democratic liberal and conservative parties amongst parties of the far right support is again weaker than amongst parties of the centre an analysis of parliamentary debates in canada germany and the united kingdom about the interventions in afghanistan and against daesh in iraq and syria shows that political parties also differ systematically in how they frame the use of force abroad for example parties on the right tend to frame their country's participation in the us led missions in terms of national security and national interests whereas parties on the left tend to engage in spiral model thinking i e they critically reflect on the unintended consequences of the use of 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dominant political actors has never been examined accurately and systematically in the literature the present volume fills this gap by applying an innovative research methodology to quantify the impact and effect of court's decisions on legislation and legislators and measure the strength of judicial decisions in six cee countries providing an in depth review of russia s key economic policies this book is the first systematic study of the political economy of oil windfalls in putin's russia when embarking on a new research project students face the same core research design issues this volume provides readers with practical guidelines for both qualitative and quantitative designs discusses the typical trade offs involved in choosing them and is rich in examples from actual research a financial times and tls book of the year an exhilarating new biography of john von neumann the lost genius who invented our world a sparkling book with an intoxicating mix of pen portraits and grand historical narrative above all it fizzes with a dizzying mix of deliciously vital ideas a staggering achievement tim harford the smartphones in our pockets and computers like brains the vagaries of game theory and evolutionary biology self replicating moon bases and nuclear weapons all bear the fingerprints of one remarkable man john von neumann born in budapest at the turn of the century von neumann is one of the most influential scientists to have ever lived his colleagues believed he had the fastest brain on the planet bar none he was instrumental in the manhattan project and helped formulate the bedrock of cold war geopolitics and modern economic theory he created the first ever programmable digital computer he prophesied the potential of nanotechnology and from his deathbed expounded on the limits of brains and computers and how they might be overcome taking us on an astonishing journey ananyo bhattacharya explores how a combination of genius and unique historical circumstance 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of a wide range of written and archaeological evidence contrasting traditional conceptions of death afterlife and funerary ritual with christian doctrine and practice in these areas and exploring some of the techniques developed by the church for assuaging popular anxieties about christian burial and the christian afterlife this book argues that the structure of the policy making process in nigeria explains variations in government performance better than other commonly cited factors the study of voting behaviour remains a vibrant sub discipline of political science the handbook of electoral behaviour is an authoritative and wide ranging survey of this dynamic field drawing together a team of the world's leading scholars to provide a state of the art review that sets the agenda for future study taking an interdisciplinary approach and focusing on a range of countries the handbook is composed of eight parts the first five cover the principal theoretical paradigms establishing the state 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To Keep or To Change First Past The Post? 2008-05-08 first past the post is one of the oldest and simplest electoral systems the logic is simple the candidate with the most votes wins it is the system in place in some of the oldest democracies most especially the united states and the united kingdom as well as the largest democracy india this is also a system that is hotly debated and proposals for reform are often advanced this book addresses the following questions what fosters or hinders reform of first past the post when and why does reform emerge on the political agenda who proposes and who opposes reform when and why do reform proposals succeed or fail what kind of proposal tends to be put on the table are some types of proposal more likely to succeed why the first chapter undertakes a comparative analysis of the conditions under which reform is initiated the following chapters investigate in detail the politics of electoral reform in the united kingdom the united states canada and new zealand the debates that take place the proposals that are advanced and the strategies deployed by the actors these analyses contribute to a rich and nuanced understanding of why first past the post is often challenged and sometimes replaced

Reform Processes and Policy Change 2010-08-17 george tsebelis veto players approach has become a prominent theory to analyze various research questions in political science studies that apply veto player theory deal with the impact of institutions and partisan preferences of legislative activity and policy outcomes it is used to measure the degree of policy change and thus reform capacity in national and international political systems this volume contains the analysis of leading scholars in the field on these topics and more recent developments regarding theoretical and empirical progress in the area of political reform making the contributions come from research areas of political science where veto player theory plays a significant role including positive political theory legislative behavior and legislative decision making in national and supra national political systems policy making and government formation the contributors to this book add to the current scholarly and public debate on the role of veto players making it of interest to scholars in political science and policy studies as well as policymakers worldwide

Waves of War 2013 a new perspective on how the nation state emerged and proliferated across the globe accompanied by a wave of wars andreas wimmer explores these historical developments using social science techniques of analysis and datasets that cover the entire modern world

Sociological Reasoning 1996-07-03 while sociological modernists were outrageously presumptious in their claims for sociological knowledge postmodernists have gone to another extreme in claiming that it has no more truth status than fiction critical of both positions sociological reasoning develops an original typology of approaches to social scientific theory and research which is distinguished by its openness and reflexive awareness of rhetorical and methodological aspects of knowledge claims laced with graphic illustrative examples this is a strikingly well written text that will appeal to students at undergraduate level and beyond

Environmental Policy Change in Emerging Market Democracies 2013-12-11 this book examines environmental policy change in twenty eight central and eastern european and latin american countries against a background of significant political and economic transformation over the past two decades through cross regional comparison and a multi methods approach jale tosun investigates changes in the regulation of air soil and water pollution genetically modified corn and the sustainable management of forests tosun also looks at the relationship between system transformation and the creation of environmental procuracies in both parts of the world environmental policy change in emerging market democracies demonstrates that although political and economic transformations have positively affected environmental policy in both regions the extent of policy change varies considerably across central and eastern europe and latin america at the same time as tosun argues economic integration has acted as a major driver of a stronger governmental enforcement commitment as expressed by the creation of environmental procuracies

The SAGE Handbook of Political Sociology, 2v 2017-10-30 the sage handbook of political sociology offers a comprehensive and contemporary look at this evolving field of study the focus is on political life itself and the chapters written by a highly respected and international team of authors cover the core themes which need to be understood in order to study political life from a sociological perspective or simply to understand the political world the two volumes are structured around five key areas part 1 traditions and perspectives part 2 core concepts part 03 political ideologies and movements part 04 topics part 05 world regions this future oriented and cross disciplinary handbook is a landmark text for students and scholars interested in the social investigation of politics Encyclopedia of Power 2011-02 collects 381 entries that discuss political science international relations and sociology

Barriers to Peace in Civil War 2014-06-12 civil wars vary greatly in their duration this book argues that conflicts are longer when they involve more actors who can block agreement veto players and identifies specific problems that arise in multi party bargaining quantitative analysis of over 200 civil wars since world war ii reveals that conflicts with more of these actors last much longer than those with fewer detailed comparison of negotiations in rwanda and burundi demonstrates that multi party negotiations present additional barriers to peace not found in two party conflicts in addition conflicts with more veto players produce more casualties are more likely to involve genocide and are followed by shorter periods of peace because they present many barriers to peace the international community has a poor track record of resolving multi party conflicts david cunningham shows that resolution is possible in these wars if peace processes are designed to address the barriers that emerge in multi party conflicts

Policy Debates as Dynamic Networks 2016-04-08 policy debates between political actors can facilitate strain or change the direction of future policy making however existing measurement approaches do not tap the full potential of discursive institutionalist explanations of policy outcomes based on social network analysis of political discourse this book develops a formal methodology for the dynamic analysis of political discourse using text data as a showcase the german politics of old age security in the 1990s are analyzed in this book in detail the literature offers several ideational explanations for the 2001 riester reform a major policy innovation that breaks with previous incrementalist descriptions of pension policy making this book is an attempt to overcome the methodological limitations of policy network analysis and operationalize the relational elements hidden in political debates

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior 2017-05-03 the sage encyclopedia of political behavior explores the intersection of psychology political science sociology and human behavior this encyclopedia integrates theories research and case studies from a variety of disciplines that inform this established area of study aimed at college and university students this one of a kind book covers voting patterns interactions between groups what makes different types of government systems appealing to different societies and the impact of early childhood development on political beliefs among others topics explored by political psychologists are of great interest in fields beyond either psychology or political science with implications for instance within business and management this title will be available online on sage knowledge the ultimate social sciences library

The Democratic Politics of Military Interventions 2020-07-09 according to a widely shared notion foreign affairs are exempted from

democratic politics i e party political divisions are overcome and should be overcome for the sake of a common national interest this book shows that this is not the case examining votes in the us congress and several european parliaments the book demonstrates that contestation over foreign affairs is barely different from contestation over domestic politics analyses of a new collection of deployment votes of party manifestos and of expert survey data show that political parties differ systematically over foreign policy and military interventions in particular the left right divide is the best guide to the pattern of party political contestation support is weakest at the far left of the spectrum and increases as one moves along the left right axis to green social democratic liberal and conservative parties amongst parties of the far right support is again weaker than amongst parties of the centre an analysis of parliamentary debates in canada germany and the united kingdom about the interventions in afghanistan and against daesh in iraq and syria shows that political parties also differ systematically in how they frame the use of force abroad for example parties on the right tend to frame their country s participation in the us led missions in terms of national security and national interests whereas parties on the left tend to engage in spiral model thinking i e they critically reflect on the unintended consequences of the use of force in fuelling the conflicts with the taliban and daesh

<u>Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance</u> 2007-01-01 this book examines some of the major origins of change in institutions and policies in european governance the authors combine a sophisticated institutional analysis with in depth insights into european policies across a wide variety of policy fields the fields examined are higher education employment research police co operation as well as foreign affairs trade energy and security and defence policy presenting the fruit of years of collaboration in an eu funded research training network the authors expand the mechanisms through which political actors transform apparent deadlock into actual change in european policy making

Handbook of Game Theory with Economic Applications 1992 this is the second of three volumes surveying the state of the art in game theory and its applications to many and varied fields in particular to economics the chapters in the present volume are contributed by outstanding authorities and provide comprehensive coverage and precise statements of the main results in each area the applications include empirical evidence the following topics are covered communication and correlated equilibria coalitional games and coalition structures utility and subjective probability common knowledge bargaining zero sum games differential games and applications of game theory to signalling moral hazard search evolutionary biology international relations voting procedures social choice public economics politics and cost allocation this handbook will be of interest to scholars in economics political science psychology mathematics and biology for more information on the handbooks in economics series please see our home page on elsevier nl locate hes

Constitutional Politics and the Judiciary 2018-11-19 recent confrontations between constitutional courts and parliamentary majorities for example in poland and hungary have attracted international interest in the relationship between the judiciary and the legislature in central and eastern european countries several political actors have argued that courts have assumed too much power after the democratic transformation process in 1989 1990 these claims are explicitly or implicitly connected to the charge that courts have constrained the room for manoeuvre of the legislatures too heavily and that they have entered the field of politics nevertheless the question to what extent has this aggregation of power constrained the dominant political actors has never been examined accurately and systematically in the literature the present volume fills this gap by applying an innovative research methodology to quantify the impact and effect of court's decisions on legislation and legislators and measure the strength of judicial decisions in six cee countries

Oil in Putin's Russia 2021 providing an in depth review of russia's key economic policies this book is the first systematic study of the political economy of oil windfalls in putin's russia

Research Design in Political Science 2007-10-23 when embarking on a new research project students face the same core research design issues this volume provides readers with practical guidelines for both qualitative and quantitative designs discusses the typical trade offs involved in choosing them and is rich in examples from actual research

The Man from the Future 2021-10-07 a financial times and tls book of the year an exhilarating new biography of john von neumann the lost genius who invented our world a sparkling book with an intoxicating mix of pen portraits and grand historical narrative above all it fizzes with a dizzying mix of deliciously vital ideas a staggering achievement tim harford the smartphones in our pockets and computers like brains the vagaries of game theory and evolutionary biology self replicating moon bases and nuclear weapons all bear the fingerprints of one remarkable man john von neumann born in budapest at the turn of the century von neumann is one of the most influential scientists to have ever lived his colleagues believed he had the fastest brain on the planet bar none he was instrumental in the manhattan project and helped formulate the bedrock of cold war geopolitics and modern economic theory he created the first ever programmable digital computer he prophesied the potential of nanotechnology and from his deathbed expounded on the limits of brains and computers and how they might be overcome taking us on an astonishing journey ananyo bhattacharya explores how a combination of genius and unique historical circumstance allowed a single man to sweep through so many different fields of science sparking revolutions wherever he went insightful and illuminating the man from the future is a thrilling intellectual biography of the visionary thinker who shaped our century

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science 2001 a comprehensive introduction to public policy and the policy cycle the fully revised second edition of this popular textbook offers a practical guide to the topic while remaining underpinned by cutting edge research bringing together analysis of classic works alongside the most recent developments in the field this book is guided by the following three crucial questions what is public policy who participates in making and putting public policy in practice as well as in assessing its success and when and how does public policy change over time in answering these questions the book covers everything from the central institutions and actors of policy making to implementation evaluation and governance drawing on examples from across the world the new edition expands on themes that were previously covered only marginally including the underexplored connection between public policy and political economy as well as placing more emphasis on climate change and practical advice on doing policy analysis for undergraduate or postgraduate students studying on courses focussed on public policy or the policy cycle or process this textbook is the essential guide to the subject the book is also suited for those studying public policy in the context of politics or public management and administration new to this edition a revised conclusion containing guidance on how to do policy analysis extended discussion of climate policy and politics consideration of the effects of brexit the rise of populism and the impact of the loss of faith in globalization for international organizations more on policy process theories comparative public policy the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of public policy studies and new methodologies such as the evaluation of policy measures by means of social media data Public Policy 2020-04-30 this ground breaking study offers a new paradigm for understanding the beliefs and religions of the goths burgundians sueves franks and lombards as they converted from paganism to christianity between c 350 and c 700 ce combining history and theology with approaches drawn from the cognitive science of religion belief and religion in barbarian europe uses both written and archaeological evidence to challenge many older ideas beginning with a re examination of our knowledge about the deities and rituals of their original religions it goes on to question the assumption that the germanic peoples were merely passive recipients of christian doctrine arguing that so called arianism was first developed as an entry level christianity for the goths focusing on individual ethnic groupings in turn it presents a fresh view of the relationship between religion and politics as their rulers attempted to opt for catholicism in place of familiar debates about post conversion pagan survivals contemporary texts and legislation are analysed to create an innovative cognitive perspective on the ways in which the church endeavoured to bring the christian god into people s thoughts and actions the work also includes a survey of a wide range of written and archaeological evidence contrasting traditional conceptions of death afterlife and funerary ritual with christian doctrine and practice in these areas and exploring some of the techniques developed by the church for assuaging popular anxieties about christian burial and the christian afterlife

Belief and Religion in Barbarian Europe c. 350-700 2013-11-28 this book argues that the structure of the policy making process in nigeria

explains variations in government performance better than other commonly cited factors

Dictators and Democracy in African Development 2015 the study of voting behaviour remains a vibrant sub discipline of political science the handbook of electoral behaviour is an authoritative and wide ranging survey of this dynamic field drawing together a team of the world's leading scholars to provide a state of the art review that sets the agenda for future study taking an interdisciplinary approach and focusing on a range of countries the handbook is composed of eight parts the first five cover the principal theoretical paradigms establishing the state of the art in their conceptualisation and application and followed by chapters on their specific challenges and innovative applications in contemporary voting studies the remaining three parts explore elements of the voting process to understand their different effects on vote outcomes the sage handbook of electoral behaviour is an essential benchmark publication for advanced students researchers and practitioners in the fields of politics sociology psychology and research methods The SAGE Handbook of Electoral Behaviour 2016-09-15 this study provides a better empirical understanding of the world of democratic reforms in consolidated democracies thanks to a new data set covering six dimensions of reform in 18 european countries secondly the book provides evidence about the link between the lack of political support and democratic reforms and the role of electoral shifts in

fostering reforms thirdly this research shows that the final outcome of a given reform depends on the type of reform at stake and on the process used during the phase of discussion of the reform through case studies in ireland france and italy

Ganghof, Parlamente 2008-10-28 association football is undoubtedly a global sport with millions of individuals participating in more than 200 countries the need for an educated football coaching workforce to deliver appropriate coaching practices has never been greater formal coach education which is often the primary medium for developing football coaches is socially constructed meaning an array of social cultural and historical factors underpin the design and delivery of any provision coach education in football contemporary issues and global perspectives is the first book to explicitly explore these aspects by providing critical insight into football coach education programmes from across the globe each chapter organised via a central theme highlights a contemporary issue affecting football coach education and development within a specific country offering insights into the contextual opportunities and challenges the book covers essential topics including the progression of female football coaches coaches perspectives towards current provision technological and pedagogical advances and the historical development of formal coach education each chapter demonstrates the complexities associated with developing football coaches within grassroots and high performance domains while providing recommendations for national governing bodies policy makers and coach developers this book is the first of its kind to explicitly investigate football coach education globally this accessible book is an important read for students academics and practitioners with an interest in sports coaching coach education and football

Reforming Democracy 2017 the council of ministers is one of the most powerful institutions of the european union eu and plays a major role in the european policy making process drawing on formal theory and combining quantitative and qualitative methods in an innovative fashion this book provides novel insights into the role of national bureaucrats in legislative decision making of the council of the eu the book examines and describes the council of ministers committee system and its internal decision making process relying on a wide quantitative dataset as well as six detailed case studies in the policy areas of agriculture environment and taxation it provides a comprehensive and systematic assessment of the extent to which national bureaucrats act as law makers in the council it also examines the degree to which theories on collective decision making delegation and international socialization can account for variation in the involvement of bureaucrats investigating how often and why national officials in working parties and committees rather than ministers make legislative decisions in the eu this book addresses the implications of bureaucratic influence for the democratic legitimacy of council decision making the author finds that ministers play a generally more important role in legislative decision making than often assumed alleviating to some extent concerns about the democratic legitimacy of council decisions bureaucrats as law makers will be of interest to students scholars and practitioners in the field of european union politics and policy making legislative decision making

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The Art of Educating with V Diagrams 2005-07-11 despite the limiting effects of growing interdependencies in a globalized world national governments still have a considerably broad scope of action when it comes to ensuring sustainable policy outcomes the key question is however to what extent governments can identify formulate and implement effective reforms that render a society well equipped to meet future challenges the goal of the sustainable governance indicators 2009 sgi project is to answer this question for all 30 member states of the oecd the composite indicators used to systematically measure the need for reform and the capacity for reform in these countries will be updated biennially the vast set of quantitative and qualitative data collected and analyzed by a network of more than 100 renowned international experts provides an unprecedented opportunity for cross national comparative studies this publication of the inaugural edition of the sgi includes essays on the key findings methodology and on issues related to reform such as the state of social justice in the oecd i am sure that the new approach taken by the sgi will foster public debate on good governance and encourage governments to further engage in peer review mechanisms and evidence based policymaking thus the sgi is a very useful instrument for nourishing public debate and might contribute to generating societal support for change angel gurría oecd secretary general

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