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How has the World Food Programme come to be so well-regarded—even in the US—despite being part of the much-maligned UN system? What are the political and institutional conditions that have enabled it to accrue legitimacy as an international organization? And how much substance lies behind the perceptions of its effectiveness?

Finding the answers to these questions in his analysis of the institutional politics of the WFP, Sandy Ross illustrates important larger issues about international institutions and global governance. He also shows that the very terms of its success limit the WFP’s capacity to change the systemic problems that generate large-scale global hunger.

Sandy Ross is research fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne.


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Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization

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Despite the homogenizing effect of globalization, identity politics have gained significance—numerous groups have achieved political goals and gained recognition based on, for example, their common gender, religion, ethnicity, or disability. Are each of these groups unique, or can comparisons be drawn among them? What is the impact of globalization on identity politics? The authors of Identity Politics offer a comprehensive analytical framework and detailed case studies to explain how identity-based collectives both exploit and are shaped by the new realities of a globalized world.

Roger Coate is Paul Coverdell Chair of Public Policy at Georgia College and State University. Markus Thiel is assistant professor of politics and international relations at Florida International University.


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Eric W. Cox is assistant professor of political science at Texas Christian University.


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Why do states join ad hoc military coalitions? What motivated South Korea to contribute significantly to the Iraq War “coalition of the willing,” while such steadfast allies as Turkey and Germany resisted US pressure to become burden-sharing partners? Drawing on his extensive examination of South Korean, German, and Turkish politics in the approach to and during the Iraq War, Daniel Baltrusaitis offers an in-depth analysis of how domestic political dynamics critically influence a state’s level of material and diplomatic support to “coalitions of choice.”

Daniel F. Baltrusaitis is assistant professor of international security studies at the US Air War College.

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Scott Seward Smith focuses on Afghanistan’s 2004 presidential election—the first popular election ever held there—as he explores the painstaking attempt by the United Nations to develop democratic institutions in the country.

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Scott Seward Smith is senior political affairs officer and Afghanistan team leader in the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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Why have so many attempts at democracy in the past half-century failed? Confronting this much discussed question, Jay Ulfelder offers a novel explanation for the coups and rebellions that have toppled fledgling democratic regimes and that continue to threaten many new democracies today. Ulfelder draws on an original dataset of 110 democratic failures spanning 1955–2007 and also presents analytic narratives for six cases (Cyprus, Fiji, Spain, Thailand, Ukraine, and Venezuela) to illustrate why some governments survive while others collapse. Focusing on political parties and the military as key players in the “democracy game,” he sheds light on the pathways by which new democracies slide all too often from founding elections to polarization and breakdown.

Jay Ulfelder is director of research for the Political Instability Task Force at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).


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Situating her analysis squarely within the context of debates about the role of religion in African politics and society, Amy Patterson systematically analyzes the efforts (and sometimes lack of effort) of Christian churches in shaping HIV/AIDS policy.

Patterson considers how theological worldviews, material resources, historical interactions with the state, and global networks influence church advocacy on AIDS. She is particularly interested in why various churches have responded in such differing ways to the political questions associated with the AIDS epidemic. With the issue of AIDS as a focal point, she offers a cross-national, critical analysis of Christian church mobilization in Africa.

Amy S. Patterson is associate professor of political science at Calvin College.


Security Cooperation in Africa: A Reappraisal

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Benedikt Franke is visiting research fellow at the University of Oxford.

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How do disputants in Africa’s civil wars—rebel movements, ethnic groups, state leaders—find security in the midst of anarchic situations? Why do some rebel movements pursue a secessionist agenda while others seek to overthrow the existing government? Under what circumstances will insurgents agree to share power? Proposing answers to these questions, Ian Spears offers a fresh perspective on the possibilities for ending violent political conflict in Africa.

Spears focuses on the security predicaments of the disputants themselves as he closely examines the roots and dynamics of civil wars in Angola, Ethiopia, and Somalia. His original analysis leads to conclusions that challenge prevailing assumptions about the nature both of conflict resolution and of peacebuilding in postconflict societies.

Ian S. Spears is associate professor of political science at the University of Guelph.


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**Mauritania: The Struggle for Democracy**

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Why did a clique of Mauritanian officers risk their lives to overthrow the autocrat they had served for twenty years, only to cede power to an elected civilian? And having won acclaim for their commitment to a process of democratic transition, why did most of these officers join a year later to overthrow the newly elected president? Had the international community been fooled by a military junta—or was it complicit in creating an elaborate pseudo-democratic facade?

Drawing on numerous interviews and field research in an Islamic republic wracked by ethnic tensions, terrorism, dire poverty, and the living legacy of slavery, Noel Foster addresses these questions to reveal the complex forces at work in Mauritania’s long struggle for better governance.

Noel Foster has lived and worked in Mauritania for several years, most recently as a graduate fellow with Stanford University’s Haas Center for Public Service.


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Why do some African local governments perform well, while others fail to deliver even the most basic services to their constituents? Gina Lambright finds answers to this question in her investigation of the factors that contribute to good—and those that result in ineffective—institutional performance at the district level in Uganda. Examining the conditions under which local populations are able to shape the performance of their local governments, she adeptly combines quantitative analysis across 56 Ugandan district governments with in-depth case studies of Lira, Mpi, and Bushenyi.

Gina M.S. Lambright is assistant professor of political science at George Washington University.


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Democratic Participation in Rural Tanzania and Zambia: The Impact of Civic Education

Satu Riutta

“A model of how research should be conducted—driven by a profoundly important and broadly applicable puzzle, grounded in current theoretical and policy debates, and rich in original empirical evidence... This study will stand beside other pioneering works in the field of democratization and political participation.”

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Satu Riutta asks whether civic education initiatives—to which huge sums of donor funds and effort are devoted annually—actually promote political participation among the rural poor in nascent democracies. Does raising awareness about citizen rights and responsibilities increase participation? Are the effects of civic education greatest on collective or individual forms of participation? Do women respond differently than men? Drawing on a rich set of original data from villages in Tanzania and Zambia, Riutta casts new light on both the empowering effects and the limitations of civic education in the context of participatory development and democratization.

Satu Riutta is institutional research associate at Oxford College of Emory University.


Raymond Suttner

“Brings fresh insights into the ANC during a critical phase in the organization’s development.... Suttner provides a nuanced understanding of what it took to work against the racist South African regime.... Essential reading for those interested in South Africa. Highly recommended.” —Choice

It is widely assumed that the African National Congress essentially disappeared from South Africa after its banning in 1960 and the imprisonment of its leaders, until public support for it revived in the wake of the 1976 Soweto uprising. Raymond Suttner takes issue with that view.

Drawing on extensive oral testimony, Suttner reveals how internally based activists, often working independently of the ANC in exile, were able to reconstitute and maintain effective underground networks. His scope encompasses the broad features of the clandestine work, the impact that it had on personal lives, and the opportunities that were presented for both bravery and abuse. He also considers the gendered character of the underground ANC. In the concluding chapter of the book, he explores the gradual establishment of the ANC hegemony, which continues to this day.

Raymond Suttner is professor and head of the Walter and Albertina Sisulu Knowledge and Heritage Unit, School for Graduate Studies, University of South Africa.

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John Cameron draws on power-based approaches to the study of democratization as he thoughtfully explores efforts by indigenous and peasant groups to gain control of local governments and deepen democracy in Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru.

Cameron addresses three fundamental questions: What factors best explain the success or failure of local political movements in the Andes? What forms of democracy are emerging in indigenous- and peasant-controlled municipalities? What are the impacts of municipal democratization on the well-being and political identities of the citizenry? As he elucidates his results, he reminds readers that, in the midst of some of the most exclusionary and elite-dominated systems of local government in Latin America, political struggles for democracy are having a profound impact.

John Cameron is assistant professor in the Department of International Development Studies at Dalhousie University.


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The Reform of the Bolivian State: Domestic Politics in the Context of Globalization

“[A] remarkably sophisticated study of the transnationalization of class and state in Bolivia. Tsolakis makes a valuable theoretical contribution to the literature.” —Henk Overbeek

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In 2005, two decades after President Victor Paz Estenssoro’s New Economic Policy heralded the beginning of a profound transformation for Bolivia, violence had become endemic in the country, economic growth was weak, and political corruption was flourishing. Evo Morales was elected to the presidency in a climate of intense social conflict and disorder, promising to deconstruct the entire political and economic edifice so painfully built since 1985. Andreas Tsoikais investigates Bolivia’s trajectory since 1985 in the context of the country’s deepening integration into the world market.

From a historical materialist perspective, Tsoikais assesses why neoliberal restructuring efforts failed, as well as the implications of the continuing internationalization of the Bolivian state for Morales’s reform program and his foreign relations in Latin America and beyond. He provides both a nuanced analysis of collaborative practices among transnational social forces and an up-to-date, critical analysis of the Morales administration.

Andreas Tsoikais is a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study at the University of Warwick and also an analyst at the Fundación Secretariado Gitano in Madrid.


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Political Leadership in Zapatista Mexico: Marcos, Celebrity, and Charismatic Authority

“A unique exploration of the tension between the personalistic and the transformative dimensions of charismatic authority. This timely, illuminating book is indispensable to the study of the Zapatista Movement and its charismatic spokesman, Subcommandante Marcos.” —Priscilla Falcón

Can charismatic authority be used to further progressive politics without simultaneously doing damage? Is it possible for a movement with a charismatic leader to achieve an egalitarian society? Tracing the history of Mexico’s Zapatista movement and the emergence of its controversial masked spokesman, Subcommandante Marcos, Daniela di Piramo investigates the implications of these questions.

Di Piramo’s important distinction between charisma as an individual attribute and charismatic authority as a form of political power is reflected throughout her study. Following Marcos’s public trajectory, she focuses not only on how the leader has used his personal appeal to draw international attention to the Zapatista’s plight, but also on how the constant spotlight on him has sometimes eclipsed the larger political agenda. Her work is both a significant biography and a penetrating exploration of the nature of charismatic political leadership in Latin America.

Daniela di Piramo is lecturer in politics at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia.


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Race, Ethnicity, and Power in the Americas:

**Negotiating Democracy in Brazil: The Politics of Exclusion**

*Bernd Reiter*

Do societal inequalities limit the effectiveness of democratic regimes? And if so, why? And how? Addressing this question, Bernd Reiter focuses on the role of societal dynamics in undermining democracy in Brazil.

Reiter explores the ways in which race, class, and gender in Brazil structure a society that is deeply divided between the included and the excluded—and where much of the population falls into the latter category. Tracing the mechanisms of the profound cultural resistance to genuine democratization that he finds dominant among the elite, his theoretically and empirically rich analysis offers an alternative way of understanding both the nature of Brazilian democracy and the democratization process throughout Latin America.

*Bernd Reiter* is assistant professor of political science at the University of South Florida.


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Why would a state commit to foreign policy actions that do not appear to have relevance to its national interests? And what can we learn from Argentina’s extensive involvement in democracy promotion in the Americas? Addressing these related questions, Ana Margheritis explores the interaction of presidential power, regional issues, and domestic instability in the shaping of Argentina’s foreign policy.

*Ana Margheritis* is assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida.


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China and the Energy Equation in Asia: The Determinants of Policy Choice

Jean A. Garrison

“Will be important to all those who want to learn how political decisions are made in China. In addition ... the book serves as an excellent introductory reader to the making of Chinese energy policy.”

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Why does China act as it does in its pursuit of energy security? Are “resource wars” inevitable? Going beyond traditional analyses that focus on China as a regional and global threat, Jean Garrison sheds new light on the roots of the country’s energy policy and the constraints that it faces.

Garrison eschews the zero-sum approaches that underlie much conceptualization of the subject, arguing that they are in large part based on the erroneous notion that China is a unitary actor with a coherent energy strategy. Her attention to the competing developmental and environmental priorities at play in China’s domestic politics is a critical contribution to the global energy-security debate.

Jean A. Garrison is associate professor of political science at the University of Wyoming.

China’s Rural Development Policy: Exploring the “New Socialist Countryside”

Minzi Su

“This deeply researched study affords a balanced view of where and how government policies have been in touch with farmers’ needs or out of touch with farming realities. Su provides much food for thought about development policymaking and rural capacity-building in a country where all generalizations fail.”

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As China strives to achieve nothing less than a “harmonious society”—despite the pronounced and institutionalized class structure that divides rural Chinese from urban, eastern from western, and rich from poor—a key element of that effort is a “new socialist countryside.” Minzi Su assesses the prospects for China’s rural revitalization programs now in their initial stages.

Su draws on her extensive, front-line field research to discover precisely why Beijing’s rural development policies, though helping many, have thus far bypassed hundreds of millions of farm households. Not least, she also identifies the capacities and political-economic conditions that hold the greatest promise for successful policy implementation.

Minzi Su is assistant professor in the College of Public Service and Urban Affairs at Tennessee State University.

Masculinity and Japan’s Foreign Relations

Yumiko Mikanagi

“Gender has been a neglected dimension of the study of Japan’s international relations. Yumiko Mikanagi focuses on masculinity and foreign relations, employing a fresh approach which is sure to stimulate much discussion and debate.” —Vera Mackie

Transformations in both Japan’s domestic culture and its foreign relations in the last two decades have led to, among other outcomes, a shift to a more militarized defense policy. Yumiko Mikanagi explores an intriguing aspect of this shift: changes in what is considered masculine in contemporary Japanese society.

Tracing the alternations between dominant “warrior” and “literati” conceptions of masculinity from the nineteenth century to the present, Mikanagi reveals parallels in Japan’s foreign policy and offers new insights into the country’s recent defense policy decisions.

Yumiko Mikanagi is senior research scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University.

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Peacebuilding and Transitional Justice in East Timor

“A jewel of a case study. Accessible and lively, this volume is a valuable resource to academics and practitioners who want to understand the roles that outsiders can and cannot play in encouraging peace in troubled societies around the world.”
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“An important study of the UN peacebuilding operation in East Timor. Rae’s emphasis on the needs and contributions of ordinary people brings a welcome sensitivity and a broader vision to the subject.”
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Did the United Nations successfully help to build a just, peaceful state and society in postconflict East Timor? Has transitional justice satisfied local demands for accountability and/or reconciliation? What lessons can be learned from the UN’s efforts? Drawing on extensive field work, James DeShaw Rae offers a grassroots perspective on the relationship between peacebuilding and transitional justice.

Rae traces the effects of the political violence perpetrated in East Timor during the Indonesian occupation, the UN-authorized intervention, and the ultimate formulation of the rebuilding effort.

In the process, he explores the results of hybrid (mixed domestic-international) tribunals and the attempt to conduct war crimes tribunals and truth and reconciliation commissions in tandem. Not least, his account of the impact of international actors working with the East Timorese to construct a new nation from the ground up suggests important policy prescriptions for all postconflict societies.

James DeShaw Rae is assistant professor of government at California State University, Sacramento.

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How did Macedonia attain its status as the only Yugoslav republic to achieve a nonviolent transition to independence in the early 1990s? And why did the initial peace fail to endure?

Sasho Ripiloski traces Macedonia’s peaceful extrication from the Yugoslav morass and then examines the new country’s subsequent state-building efforts and offers an explanation for its later collapse into violence. He also assesses the broader theoretical implications stemming from the Macedonian experience. His work both advances our knowledge of this little-known country and sheds important new light on its role in Yugoslavia’s fragmentation.

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Governing the Czech Republic and Slovakia: Between State Socialism and the European Union

“Scherpereel has written a solid book that is of importance to country specialists as well as to scholars of comparative public administration and EU studies.” —Marek Rybar, Slavic Review

“Outstanding.... A fascinating account of efforts to create (and to resist the creation of) those viable state institutions necessary for a functioning democracy.” —Mark R. Beissinger

Why do democratic leaders sometimes choose not to establish institutions that would promote the consolidation of democracy? And what are the consequences of those choices? Focusing on the cases of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, John Scherpereel explores the interplay of historical institutional legacies, short-term elite interests, and international pressures (i.e., EU conditionality) in the process of state reform.

John A. Scherpereel is assistant professor of political science at James Madison University.


Promoting Democracy in Postcommunist Ukraine: The Contradictory Outcomes of US Aid to Women's NGOs

“A n interesting and unique book that engages both theoretical debates and important policy issues including democracy promotion, civil society and women’s politics.” —Patrice McMahon

Considerable material and human resources are devoted to building democratic institutions around the world. Why, then, do assistance programs fail to meet their proclaimed goals? And why aren’t these programs changed or abandoned when they fail? Using US assistance to women’s NGOs in postcommunist Ukraine as a case study, Kateryna Pishchikova shows why democracy promotion programs have a limited or even negative impact on democracy in recipient countries. Combining analysis of policy documents with in-depth interviews and observations, she explains the persistence of aid despite the disillusionment of its beneficiaries.

Kateryna Pishchikova is research fellow at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Pisa, Italy.

Shaping German Foreign Policy: History, Memory, and National Interest

An outstanding book.... Leithner’s study advances our knowledge about the complex, dynamic process through which political elites craft and justify foreign policy—using language to mold national identity and perceived national interests—in Germany and elsewhere in the contemporary world.”

—Francis A. Beer

Reconciling the imperatives of Germany’s national identity and its national interest has been a challenge for the country’s policymakers since the end of the Cold War. Anika Leithner explores how (and how much) the past continues to shape Germany’s foreign policy behavior in the first decade of the twenty-first century.

Leithner argues that, while German foreign policy is still heavily influenced by the memory of World War II, the exact nature of that memory is slowly changing as the lessons of history are being reinterpreted. Focusing on the military interventions in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, she deftly illustrates the ways in which the lessons of history have been manipulated in the pursuit of an assertive foreign policy—one that can appease audiences at home while securing a leadership role for Germany in Europe and beyond.

Anika Leithner is assistant professor of political science at California Polytechnic State University.

Dismantling Social Europe: The Political Economy of Social Policy in the European Union

“An original and compelling contribution to the study of EU social policy, neoliberalism, and political contestation in Germany, Ireland, and the European Union as a whole.”

—Willem Maas

“A lucid explanation of the impact that globalization, deepening integration, subsidiarity, labor flexibility, and worker security are having on the political economy of the EU.” —W. Andy Knight

Why is neoliberalism winning out as a social policy in the European Union? Daniel Preece demonstrates how, despite the commitment to “Social Europe” that has been entrenched in the EU treaty framework since the late 1990s, neoliberal actors have successfully reframed the policy debates and affected the welfare policies adopted by the member states. Focusing on the cases of Germany and Ireland, he reveals just how questions of economic competitiveness have come to dominate the EU’s social policy agenda.

Daniel V. Preece is instructor of political science at the University of Alberta and Grant MacEwan College.
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