Scandinavian Politics Today Third Edition

The Politics of Legislative Debates

Complements Collins and Cradden's 1997 Irish Politics Today with a dozen essays for college students of Irish politics or general readers. Scholars in a number of disciplines from both jurisdictions examine such topics as local and regional reforms, recent cases of corruption, The European Union, health policy, the growth performance of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland from 1960 to 1995, women's issues, and the Good Friday Agreement. No date is mentioned for the first edition.

German politics today

An approach to comparative economic systems that avoids simple dichotomies to examine a wide variety of institutional and systemic arrangements, with updated country case studies. Comparative economics, with its traditional dichotomies of socialism versus capitalism, private versus state, and planning versus market, is changing. This innovative textbook offers a new approach to understanding different economic systems that reflects both recent transformations in the world economy and recent changes in the field. This new edition examines a wide variety of institutional and systemic arrangements, many of which reflect deep roots in countries' cultures and histories. The book has been updated and revised throughout, with new material in both the historical overview and the country case studies. It offers a broad survey of economic systems, then looks separately at market capitalism, Marxism and...
socialism, and “new traditional economies” (with an emphasis on the role of religions, Islam in particular, in economic systems). It presents case studies of advanced capitalist nations, including the United States, Japan, Sweden, and Germany; alternative paths in the transition from socialist to market economies taken by such countries as Russia, the former Soviet republics, Poland, China, and the two Koreas; and developing countries, including India, Iran, South Africa, Mexico, and Brazil. The new chapters on Brazil and South Africa complete the book's coverage of all five BRICS nations; the chapter on South Africa extends the book’s comparative treatment to another continent. The chapter on Brazil with its account of the role of the Amazon rain forest as a great carbon sink expands the coverage of global environmental and sustainability issues. Each chapter ends with discussion questions.

**Britain in the European Union Today**

A comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of devolved government in Britain today.

**Race, Ethnicity, and Place in a Changing America, Third Edition**

An up-to-date account of Britain's uneasy relationship with the EU and of its impact upon British government and politics.

**Liberal Parties in Europe**

A comprehensive overview of the structures and influences of politics in Germany, which covers both historical and recent events.

**Political Issues in Ireland Today**

Political issues in Ireland today addresses the important current topics in Irish politics. Readers will find it a valuable resource on the important policy debates and for evaluating major social changes.

**Immigration and Integration Policy in Europe**

This book analyzes contemporary changes in immigration and integration policy in the wake of populism and rise of right-wing parties across the world. It examines how, in the face of substantial migratory flows, rising security concerns regarding immigration, and a refugee crisis of unprecedented levels, member states of the European Union have responded by calling for restrictive immigration policies, border patrolling, and intensified integration programs. Focusing on Denmark and Sweden, the volume employs a unified theoretical framework to look at how internal political debates, institutional patterns, constitutional frameworks, and political competition are key to a systematic explanation of immigration and integration policy changes in Europe. This volume will be of great interest to scholars and researchers of migration and diaspora studies, public policy, politics and international relations, sociology,
and social anthropology, as well as government officials, think tanks, and policymakers.

**Political Issues in the World Today**

Examines the tenets of liberalism, socialism, conservatism, Marxism, anarchism, and fascism.

**Global Sociology, Third Edition**

This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. There is an urgent need for a book of this nature which provides students with all the essential information required and a full definition of terms. A perfect companion to European politics today, written by the same authors, this book presents past events, prominent personalities, important dates, organisations and electoral information in an accessible, easy-to-read format. The book is split into five sections for ease of use: a dictionary of significant political events, a chronology of major events in Europe since 1945, a biographical dictionary, a dictionary of political organisations and electoral data. In addition to being a comprehensive reference tool, this book is intended to provide a sound historical background to the development of Western European politics.

**Devolution in Britain Today**

Examining the variety of ideas and values that influence British politics today, in light of how they developed and arrived in their present state, this text considers the future of British politics and what forces may shape further development.

**US Politics Today**

The contents focus directly on the dynamics of political argument in order to reveal how rival politicians and political scientists practice their persuasive art. Each contributor explores a disputed viewpoint, showing how differences of attitude and ideology structure the contemporary debate. Students should learn how an argument is constructed and develop the skills necessary for separating rhetoric from political reality. Further guidance is provided by summary boxes and suggested additional reading.

**German Politics Today**

**Political Ideology Today**
Enhancing our understanding of how people and places are affected by globalization at the level of everyday interactions within ‘Nordic Peripheries’, this book sheds light on local particularities as well as global confluences, by illuminating how gender, mobility and belonging contribute to ruptures and/or stability in the lives of men and women living in and/or moving within these northern localities. Crossing disciplinary and geographical boundaries the focus of the book is specifically on how global processes shape and influence the Nordic countries at the social level: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, as well as the Faroe Islands. The book starts from the premise that the Nordic peripheries offer an especially powerful lens on ‘peripherality’ in a globalized and globalizing world, because the region as a whole is traditionally perceived as relatively affluent, stable and with high levels of social equality. Yet, as the different chapters in the book demonstrate - with case studies that illuminate diverse gendered processes - globalization produces ruptures and new social constellations also at the rims of Nordic societies, well beyond the cushioning of comprehensive social welfare regimes. By elevating the empirical findings to more general debates about the gendered effects of globalization the book invites the reader to reflect upon not only Nordic particularities but also how insights from this part of the world can be instructive for understanding the nuances and complexities of global confluences at large.

The Almost Nearly Perfect People

Local Government Today provides a comprehensive analysis of the structure, finance, management, and democratic framework for local government in Britain. This new edition includes the changes made by Tony Blair's government and an evaluation in a comparative context of the value and effectiveness of the system. A new feature is a running commentary that puts the British system in comparative context and provides basic information on how local government operates in the European Union and the Unites States.

Comparative Economics in a Transforming World Economy, third edition

Uses both historical and contemporary case studies to examine how race and ethnicity affect the places we live, work, and visit. This book examines major Hispanic, African, and Asian diasporas in the continental United States and Puerto Rico from the nineteenth century to the present, with particular attention on the diverse ways in which these immigrant groups have shaped and reshaped American places and landscapes. Through both historical and contemporary case studies, the contributors examine how race and ethnicity affect the places we live, work, and visit, illustrating along the way the behaviors and concepts that comprise the modern ethnic and racial geography of immigrant and minority groups. While primarily addressed to students and scholars in the fields of racial and ethnic geography, these case studies will be accessible to anyone interested in race-place connections, race-ethnicity boundaries, the development of racialization, and the complexity of human settlement patterns and landscapes that make up the United States and Puerto Rico. Taken together, they show how individuals and culture groups, through their ideologies, social organization, and social institutions, reflect both local and regional processes of place-making and place-remaking that occur within and beyond the continental United States.

The politics today companion to West European Politics
This book gives an overview of the use of the referendum from its inception and early development to the present day, and outlines the theoretical history of the referendum device.

**Scandinavian Unexceptionalism**

A very accessible introductory text, offering an exceptionally broad coverage of the politics of the Russian Federation.

**Britain in the European Union Today**

German politics today surveys the German political system, based on up-to-date information covering the period since the 1998 Bundestag election and the new coalition government under Chancellor Schröder. A concise survey of the historical background to the present-day political system, including the steps that led to German reunification in 1990, is followed by analysis of the institutions of political participation (election, parties and interest groups) and the institutions of government (the constitution, the legislature, chancellor government and the federal system). The book concludes by considering the symbiotic relationship between Germany and Europe, and assesses how apt it is to consider Germany to be a ‘normal’ democracy today. The author draws on German as well as English-language sources of data, ensuring that recent changes in the political system are fully explained, and provides coverage of the constitutional as well as the historical and partisan basis of contemporary German politics. Special features include boxes, (which explain topics such as the ‘surplus seats’ which have occurred at recent Bundestag elections), a chronology of events leading to German reunification, and examples of interest groups officially registered with the Bundestag. It will appeal to those studying undergraduate courses on German politics, and provide a valuable resource for those studying comparative European political systems.

**The Consensual Democracies?**

This book investigates how liberal parties have evolved over time as a party family, in a comparative perspective. Through a discussion of the applicability of the concept of party family to liberal parties, it gives a better picture of the development, challenges, and opportunities for liberal parties in Europe. The history of liberal parties in Europe is peculiar and the origins of the liberal family are not clearly defined. Liberal parties are still quite heterogeneous given the various meanings embraced in the idea of liberalism, including economic liberalism, cultural liberalism, progressivism, social-liberalism. Bringing together the best specialists engaged in the study of liberal parties, and with a two-levels perspective (comparative and case study), this book renews and expands our knowledge on the liberal party family in Europe. Four major themes are developed, linked to the four approaches of the concept of party family: electoral performances, participation to power, ideology and political program, and party organization. These themes are systematically developed in case studies, and in comparative chapters. Primarily aimed at scholars and students in comparative politics, this book should especially appeal to scholars in the fields of political parties and party systems, representation and elections, voting behavior, and public opinion.
The Northern Harp; Or Relics of Scandinavian Poetry Third Edition

This completely revised and updated third edition of Scandinavian politics today provides a uniquely comparative, thematic and insightful treatment of politics and government in the five Nordic states of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden and the three Home Rule territories that together make up the Nordic region. The approach is distinctive in being systematically thematic and comparative and the author draws on current themes in political science literature to produce a book with considerable ‘added value’ over the run-of-the-mill textbook treatment. There are six parts and thirteen chapters covering: Scandinavia past and present; parties in developmental perspective; the Scandinavian party system model; the Nordic model of government; the Nordic welfare model; legislative-executive relations in the region; the changing security environment and the transition from Cold War ‘security threats’ to the ‘security challenges’ of today; and a concluding chapter looks at regional co-operation, Nordic involvement in the 'European project' and the Nordic states as ‘moral superpowers’. The book will be of interest not only to students of Scandinavia but to those wishing to view Scandinavian politics and policy-making in a wider comparative perspective.

Understanding the Cost of Welfare (third Edition)

This text examines parliamentary government in theory and practice, drawing widely on academic research and making extensive use of Parliament’s own records. Themes and concepts are illustrated by historical, recent and contemporary examples. Where appropriate, comparisons are made with practice in other countries. Boxes set out themes and concepts, figures illustrate the physical layout and tables provide detailed information on Parliament’s operation.

A Comparative Study of Referendums

A number of important changes have occurred since the first edition, and these are covered fully in the book. They include the introduction of the Euro, the reform of the Commission, the Amsterdam Treaty, the elections of 1999 and Agenda 2000.

French Politics Today

In comparison to many other areas of European political studies, contemporary Spain has received little attention. This text aims to fill this gap by describing and analyzing the institutions of government and, exploring the distinctive traits of its policy processes at regional, national and European levels. Many of the issues which have dominated Spanish political agendas in the 1980s and 1990s are discussed throughout the book.

British Politics Today

Over the last thirty-five years British politics has undergone something of a revolution: the collapse of strong class allegiance to parties; the recovery of an
economy once perceived to be in terminal decline; the near twenty-year rule of the of Tories; and the extraordinary emergence and establishment of the Blairite New Labour Party. Together with these changes we have also seen: the reshaping of the civil service; the establishment of devolved assemblies; the reform of the Lords; the decline of ideology; the apparent crushing of the Conservative Party; and the ubiquity of media management as a tool of political persuasion. This text outlines and contextualizes these major changes, and more.

**Local Government Today**

A substantial, authoritative, third edition of this important textbook about the impact of economic priorities and pressures on social policies at a time when neo-liberal arguments for reducing the burden of welfare are more dominant than ever before.

**Spanish Politics Today**

Focusing on paradoxes and tensions of European legal integration, this book investigates four complex and inherently contradictory processes to offer a new framework for understanding contemporary European integration. The volume features contributions from some of the biggest names in European legal philosophy, to include Neil MacCormick, Yves Dezalay and Bryant Garth, Pierre Legrand, Heikki Mattila and David Nelken.

**Russian Politics Today**

This introduction to the politics of the Irish republic includes coverage of the 1997 general election, and the creation of a new coalition of Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats under Bertie Ahern that year. Reflecting recent developments in Irish politics, the book now has an entire chapter devoted to sleaze.

**Ideology and Politics in Britain Today**

The Danes are the happiest people in the world, and pay the highest taxes. 'Neutral' Sweden is one of the biggest arms manufacturers in the world. Finns have the largest per capita gun ownership after the US and Yemen. 54 per cent of Icelanders believe in elves. Norway is the richest country on earth. 5 per cent of Danish men have had sex with an animal. Michael Booth has lived among the Scandinavians, on and off, for over ten years, perplexed by their many strange paradoxes and character traits and equally bemused by the unquestioning enthusiasm for all things Nordic and hygge that has engulfed the rest of the world. He leaves his adopted home of Denmark and embarks on a journey through all five of the Nordic countries to discover who these curious tribes are, the secrets of their success and, most intriguing of all, what they think of each other. Along the way a more nuanced, often darker picture emerges of a region plagued by taboos, characterised by suffocating parochialism and populated by extremists of various shades. 'The next Bill Bryson.' New York Times Winner of the Best Narrative Travel Book Award from the British Guild of Travel Writers
Scandinavian Politics Today

This text provides a comprehensive account of the most salient political issues in world politics and explains their significance in a way that is accessible to students and non-specialists alike. The end of the Cold War led to a widespread feeling of relief and talk of a new world order. Optimism however was short-lived and a whole range of difficult new issues, including ethnic conflict, refugees, terrorism and world security, have come to the fore. A number of ethical and moral issues such as poverty, human rights and religion has moved up the agenda of world politics. A new set of problems--involving the environment, technology, and health care--has impacted on the policy systems of states and international organizations. The contributors to this collection provide a basis for understanding emerging issues on the global stage.

Political Issues in Ireland Today

The second edition of the best-selling textbook US politics today offers a new and updated introduction to contemporary US government and politics. The book considers core institutions, including the presidency, Congress, and the Supreme Court. It assesses important questions and controversies and places them within the broader context of American society and culture. Has our understanding of the Constitution remained faithful to the intentions of the 'founding fathers' who wrote it? Is there still a separation of powers or has the president become too powerful? Do judges play too much of a role? Are the parties too weak and divided? Has Congress been 'bought' by lobbyists? This edition has been rewritten to incorporate coverage of events that have taken place since 1999. It examines the 2000 presidential election and recent Supreme Court rulings as well as the ways in which the 'war on terrorism' has affected the character of the political process. There is also a new chapter that assesses the most important political issues facing the US today. The book will prove invaluable for undergraduates, A-level students, and the general reader.

Paradoxes of European Legal Integration

This new edition of our successful textbook provides a thorough examination of French politics at the turn of the century. It explains and sets in context all aspects of French politics, taking into account recent developments as well as the background and structure of the French political system. The main focus of the book is on the structure of power in France, looking at the Fifth Republic as a system of majority politics organized for and against the presidency. It examines principally the competition and coalition-building between parties for the presidency and the effect of this on political life in France.

Devolution in Britain Today

This book is important to help an international audience understand the cultural peculiarities behind the Scandinavian “success story”. It is also vital that Scandinavians themselves read this book to help them understand the market reforms that are essential for a successful future.
The Civil Service in Britain Today

Devolution in Britain today provides a comprehensive analysis of both the historical development and current state of devolved government. The book is written in a clear and accessible style for students either encountering devolution for the first time or for those who need to explore the subject area in greater detail.

The Scandinavian International Society

This book provides an up-to-date look at the British Home Civil Service. Written in a clear and accessible style, the book considers the Civil Service at the end of the period of reform that began in the 1980s and asks vital questions concerning the degree of politicization of the Civil Service that there has been during the Next Steps and other reform programs. The author considers the part played by civil servants in the devolution of government and also describes the heavy commitment to Europe, questioning the extent to which a unified service has been replaced by a federal structure.

Debates in British Politics Today

This is an excellent complementary text to the standard texts on American politics providing vital background in the form of historical and statistical information that enables students to see present day American politics in context.

The Politics Today Companion to American Government

This book provides a comprehensive analysis of Scandinavia as a regional international society, including the Nordic Peace and the rise of the Scandinavian welfare state. Schouenborg aims to take the next big step in the theoretical development of the English School of International Relations - particularly the structural version introduced by Barry Buzan. He analyses the formation of a Scandinavian regional international society over a 200-year period and develops the concepts of ‘primary institutions’ and ‘binding forces’ as an analytical framework. In doing so, he not only offers one of the first systematic applications of English School structural theory, but also sheds a new comparative light on the distinctiveness of Scandinavian international relations, and provides a novel intervention in the debates about the emergence of the so-called Nordic Peace. In the first part of the book Schouenborg explains the core concepts and discusses how one may distinguish a regional international society from the broader global international society in which it is embedded. In the second part he provides an in-depth study of the Scandinavian case, focussing on the periods 1815 to 1919; 1919 to 1989; and 1989 to 2010. The Scandinavian International Society will be of interest to students and scholars of international relations theory, Scandinavian international relations and history, and researchers engaged in comparative welfare state studies.

Parliament Today
This volume represents a unique study of contemporary politics and policy-making in the five nation-states and three Home Rule territories of the Nordic region. Written in a lively and readable style by an expert in the field, its approach is systematically thematic and comparative. Chapters deal with current political science issues such as nation-building and state-building, party system change, semi-presidentialism and post-corporatism, as well as addressing intrinsically important regional questions such as whether or not there is a Nordic model of government, a distinctively Scandinavian form of parliamentarianism and a superior welfare system. There is also detailed discussion of the Nordic states in their strategic external environment, focusing on the post-war security configuration in northern Europe and the impact of European integration on Scandinavia.

Irish Politics Today

A comprehensive study which looks at the politics of legislative debates in 33 liberal democracies in Europe, North America and Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. This book offers an account of the rules and practices determining floor access, with a particular focus on gender, seniority, and legislative party positions.

Remapping Gender, Place and Mobility

“This new edition is an outstanding update of what I believe to be the best textbook for introducing undergraduates to global sociology. With a rich array of new examples, clear definitions of concepts and crisp theoretical summaries, it offers students a vision for participating as engaged citizens in a diverse, interdependent and sustainable world.”— Paul Lubeck, University of California, Santa Cruz

The first, pioneering editions of Global Sociology put global issues at the heart of sociological discussion. Much has changed in the world since then; recessions, revolutions, social media, and new migration networks have developed as causes and symptoms of an increasingly global society. This new edition is fully updated to explore just how these global issues can help us to understand sociology in our world today. Making clear connections between everyday experiences and global processes at each step, the third edition carefully guides readers through essential and cutting-edge topics in the discipline, from family and feminism to environment and economy. Features such as biography boxes on key thinkers in the field, a thorough glossary, and review questions introduce and reinforce the book’s core ideas. With clear writing and infectious enthusiasm for its topic, Global Sociology remains the authority on global issues in sociology for students at a variety of skill levels.

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