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State of Change: Colorado Politics in the Twenty-first Century

Courtenay W. Daum, Robert J. Duffy, and John A. Straayer
University Press of Colorado

From the Publisher: Colorado has been at the center of major shifts in American politics. Over the last several decades, the political landscape has altered on the state and national levels. This title traces the political and demographic factors that have transformed Colorado, looking beyond the major shift in the dominant political party from Republican to Democratic to greater long-term implications. The increased use of direct democracy resulted in adoption of term limits, major reconstruction of fiscal policy, and other changes in statutory and constitutional law. Contributors also address the effects of these changes on the future of Colorado, concluding that the current state of affairs is fated to be short lived.

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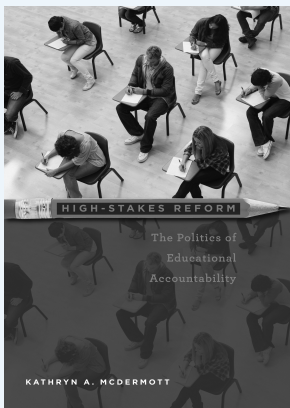


High-Stakes Reform: The Politics of Educational Accountability

Kathryn A. McDermott
Georgetown University Press

From the Publisher: High-Stakes Reform analyzes the political processes and historical context that led to the enactment of state-level education accountability policies across the country. It also situates the education accountability movement in the broader context of public administration research, emphasizing the relationships among equity, accountability, and intergovernmental relations. The book then focuses on three in-depth case studies of policy development in Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Kathryn McDermott zeroes in on the most controversial and politically charged forms of state performance accountability sanctions, including graduation tests, direct state intervention in or closing of schools, and state takeovers of school districts.

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Adjudication in Religious Family Laws: Cultural Accommodation, Legal Pluralism, and Gender Equality in India

Gopika Solanki
Cambridge University Press

Buckeye Battleground: Ohio, Campaigns, and Elections in the Twenty-First Century

Daniel J. Coffey, John C. Green, David B. Cohen, and Stephen C. Brooks
University of Akron

Canadian Idealism and the Philosophy of Freedom: C.B. Macpherson, George Grant, and Charles Taylor

Robert Meynell
McGill-Queen's University Press

Chinese Justice: Civil Disputer Resolution in Contemporary China

Margaret Y. K. Woo and
Mary E. Gallagher, editors
Cambridge University Press

Contemporary Majority Nationalism

Edited by Alain-G. Gagnon, Andre Lecours, and Genevieve Nootens
McGill-Queen's University Press

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Edited by Joel D. Aberbach and Gillian Peele
Oxford University Press

Defending Congress and the Constitution

Louis Fisher
University Press of Kansas

Ideas and Politics in Social Science Research

Daniel Beland and Robert Henry Cox, editors
Oxford University Press

Level Playing Field for All? Female Political Leadership and Athletics

Leanne Doherty
Rowman and Littlefield

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Michael P. Marks
Palgrave Macmillan

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Dialectics and Contemporary Politics: Critique and Transformation from Hegel through Post-Marxism

John Grant
Routledge

From the Publisher: Grant recasts dialectical thought for a post-Marxist age in which labor movement politics is just one political option among many. The book is organized thematically around concepts such as immanent critique, ideology, experience, and resistance, and according to figures who are vital to the present trajectory of dialectics, including Hegel, Adorno, Foucault, Jameson and Žizek. New analysis of these concepts and theorists is used to show how they transform our understanding of social life as well as offer a way of understanding social transformation.

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Federalism 2011

John Kincaid, editor

Sage, 4 volumes: Volume I: Theories of Federalism; Volume II: Comparative Federalism; Volume III: Practices of Federalism; Volume IV: Potentials of Federalism

From the Publisher: In 1968, Carl J. Friedrich suggested that federalism was not, as many observers then believed, an anomaly in the modern era, but rather a mode of governance that was moving to the forefront of political necessity and desirability in the second half of the twentieth century. This was a prescient observation. Federalism has become a leading mechanism for addressing problems of human diversity and political scale, both small and large. It establishes unity on the basis of consent while preserving diversity by constitutionally uniting separate political communities into a limited, but encompassing, polity.

This major reference collection grapples with a large body of knowledge that does not neatly divide into theoretical categories and creates a structure to study this complex political structure and process of governance. Federalism, a four volume set, attempts to signpost and map out the field for researchers, post-graduates and political scientists in general.

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Motivational Dimensions in Social Movements and Contentious Collective Action

Maurice Pinard
McGill-Queen's University Press

The New Jacobinism: America as Revolutionary State

Claes G. Ryn
National Humanities Institute

Oligarchy

Jeffrey A. Winters
Cambridge University Press

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Natalie Jomini Stroud
Oxford University Press

Pathways to Polling: Crisis, Cooperation and the Making of Public Opinion Professions

Amy Fried
Routledge

Popular Support for an Undemocratic Regime: The Changing Views of Russians

Richard Rose, William Mishler, and Neil Munro
Cambridge University Press

Religion in America: A Political History

Denis Lacorne, translated by George Holoch
Columbia University Press

When Citizens Decide: Lessons from Citizens' Assemblies on Electoral Reform

Patrick Fournier, R. Kenneth Carty, and Andre Blais
Oxford University Press

When the Letter Betrays the Spirit: Voting Rights Enforcement and African American Participation from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama

Tyson D. King-Meadows
Lexington Books

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Thomas J. Christensen
Princeton University Press