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### Comparative Politics OUP Oxford

'First-rate . . . The text has a little for everyone and could suit the political ideas people, the humanists, and the behavioralists. And there is enough of a nuts and bolts approach to this book to satisfy those who want students to come away from the course as 'master mechanics' of political dilemmas.'—David W. Dent, Towson State University

*The Principal-Agent Perspective* Cengage Learning

"Thirty-five years ago few could have predicted that *The New Science of Politics* would be a best-seller by political theory standards. Compressed within the Draconian economy of the six Walgreen lectures is a complete theory of man, society, and history, presented at the most profound and intellectual level. . . . Voegelin's [work] stands out in bold relief from much of what has passed under the name of political science in recent decades. . . . The *New Science* is aptly titled, for Voegelin makes clear at the outset that a 'return to the specific content' of premodern political theory is out of the question. . . . The subtitle of the book, *An Introduction*, clearly indicates that *The New Science of Politics* is an invitation to join the search for the recovery of our full humanity."—From the new Foreword by Dante Germino "This book must be considered one of the most enlightening essays on the character of European politics that has appeared in half a century. . . . This is a book powerful and vivid enough to make agreement or disagreement with even its main thesis relatively unimportant."—Times Literary Supplement "Voegelin . . . is one of the most distinguished interpreters to Americans of the non-liberal streams of European thought. . . . He brings a remarkable breadth of knowledge, and a historical imagination that ranges frequently into brilliant insights and generalizations."—Francis G. Wilson, *American Political Science Review* "This book is beautifully constructed . . . his erudition constantly brings a startling illumination."—Martin Wright, *International Affairs* "A ledestar to thinking men who seek a restoration of political science on the classic and Christian basis . . . a significant accomplishment in the retheorization of our age."—Anthony Harrigan, *Christian Century*

*Studying Politics* John Wiley & Sons

Politics is hugely complex. Some try to reduce its complexity by examining it through an ideological

worldview, a one-size-fits-all prescriptive formula or a quantitative examination of as many 'facts' as possible. Yet politics cannot be adequately handled as if it were made of cells and particles: ideological views are oversimplifying and sometimes dangerous. Politics is not simply a moral matter, nor political philosophy a subdivision of moral philosophy. This book is devised as a basic conceptual lexicon for all those who want to understand what politics is, how it works and how it changes or fails to change. Key concepts such as power, conflict, legitimacy and order are clearly defined and their interplay in the state, interstate and global level explored. Principles such as liberty, equality, justice and solidarity are discussed in the context of the political choices confronting us. This compact and systematic introduction to the categories needed to grasp the fundamentals of politics will appeal to readers who want to gain a firmer grasp on the workings of politics, as well as to scholars and students of philosophy, political science and history.

*People, Power, and Politics* Macmillan International Higher Education

A comprehensive introduction to the politics of the Australian media, this text examines the media's development and evolution, as well as the key debates and controversies which have shaped the domestic media landscape in the last decade. It provides a strong framework to understand the relationship between Australian media and politics.

*Unknown MIR Title* Routledge

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**Sport Politics** Taylor & Francis

*Comparative Politics: A Global Introduction* shows new students of world politics how the methods and concepts of comparative politics can lead them to ask critical questions to better understand the complex world around them. The majority of undergraduates in introductory comparative politics courses do not plan to pursue graduate education in political science nor embark upon careers as political scientists. Most hope to take part in public and perhaps international affairs as elected

officials, civil servants, or engaged citizens. As such they will need to make countless decisions about public policy, including foreign policy, throughout their careers. *Comparative Politics: A Global Introduction* equips students to make better, more informed decisions. Central to that task are three important goals: (1) to introduce readers to the conceptual foundations of comparative politics, (2) to enhance their analytical and critical-thinking skills through an introduction to basic empirical techniques of political and social science, and (3) to promote their understanding of a wide range of countries and political leaders.

*Theory and Practice* Routledge

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src="/images/hed/closer\_look\_btn.gif"/aGuiding students through the basics of political ideologies and institutions before moving on to more complex concepts, this text is a comprehensive yet accessible introduction to political studies. Emphasizing Canadian content while maintaining a global perspective throughout, the text ties theory to practice using case studies and current examples from Canada and around the world.

**An Introduction, Third Edition** University of Chicago Press

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*Politics in China* Psychology Press

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[An Introduction to African Politics](#) Canoe Press (IL)

Building on the strengths of the third edition, this highly regarded textbook continues to provide the best introduction to the strategies of comparative research in political science. Divided into three parts, the book begins by examining different methods, applying these methods to dominant issues in comparative politics using a wealth of topical examples from around the world, and then discusses the new challenges in the area. This thoroughly revised and updated edition features: Additional contemporary case studies including the democratisation of technology and the Arab Spring; Detailed discussion of regression analysis and diffusion; More analysis of justice, inequality, and compliance; Reflection on new methods and treatments of contemporary comparative politics. Balancing reader friendly features with high quality analysis makes this popular academic text is essential reading for everyone interested in comparative politics and research methods.

*An Introduction* SAGE

This major new textbook will equip students with a complete understanding of contemporary politics, state and society in the United Kingdom today. Key underlying themes include: The differences between traditional and alternative 'sites of power' and what we mean by 'political' the relationships between politics, society and how individuals become and remain engaged with politics the rapid transformations in contemporary social structures and their impact on social and political life the role of human agency and its significance to social and political action and movements contemporary cultural and social dislocations and their impact on some of the major contested areas of political life today. Key features include: Key concepts and issues Key theorists and writers Discussion questions Comprehensive and accessible, *An Introduction to Politics, State & Society* is an essential text for all undergraduate students of politics, the contemporary state, power and political sociology.

[An Introduction](#) Cengage Learning

Vladimir Putin's return to the Kremlin for a fourth presidential term in 2018 has seen Russian democracy weaken further and Russia's relations with the West deteriorate seriously. Yet, within Russia, Putin's position remains unchallenged and his foreign policy battles have received widespread public support. But is Putin as safe as his approval ratings lead us to believe? And how secure is the regime that he heads? In this new book, Neil Robinson places contemporary Russian politics in historical perspective to argue that Putin's regime has not overcome the problems that underpinned the momentous changes in twentieth-century Russian history when the country veered from tsarism to Soviet rule to post-communist chaos. The first part of the book, outlining why crises have been perennial problems for Russia, is followed by an exploration of contemporary Russian political institutions and policy to show how Putin has stabilised Russian politics. But, while Putin's achievements as a politician have been considerable in strengthening his personal position, they have not dealt successfully with the enduring problem of the Russian state's functionality. Like other Russian rulers, Putin has been much better at establishing a political system that supports his rule than he has at building up a state that can deliver material wealth and protection to the Russian people. As a result, Robinson argues, Russia has been and remains vulnerable to political crisis and regime change.

[An Introduction to Politics](#) New York : Free Press

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*Why Politics Matters: An Introduction to Political Science* Oxford University Press, USA

'...a lively introduction to media and politics, with timely chapters on the media, war and terrorism and the internet. If you want to know why media matters in politics this is a great place to start' - Dr Margaret Scammell, London School of Economics and Political Science 'This book has the truly international perspective that helps to put politics and media in the context of current world events...a unique and valuable text' - Professor Lynda Lee Kaid, University of Florida '...a new and promising perspective to the study of media and politics in a comparative dimension' - Professor Paolo Mancini, Università di Perugia *Introduction to Media and Politics* draws together evidence from the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia and beyond to provide students with an understanding of the relationship between the media and the political sphere. This highly accessible text: - balances theory with case studies on elections, war, terrorism, and the emerging role of the

Internet, enabling the reader to think critically about how the media should work in the service of democracy. - places the study of media and politics in a comparative perspective, allowing the reader to consider how the same media institutions - including commercial and public service broadcasting, paid political advertising, and war coverage - function in different countries. This text is essential reading for advanced undergraduate and postgraduate students of media and politics.

**An Introduction** McGraw-Hill Education

Political science emerged as a response to the challenges of imperial administration and the demands of colonial rule. While not all political scientists were colonial cheerleaders, their thinking was nevertheless framed by colonial assumptions that influence the study of politics to this day. This book offers students a lens through which to decolonize the main themes and issues of political science - from human nature, rights, and citizenship, to development and global justice. Not content with revealing the colonial legacies that still inform the discipline, the book also introduces students to a wide range of intellectual resources from the (post)colonial world that will help them think through the same themes and issues more expansively. *Decolonizing Politics* is a much-needed critical guide for students of political science. It shifts the study of political science from the centers of power to its margins, where the majority of humanity lives. Ultimately, the book argues that those who occupy the margins are not powerless. Rather, marginal positions might afford a deeper understanding of politics than can be provided by mainstream approaches.

*Comparative Politics: An Introduction* Rowman & Littlefield

The 2nd edition of *Global Politics: A New Introduction* continues to provide a completely original way of teaching and learning about world politics. The book engages directly with the issues in global politics that students are most interested in, helping them to understand the key questions and theories and also to develop a critical and inquiring perspective. Completely revised and updated throughout, the 2nd edition also offers additional chapters on key issues such as environmental politics, nationalism, the internet, democratization, colonialism, the financial crisis, political violence and human rights. *Global Politics: Examines the most significant issues in global politics - from war, peacebuilding, terrorism, security, violence, nationalism and authority to poverty, development, postcolonialism, human rights, gender, inequality, ethnicity and what we can do to change the world* Offers chapters written to a common structure which is ideal for teaching and learning and features a key question, an illustrative example, general responses and broader issues Integrates theory and practice throughout the text, by presenting theoretical ideas and concepts in conjunction with a global range of historical and contemporary case studies Drawing on theoretical perspectives from a broad range of disciplines including international relations, political theory, postcolonial studies, sociology, geography, peace studies and development this innovative textbook is essential reading for all students of global politics and international relations.

*Third World Politics* Routledge

*An Introduction to African Politics* is the ideal textbook for those new to the study of this vast and fascinating continent. It makes sense of the diverse political systems that are a feature of Africa by using familiar concepts, chapter by chapter, to examine the continent as a whole. The result is a textbook that identifies the essential features of African politics, allowing students to grasp the recurring political patterns that have dominated this part of the world since independence. Features

and benefits of the book include: \* thematically organised, with individual chapters exploring issues such as colonialism, ethnicity, nationalism, social class, ideology, legitimacy, sovereignty, and democracy \* identifies the key recurrent theme of competitive relationships between the African state, its civil society, and external interests \* contains useful boxed case studies of key countries at the end of each chapter, including: Kenya; Tanzania; Nigeria; Botswana; Ivory Coast; Uganda; Somalia; Ghana; Zaire; and Algeria \* each chapter concludes with key terms and definitions as well as questions, advice on further reading, and useful notes and references \* clearly and accessibly written by an experienced teacher of the subject.

**Technology and World Politics** Unknown MIR TitleThe most current and clearly written introduction to politics with the perfect balance of international and Canadian examples and cases.Guiding students through the basics of political ideologies and institutions before moving on to more complex concepts, this text is a comprehensive yet accessible introduction to political studies. With an emphasis on Canadian content while maintaining a global perspective, students will learn how to tie theory to practice using case studies and current examples from Canada and around the world.*Politics: An Introduction*

This introduction to politics is designed for first-year students in social sciences and for the general reader interested in the basics of contemporary politics. The text's various sections and lecture summaries deal with the important areas of political science, different systems of democratic government, the fall of communism and post-communist politics, as well as issues in Caribbean politics such as globalization, constitutional reform and regional integration.

*Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics* SAGE

*An Introduction to Religion and Politics* offers a comprehensive overview of the many theories of religion and politics, and provides students with an accessible but in-depth account of the most significant debates, issues and methodologies. Fox examines the ways in which religion influences politics, analyses the current key issues and provides a state of the art account of religion and politics, highlighting the diversity in state religion policies around the world. Topics covered include: Secularism and secularization Religious identity Religious worldviews, beliefs, doctrines and theologies Religious legitimacy Religious institutions and mobilization Rational and functional religion Religious fundamentalism Conflict, violence and terror This work combines theoretical analysis with data on the religion policies of 177 governments, showing that while most of the world's government support religion and many restrict it; true neutrality on the issue of religion is extremely rare. Religion is becoming an inescapable issue in politics. This work will be essential reading for all students of religion and politics, and will also be of great interest to those studying related subjects such as comparative politics, international relations and war and conflict studies.

**An Introduction** SAGE

**WHY POLITICS MATTERS: AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL SCIENCE** is a full-color, accessible introduction to Political Science. **WHY POLITICS MATTERS** follows a foundational approach to learning and gives students a big picture of the field, examining Theory, Comparative Politics, including a look at the U.S. government, and International Relations. The authors approach the subject through a theme of theory and practice and emphasize why politics matters to the reader through current, global examples, encouraging critical thinking, discussion, and participation throughout the text.

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