The India-Pakistan relationship is complex and choreographed with wars, protracted conflicts and active disputes. Although the presence of nuclear weapons has decreased the probability of an all-out conventional war, the frequency of minor conflicts and crises have increased manifold. India considers nuclear weapons a deterrent against nuclear strikes, whereas Pakistan assumes that these would deter a nuclear as well as a conventional war. The central argument of this book is that another military engagement between India and Pakistan, similar to one in February 2019, exists with varying degrees of probability, thus challenging the efficacy of nuclear deterrence. Until the probabilities of military engagements are minimized, the possibilities of peace and stability in the region would remain elusive. Therefore, the situation asks for scholarly contribution in developing a new paradigm wherein the two nuclear neighbors are made to recognize the need to resolve their disputes instead of just managing them, to avoid recurrence of violent conflicts that can lead to a catastrophic nuclear exchange, no matter how limited it is.
Klaus Wallbaum

Ernst Albrechts politisches Erbe
Wie Niedersachsen bis heute von der Wahl des Ministerpräsidenten 1976 geprägt wird

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Joy R. Bostic · Itumeleng D. Mothoagae · Tamelyn Tucker-Worgs (eds.)

Black Religious Landscaping in Africa and the United States

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Black Religious Landscaping in Africa and the United States uses the prism of spatial theory to explore various aspects of Black landscapes on the African continent and Black Atlantic diasporic locations. The volume explores the ways in which Black people in Africa and in the Diaspora have identified obstacles and barriers to Black freedoms and have constructed counter-landscapes in response to these obstacles. The chapters in the book present diverse representations of the Black creative impulse to form religious landscapes and construct social, economic and political spaces that are habitable for Black people and Black bodies. These landscapes and spaces are physical, psychological and conceptual. They are gendered and racialized in ways that are shaped by their specific religious, geographic and socio-historical contexts. These contexts are influenced by colonial systems and institutions of modern slavery. The landscapes that people of African descent struggle to construct, reshape and inhabit are intended to counter the effects of these oppressive systems and institutions and often include attempts to reclaim and adapt sources, concepts, tools and techniques that are indigenous to specific geographical contexts or ethno-racial groups. The contributors hope in this volume to offer a look at how the cartographic struggles and constructive engagements within these Black-inhabited spaces are rooted in Black movements that support the emancipation of Black lives and Black bodies from the oppressive forces of dominant geographies.
Azawad’s Facebook Warriors
The MNLA, Social Media, and the Malian Civil War

In January 2012, the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad (MNLA), a group dominated by members of the Tuareg ethnic group, launched a military uprising seeking the independence of Mali’s vast but sparsely populated north as the democratic, secular nation-state of Azawad. Azawad’s Facebook Warriors tells the extraordinary story of a small group of social media activists who sought to broadcast the MNLA’s cause to the world. Azawad’s Facebook Warriors offers a groundbreaking new study of the MNLA’s use of social media through the original analysis of more than 8,000 pro-MNLA Facebook posts published over a four-year period and interviews with key architects of the MNLA’s media strategy. The book further places the MNLA’s social media activism in context through a nuanced treatment of northern Mali’s history and an unparalleled blow-by-blow account of the MNLA’s role in the Malian civil war from 2012 through 2015. More broadly, through the case study of the MNLA, the book argues that studying rebel social media communications, a field that has until now unfortunately received scant scholarly attention, will prove an increasingly important tool in understanding rebel groups in coming years and decades.

Japanese Politics in Comparative Perspective
From the East to the West, and Then Whither?

Japan lives twice. Japan belonged to the East before 1962, when The Economist’s editorialized, “Consider Japan”. It gave the world a warning-cum-welcoming signal to Japan about joining the West. Thereafter Japan belonged to the West in science, industry and international law, whereas Japan was regarded psychologically in the West as belonging to the East in sakura, sushi, and snow country. After 1992, the morning after the bubble collapse, Japan belong to the new West, not bereft of mishaps and mistakes and embedded with stall and stagnation as the rest of the old West. Yet Japan has been going through the “lost three decades” of muddling through recession and deflation, as if Japan had trod the Dengist path to “hide your strength and bide your time” without loud fanfare. By 2022 Japan will come up quietly as the oasis of stability when the world is struggling with climate change and infectious disease diffusion in addition to its decline from the overconfidence of its own capabilities. Japan has emerged, combining its aggregate niches of technology of its own erstwhile dominant manufacturing, further enhanced by technological
prowess obtained by massive foreign direct investment due to sluggish domestic market demand. In examining Japanese politics in comparative angle, this book starts by asking: from the East to the West, and then whither?

Karolina Rak · Michal Lipa · Olga Barbasiewicz (eds.)

Historical and Collective Memory in the Middle and Far East


Memories contribute to the construction of the image or interpretation of the past and the present. This book focuses on the topic of memory in the Middle and Far East societies by highlighting non-European cases of practicing collective and historical memory. The Far East cases include the memory of the Japanese occupation of Korea, issues of Japanization policies within the Taiwanese society, the role of museums in Chinese patriotism, the issue of contemporary Japanese nationalisms, and public memory evaluation in India. The Middle Eastern contexts concentrate on the impact of the Arab Spring, historical memory in the politics of Muslim movements and interpreting aspects of heritage.

Neither instruments nor methodology are available to measure the development of CoI over long periods of time. Therefore, it is impossible to state whether CoI increase or decrease. The Member States of the EU have no statistics and figures about the development of Conflicts of Interest (CoI). However, ever new scandals, growing media attention and changing concepts of governance create ever new ethical challenges and conflicts of interest. As such, detecting, managing and measuring CoI policies involve some of the greatest challenges and difficulties in legal, political, organizational, behavioural and administrative sciences. This international and empirical research examines the causes of conflicts of interest and discusses concepts, innovative instruments and new ideas how to enhance the effectiveness of policies.

Christoph Demmke · Jari Autioniem · Florian Lenner · Maros Paulini

The Effectiveness of Conflict of Interest Policies

A Comparative Study of Holders of Public Office in the EU Member States

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Pierre Chabal · Yann Alix · Kuralay Baizakova (eds.)

Evolving regional values and mobilities in global contexts

The emergence of new (Eur-)Asian regions and dialogues with Europe

Bruxelles, 2020. 372 pp., 8 fig. col., 11 fig. b/w, 3 tables.


This book analyses the gradual fusion of Europe and Asia into a Eurasian dy- namic combining institutional and identity aspects. The seventh in a series of Europe–Asia conferences covering regime dynamics, cooperation policies, regional competition, the limits of regions, mutual understanding and cross-border exchanges, it shows that Eurasian continental developments are outgrowing sub-region designations such as Western Europe, Southeast Asia, East Asia and Central Asia. Ten years ago, before the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), regional dynamics seemed clearly delineated, especially with inter-state groupings mapping out space – the EU, the ASEAN, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) – and organisations overseeing pan-continental competition such as the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building in Asia (CICA), the Eurasian Economic Union, etc. Today, the less institutional and more macro-economic scheme of an infrastructure and transport network coined as “China’s BRI” changes the research environment. Gathering about thirty scholars from a dozen Eurasian countries, this book contains views from East Asia (Mongolia, China), Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan), Western Europe (France, Belgium), Eastern Europe (Poland, Romania, Hungary, Turkey) and the Caucasus (Azerbaijan). Asia and Europe can no longer be understood except as Eurasian sub-entities. Multi-dimensionally, the book draws from history, international economic relations, politics, geography, economics, cultural studies, public and private law, business studies, peace and conflict studies, public administration, and even literary criticism to tackle the question: what is Eurasia?

Michal Kolmaš · Yoichiro Sato (eds.)

Identity, Culture and Memory in Japanese Foreign Policy

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This book interprets the changing nature of Japanese foreign policy through the concepts of identity, culture and memory. It goes beyond rational interpretation of material interests and focus on values and ideas that are inseparable and pervasive in Japanese domestic and foreign policy. A set of chapters written by established Japanese and foreign experts show the nuances of Japanese self-images and their role in defining their understanding of the world. Stemming from historical memories of World War Two, the reconciliation between Japan and other Asian countries, the formation of Japanese self in media discourse to the role of self-perception in defining Japanese contemporary foreign and economic policies, the book offers a holistic insight into Japanese psyche and its role in the political world. It will be of utmost interest not only to the scholars of Japanese foreign policy, but also to a wide public interested in understanding the uniqueness of Japanese state and its people.
This book presents seven diplomats, seven Slovaks. Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Štefan Osuský, Vladimír S. Hurban, Vladimír M. Palic, Juraj Slávik, Ivan Krno and Ján Papánek. They were also authors, poets, soldiers, politicians, and international lawyers. They represent a selective and subjective sample of Czecho-Slovak diplomats in the first half of the 20th century. The book is focused not only on them as men, but on their stories as well. Their chronicles provide insight into the era, relationships and situations which shaped their actions. These seven lives were linked by common characteristics such as strong national awareness, the fight for democracy and Czecho-Slovak statehood, as well as disgust with Nazi and Communist totalitarianism, and firm Lutheran roots. Modern Slovak history, whether viewed internally or in a Central-European or pan-European contexts, underwent dynamic transformation at the beginning of the 20th century.

The entire world began to change and Slovaks were no exception. It is only natural for every nation or state to seek the roots of its national identity. As this identity is embodied by the people and personalities who created it, we perceive the past through their lives. It is a privilege that a small European nation, Slovaks can say that their dignitaries have succeeded worldwide. It is a great honor that their work can be seen in the Treaty of Trianon, the Declaration of the United Nations, the UN Charter, and everywhere where the voice of freedom and democracy was rising.

The Government and Politics of Lebanon, Second Edition describes the special attributes of Lebanese politics and the functions of its confessional state. It aims to contribute to the reader’s understanding of contemporary Lebanese politics, consensus building, and government. It stimulates discussion concerning the nature of consociationalism as a power sharing arrangement for a divided society. The book captures the complexity of Lebanese politics by revealing the challenges embedded in the management of plurality, including institutional paralysis and system stagnations. The second edition features new and expanded chapters that pay particular attention to state’s adaptations to post-Arab Spring politics. It expands the analysis on the performance of the Lebanese consociational state in light of turbulent regional environment and the various repercussions associated with regional conflict. It is divided into several parts. The first introduces the particular form and foundations of Lebanese consociationalism and provides an elaborate description of its special features. The second part explains the different rules of the game as institutionalized in the country’s international and domestic power sharing arrangements. It describes the international politics of Lebanon and the influence exerted by regional powers in shaping its domestic affairs. It explains the manifestation of domestic parties and electoral systems in the power distribution among the country’s different sectarian and ethnic groups. It analyzes the political economy of communitarian politics. The third part focuses on the contemporary powers and functions of the different branches of government as well as their institutional expression of sectarian interests. The fourth part of the book places Lebanese consociationalism in light of contemporary regional turmoil and describes state’s responsiveness in mitigating and managing conflicts, particularly those associated with the spillover from the Syrian conflict.
Third, he suggests for the future that researchers use multiple methods to account for different types of dependencies, because no single method can address them all. He shows how to make the best use of logistic regression and social network analysis for conflict statistics. He offers suggestions to policy makers for how best to incorporate this theory in analysis. Finally, Carnegie concludes by comparing predictions of the two theories regarding conflicts for the United States, especially Iran and North Korea. This book will be of interest to conflict researchers in academia and government who want to better understand the effect of coalitions on modern warfare.

Security relations between Japan and its East Asia neighbors have been complicated for decades. Entering the third decade of the 21st century, Japan will have to face new security challenges posed by COVID-19 and manage its current relations with the United States, China and South Korea. Mitigating local and global security threats will be one of the most critical challenges for the future. This book focuses on internal and external factors that are influencing current Japanese security policy and analyses the security issues from numerous perspectives, including social issues and their effect on security policies, bilateral relations between Japan and its partners in Asia, and the significance of the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

Do leaders make war decisions individually or do they consider other ongoing conflicts? Most researchers assume dyadic independence out of convenience. In this book, Jeffrey Alan Carnegie presents evidence that this is a faulty assumption. First, he develops a formal theory in which limited military resources act as a constraint on the ability of leaders to engage in international conflicts. Country leaders plan accordingly by considering the entire picture of conflicts. This theory, in contrast to dyadic dependence, implies a different data-generating process for international conflicts. Second, he tests both theories using summary statistics, network analysis, and logistic regression. All three methods show strong support for military resource division theory. Carnegie further shows that the dependent effects change with time, even when controlling for polarity. The effects also differ between regions, which implies cultural factors at work. Third, he suggests for the future that researchers use multiple

This book examines succinctly the substantive assumptions of each one of the main international relations theories, namely realism, liberalism, constructivism, the English school, critical theory and idealism, against China’s choices and behavior as an international actor. The author seeks to articulate how China’s choices and behavior alternatively reflect and vindicate, or challenge and reject reigning assumptions of international relations theory.

Few regions in the world are as torn by conflicts as the Near East, in which Iran plays a central role. Opportunities to engage with Iran are abundant, but they are squandered when regional states address immediate conflicts in which Iran is only one part, despite its prominent role. Iran’s Interregional Dynamics in the Near East provides a comprehensive guide to broaden our understanding about Iran and its regional neighbors. By analyzing how Iran’s neighbors view their ties with the country, this volume reveals why Iran is less successful in expanding its regional influence than what is com-
En este libro Arturo Santa Cruz desarrolla una concepción del poder como relación social y la aplica consistentemente al ámbito económico de las relaciones de Estados Unidos con otros países del hemisferio occidental. Siguiendo el debate académico y popular acerca de los altibajos de la hegemonía estadounidense, este trabajo centra su análisis en un caso crítico para el ejercicio del poder estadounidense a través de su diplomacia económica (o economic statecraft): el continente americano, su zona de influencia histórica. La racionalidad del enfoque regional es metodológico: si se puede demostrar que la influencia de Washington ha disminuido en el área desde inicios de la década de los años 70 del siglo pasado (cuando la discusión sobre la materia inició) puede asumirse que lo mismo ha ocurrido en otras latitudes. El análisis se concentra en tres regiones: Norteamérica, Centroamérica y Sudamérica. Puesto que cada región contiene estados que en ocasiones han mantenido muy diferentes relaciones con Estados Unidos, los hallazgos contribuyen a un mayor entendimiento de la práctica del poder en la subregión en cuestión, añadiendo variabilidad a los resultados generales. La hegemonía estadounidense y el continente americano: Poder y diplomacia económica en las relaciones internacionales es una fuente invaluable para estudiantes y académicos interesados en la política y la historia de América Latina, en la integración regional en América del Norte, en la teoría de Relaciones Internacionales, en la Diplomacia Económica, en Economía Política, y en Política Comparada.
As the center of gravity in international relations pivots to Asia-Pacific, the ASEAN region is emerging as both an important player on the global stage and an arena of international competition that includes a power struggle between the U.S. and China. With ASEAN's competitiveness on the rise, however, its unity is hardly certain. In a changing world, economic and political protectionism gains a foothold. The book synthesizes our knowledge about ASEAN, with a specific emphasis on hot-button issues ranging from its domestic dynamics to external relations. It also reflects an evolution in ASEAN studies, which have largely shifted from a purely economic approach to understanding the region to a security-oriented one. Collectively, this book conveys an unambiguous and urgent message: ASEAN matters.

The current «decade of centenaries» and commemorations on both sides of the Irish Sea is providing an opportunity both to reflect upon significant events and challenges that the island of Ireland has been confronted with in the past, and also to contemplate and focus on the future. This multidisciplinary volume owes much to the ongoing debate within Northern Ireland, as an integral part of the conflict transformation process, on how to build a shared and better future for all citizens out of a divided and traumatic past. Drawing on the cross-disciplinary nature of Irish Studies, the authors from the fields of history, literary and cultural studies, politics and sociology explore the legacy of the Troubles and the consequences for Northern Ireland more than twenty years after the Good Friday Agreement.
**Sally Watson**

**Warrior Talk**

A study of war, peace and politics


«Warrior talk is defined as language, terms and metaphors associated with war and violence used in political discourses or appropriated into everyday settings to influence people and situations.» Warrior Talk is part of the human experience in conflict situations at global, national and organizational levels and while the scale of conflict may vary, the language of war is a potent dynamic and key inhibitor of sustainable peace. A case study of the Northern Ireland peace process has been used as a background for research into Sinn Féin political discourses in the period 1969-2019. The findings indicate that republican warrior talk has evolved over five decades but continues to play a role in Sinn Féin politics. The implications of this research are applicable to other forms of conflict and particularly whether there has been protracted or intermittent episodes of violence. This book will appeal to a varied audience: students, researchers and readers interested in peace building whether international or local. The style of the book will demystify the field of political discourse analysis and provide tools and resources to enrich the reader’s experience.

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**Saleem Abu Jaber**

**The Political Thought of Hasan al-Turabi**


Hasan al-Turabi (1932-2016) was born into a Sudanese family with a clerical and Sufi history. Whilst studying law at the University of Khartoum, he became a leader of the Islamic student movement. After earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of London, he achieved a PhD at the University of Sorbonne in 1964. Upon returning to Sudan to pursue an academic career at the University of Khartoum, he soon became one of the leaders of the Islamic National Front. After being imprisoned for nearly seven years, he went on to hold numerous government posts, culminating in his most influential period during the rule of ‘Umar al-Bashir. He ultimately fell out of favour with the government, and faced trials and imprisonment. The Political Thought of Hasan al-Turabi identifies Turabi as arguably the leading Sudanese Islamic political thinker and activist of recent times, and sets out the main influences upon Turabi’s thought. Yet it is demonstrated that Turabi was an original thinker, who digested but then adapted the thought of his predecessors. Whilst his political goal was to politically unite the Islamic world, he also strove to improve relations with the non-Muslim world. Furthermore, his political thought sought to unite the Muslims and non-Muslims of Sudan in a peaceful unity, whilst working to raise the status of the poor and women.
This is another publication from the series devoted to Polish political reflection on the integration of Central and Eastern Europe. The reader will find here texts of historians, political scientists, and experts in the field of international relations. The texts concern relations between Poland and Poles, and the nations of Central and Eastern Europe: Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania encompassing the period from the late nineteenth to the beginning of the twenty-first century. Apart from the facts concerning mutual relations between Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, Bratislava, and Bucharest, the authors discuss also their outset – Polish concepts shaping relations with Magyars, Czechs, Slovaks, and Romanians and their sovereign states that regained independence in the twentieth century.

In *Stalin’s Soviet Monastery* Russian scholar Jim Curtis integrates innovative work in linguistics, anthropology, and media theory to develop a holistic analysis of Russian society that includes a theoretically based rationale for ignoring ideology in favor of cultural dynamics. While the young Iosif Djugashvili, later known as Joseph Stalin, was studying to be a priest in an Orthodox seminary, he took on the role that defined his political career, that of a sadistic elder who imposed fiendish vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience on hapless Soviet citizens. As an exercise in historical anthropology, *Stalin’s Soviet Monastery* emphasizes the role of myth and ritual in Russia, a society with strong residual orality. The imitation of Christ is called passion-suffering, a practice that helps to explain the widespread acquiescence to Stalin’s practices. Stalin was intensely interested in literature, and his favorite author was Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Some passages in Dostoyevsky’s work anticipate key features of Stalinism. An Afterword discusses the development of Russian society after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.
Ágnes Bernek

Geopolitics of Central and Eastern Europe in the 21st Century
From the Buffer Zone to the Gateway Zone

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This book seeks to answer how we can reposition the geopolitical situation of the Central and Eastern European (CEE) region in the 21st century. CEE region defined by the socialist past has transformed in the 21st century. Within geopolitical thought we must abandon the paradigms of the Cold War period. The role of a gateway zone to entail links between the great powers. In the CEE region it is possible to bound four gateway regions along the north-south Baltic-Adriatic axis (Baltic, North Adriatic, Central European and Eurasian) and two gateway regions along the southeast-east European axis (Mediterranean and Black Sea). The key question of the 21st century is whether a new gateway zone of the present forming World-Island can be developed along a north-south Baltic-Adriatic axis.

Nicola Bilotta • Fabrizio Botti (eds.)

The (Near) Future of Central Bank Digital Currencies
Risks and Opportunities for the Global Economy and Society


The value of global cashless payments has been radically increasing worldwide. Despite cash being the most used payment instrument in the world, technological innovation and new consumer preferences are decisively transforming the way consumers pay and manage money. The COVID-19 pandemic may also have been an accelerator of the cashless mega-trend. Private players currently dominate the digital payment ecosystem, urging central banks to seek solutions to ensure public access to legal tender if cash is phased out. In this context, the idea of a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) is gaining momentum. Nevertheless, there is a need to better understand the implications in terms of risks, benefits and potential costs of CBDCs. From privacy concerns to macroeconomic effects, these implications blur the boundaries of the payment and financial systems, challenging the core functions of our economy and society.

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Jean-François Caron
Irresponsible Citizenship
The Cultural Roots of the Crisis of Authority in Times of Pandemic

Wassim Daghrir
The Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy
A Trumpian World of Uncertainty or A Decline of Pax-Americana?

The Covid-19 pandemic has revealed the serious crisis of political authorities that liberal societies are currently experiencing. Indeed, a significant number of individuals living in these societies did not hesitate to defy the sanitary rules enacted by their government which has made it difficult for them to stop the virus from spreading. What can explain such a situation? This is what this book is discussing. Whether it is the growing popularity of conspiracy theories, the distrust towards governments or cultural and religious beliefs that take precedence over the respect of governments’ directives, all these factors that have led so many individuals to act in an irresponsible way during the pandemic find their roots in the liberal tradition as it originated in the 18th century and in its more recent development which has had the effect of decentralizing the individual from his collective responsibilities in favor of an almost unlimited enjoyment of his individual freedom. This health crisis has revealed the urgency for liberal societies to establish a better balance between collective interest and individual freedom through responsible citizenship capable of protecting its citizens against the adoption of draconian measures when they will be struck again by upcoming pandemics that appear to be unfortunately inevitable.

This book offers a serious investigation of one of the most controversial contemporary American Studies issues: President Donald Trump’s foreign policy. Actually, an ambiguous, inconsistent uncertainty would best describe President Trump’s approach to foreign affairs. This book investigates Trump’s foreign policy agenda, style, principles, priorities, and patterns. The main challenge of this book is to check whether President Trump’s foreign policy initiatives are faithful to the traditional and modern-era foreign policy schools (such as ‘America First’), or whether they are merely inconsistent, impulsive, incoherent initiatives which lack the complexity of a serious foreign policy agenda or doctrine? This book puts the nature of Pax-Americana and US Exceptionalism face to face with the assumption of a post-American world. It also examines the ‘Trump Doctrine’ as what Trump himself described as a ‘brand new’ foreign policy. Thus, this book offers a further assessment of the assumption that Trump is establishing a new school of American foreign policy.

R. Michael Fisher
The Marianne Williamson Presidential Phenomenon
Cultural (R)Evolution in a Dangerous Time

The most important national election in U.S. history is underway. Marianne Williamson stepped-up to show she is confident to be president of the United States in 2020. She had to step down. Many people are supportive of her provocative healing vision for America, and that fan and voter-base is growing. She may run again in 2024. However, many are puzzled by her and many are critics on the Left and Right and in between. The book is a thorough case study of Williamson’s speeches, writings, and interviews. It documents and analyzes the thoughts and feelings of her supporters and crit-
ics based on what they have written, performed, and published. It records history while it is being made. The author offers support and criticism of how Williamson’s leadership and her team could have done things different so as to be more successful in the presidential campaign. The big idea throughout the book is to emphasize, as does Williamson’s teaching, that spirituality and politics ought never be separated completely (as religion and the State), if we truly desire more than mere reforms of society, but desire a transformation to a truly better and more liberated world. The book highlights productive guideposts for Williamson and other leaders like Williamson in future campaigns. It offers Americans, and others, a view of “what happened” in 2019-20 that made Williamson an outstanding phenomenon. Students, scholars, journalists, politicians, and the general public interested in the improvement of politics will want to study this book.

Marcin Gabryś • Magdalena Marczuk-Karbownik • Magdalena Paluszkiewicz-Misiaczek (eds.)

Canadian Political, Social and Historical (Re)visions in 20th and 21st Century

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Canada trying to bring together Indigenous peoples, “two solitudes” of the French and the British, as well as a variety of poly-ethnic immigrants has mastered search for consensus and compromise as the best response to national, regional, political and ethnic tensions. This book examines how the evolution of various ideas, schemes, projects, proposals and objectives influenced the Canadian political and social present. It analyses how far Canada was able to realize its initial visions and to what extent it was forced to rework and reform them. It takes into account both the ideas which have actually been implemented and the ones which never progressed beyond the conceptual sphere, yet are important from historical perspective.

Caroline Guibet Lafaye

Conflit au Pays basque
regards de militants illégaux


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For many areas of social science research, including conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and international statebuilding, Kosovo remains a uniquely interesting and relevant case. This book is motivated by the belief that there is much to be gained, analytically and empirically, from bringing together local scholarship that focuses on Kosovo-specific issues. It helps understand how pathdependent historical legacies set in motion prior to and during the war for independence, coupled with contemporary processes of dependence on and interdependence with external actors, shaped contemporary Kosovo society and institutions. It brings together a methodologically diverse set of local scholarly perspectives on contemporary political, legal and societal developments in Kosovo.

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**Huseyin Isiksal** and **Hüseyin Gökçekuş** (eds.)

### Cyprus: Alternative Solution Models

This book is a very valuable and timely collection of original essays with brand new and refreshing ideas on alternative solutions for the Cyprus issue from leading experts including academics, policy-makers, politicians, including the current foreign minister and deputy prime minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, former foreign minister of Turkey and former MPs, diplomats, bureaucrats and top-ranking military officers. The book also makes a significant contribution to the literature on recent developments including the energy security and hydrocarbon problems in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is also unique in terms of analyzing the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as a self-proclaimed internationally unrecognized state that is neglected by the international community and scholarly literature. The book has a wide spectrum of readership including, but not limited to, scholars, students, and readers who are interested in Cyprus, Eastern Mediterranean, Turkey, Greece, energy politics, and the hydrocarbon issue.

**William Kingston**

### Interrogating Irish Policies

More than a decade ago, Dublin University Press published a collection of the author’s writings on Irish topics. Their main concerns were issues such as the harmful effects of the unusual Irish voting system and the poor performance of the country’s bureaucracy. It can fairly be claimed for one of them («The Lemmings of Democracy») that it showed well in advance why and how Ireland would be particularly hard hit by the financial crisis of 2009. In this new and expanded edition, more recently written Chapters take up the themes of the earlier ones, but put more emphasis on innovation and history. One of them, «Understanding Britain’s «Brexit» Parliament», provides an essential clue to the problems with the Irish voting system identified earlier. «The History group» contains an account of the scarcely known but crucial part Ireland played in two scientific revolutions. It also reveals how the law of Limited Liability on which
every Corporation in the world depends, had its origin in Dublin’s eighteenth-century independent Parliament. Much of the time intervening between the two editions was devoted to the research and writing of the book, How Capitalism Destroyed Itself: Technology Displaced by Financial Innovation. These Irish articles are in fact a running commentary on the evolution of this global process in one country.

Stefan Mayr • Andreas Orator (eds.)

Populism, Popular Sovereignty, and Public Reason

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In many parts of today’s world, populist politics increasingly challenge traditional constitutionalist conceptions. The present volume provides a variety of perspectives on democratic decay and the erosion of the rule of law, on the re-emergence of popular sovereignty as a political category, and on public reason in an age of ‘post-truthism’, focusing on the CEE region and South Eastern Europe. With each contribution approaching the subject from its individual angle and having its original ‘tone’, the volume combines theoretical insights and in-depth analyses of current developments in selected polities.

Chris Menton

Behind American Prison Policy and Population Growth

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In the final decades of the 20th century, a confluence of factors precipitated a policy change in the criminal justice arena that led to unprecedented growth. This growth translated into the criminalization, sentencing and incarceration of tens of thousands of marginalized people in the United States. These factors are considered in Behind American Prison Policy and Population Growth: An Inside Account. Tales are told of the increased prison population that necessitated a continuous unfolding of prison construction projects, rehabbing abandoned state hospitals and private prisons, all with the aim of more and more secure accommodations. During this time, the author was a participant/observer at all correctional security levels, treatment and medical facilities and personnel training in this system. His roles over the years included increased responsibility and regular direct contact with incarcerated individuals in on-the-line or line supervisor positions. The narrative is enhanced by the author’s background as social science scholar. This is a unique perspective, documenting a historic upturn in long-term detention addressing crime and disorder. These overarching realities produced struggle across all participants, including clients, staff, consultants and visitors. Their stories of being swept up in the constant demand for increasing capacity offer compelling background to the consequences of visceral responses guiding criminal justice.

Marek Antoni Musiol

The EU as a Post-Lisbon Regional Security Complex

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The Treaty of Lisbon was in fact a milestone in the process of expanding the EU’s role on the level of international security. It stipulated in the Treaty on the European Union that the principal aspect of EU security is a mutual defense clause designed to protect all member states. The book aims to show the changes that are taking place in the EU as a result of the ongoing globalization and of the emergence of non-traditional threats in the securitization process. Therefore, this book was written with the aim of analyzing the current nature of the EU as a regional security complex (RSC), following the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon, as well as with the aim of revising all elements of this integrated security area contemporarily using the methodology of Barry Buzan and Ole Waever.
This textbook on political geography is devoted to a discipline concerned with the spatial dimensions of politics. This course is an introduction to the study of political science, international relations and area studies, providing a systematic approach to the spatial dimension of political processes at all levels. It covers their basic elements, including states, supranational unions, geopolitical systems, regions, borders, capitals, dependent, and internationally administered territories. Political geography develops fundamental theoretical approaches that give insight into the peculiarities of foreign and domestic policies. The ability to use spatial analysis techniques allows determining patterns and regularities of political phenomena both at the global and the regional and local levels.

Igor Okunev has a master’s degree in history from the University of Manchester and a doctoral degree in political science from MGIMO University. He is a Professorial Research Fellow at MGIMO University and Director of its Center for Spatial Analysis in International Relations. He is a Co-Chair of Research Committee 5 of Manchester and doctoral degree in political science from the University of the Vichy government. After the «école de cadres» (leadership school) which ran from 1940 until 1945. At first the école was part of a program initiated by the Youth Ministry of the Vichy government. The work of nine privileged Frenchmen articulated a vision for the whole of humanity. Few of their proposals materialised, but their discussion is thought-provoking as we confront our future.

Towards a new humanity

The Uriage manifesto, 1945.


Vers le style du XXe siècle (Towards a style for the 20th Century), by the «Uriage team» under the direction of Gilbert Gadoffre, was published by Seuil in 1945. It was the work of nine authors who had been involved with the «école de cadres» (leadership school) which ran from 1940 until 1945. At first the école was part of a program initiated by the Youth Ministry of the Vichy government. After the German invasion of the «Unoccupied zone», the team cooperated clandestinely with the Resistance movement. The work offers their vision of how humanity should recover after the trauma of World War II. Known for his studies of the work of Pierre Bourdieu (1930–2002), Derek Robbins attempts to put into practice Bourdieu’s injunction that all intellectual works should be understood «socio-genetically», that is to say as bi-products of the social positions and trajectories of their authors. Towards a New Humanity: The Uriage Manifesto, 1945 offers a translation of the Uriage text, but it offers much more. Robbins examines the social backgrounds of the authors and considers how they adjusted their views in their subsequent careers as de Gaulle normalised much of what they had wanted to challenge. Produced during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, this book examines, as a case-study, the process by which nine privileged Frenchmen articulated a vision for the whole of humanity. Few of their proposals materialised, but their discussion is thought-provoking as we confront our future.
Michael J C Taylor

The Constitution and the American Presidency

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This book is an examination of the American presidency from a purely constitutional perspective. Beginning with an overview of the Framers’ debates over the construction and duties of the office, the work explores the three primary charges of the office (administrator, military commander, diplomat), the legal and constitutional perimeters of the office, as well as suggestions on reforms to return it to its original form.

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This publication discusses economic relations connecting Poland with other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. In order to clarify this matter, the authors began with a methodological outline, and then presented an analysis of economic history and trade relations in the region. They also took up the subject of geo-economics and cooperation models in Central Europe. The outline is complemented by an analysis of the role of the most important Polish figures of economic life and their economic concepts of cooperation with neighbours. These issues constituted an extremely important aspect of the twentieth century integration proposals, which also have significance today.

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The Eastern European Order in the Polish Political Thought of the 20th Century

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This book begins a series of publications devoted to political reflection on the integration of Central and Eastern Europe with the participation, or even under the aegis, of Poland. The attempts to make it happen have lasted from the late nineteenth to the outset of the twenty-first century. The idea of organized order in the central and eastern part of the continent that aimed to ensure the security of Poland and stability of the region, took various forms: from Piłsudski’s federation concept through the Intermarium and the idea of Giedroyc’s ULB to the Three Seas Initiative promoted by Poland in recent years. The vitality and diversity of this idea is undoubtedly a historical phenomenon, which has become the subject of analyses of well-known Polish historians and political scientists in this volume.

Jiří Zákrašský

Cycling Diplomacy

Undemocratic Regimes and Professional Road Cycling Teams Sponsorship

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Due to the financial situation in the professional road peloton, many cycling teams struggle to find their sponsors. This situation is an opportunity for undemocratic politicians to promote their countries via cycling. Thus, some of them decided to create and support their own cycling teams. Generally, four WorldTour teams supported by undemocratic regimes and their governments have existed in professional cycling history. This book focuses on all of them; it reflects the existence of the Kazakh Astana Pro Team, the Russian Team Katusha (supported by the Russian government until the end of the 2015 season), the Bahrain Victorious (formerly called Bahrain Merida and Bahrain McLaren) or the UAE Team Emirates and the way they are/were used as sports diplomacy instruments.
The controversial issue of secession has received little attention from experts of federalism. The best federal studies either evade it or dismiss it in a few lines. However, the issue of secession has been present throughout the history of federations. This book is one of the first to explore the complex relationship between federalism and secession. The authors whose work is presented here recognize the potential of federalism as a way to organize relations between several different states, peoples, nations or territories under the same government. However, they are not naïve or idealist about the ability of the federal idea to succeed in the complex situations in which it is applied. In some cases success seems assured (the United States, Switzerland, Germany, etc.), and the merits of federalism can be showcased. But there are also failures (the former Yugoslavia, or more recently Brexit) and semi-failures that have generated turbulence in recent years in devolutive systems (Scotland in the United Kingdom, Catalonia in Spain) or federative systems (Québec in Canada). This book provides a nuanced portrait of the issue of secession in federal contexts and lays the groundwork for questioning the still too fragile legacy of the great thinkers of federalism.
In the 12 chapters of this book the authors argue for the universal presence of music in public space and social relations. The examples of American, British, Hungarian, Polish and Russian music serve to elucidate two functions of political music, that of legitimizing and contesting political power. Both satirical songs with their ironic commentary on specific events and people as well as protest songs undermining the system corroborate the universal character of the legitimizing and delegitimizing function of music. The book is addressed to readers interested in countercultural movements and politically engaged music, especially to students of political studies, sociology and cultural studies.

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standardized questions used to analyze a series of case studies involving their Middle East policies. The book offers the first systematic comparative analysis of presidents Bush, Obama, and Trump’s management of foreign policy crises.

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Pinhas Haliwa
Israel’s Academic Arena
The Colleges and University Extensions Revolution

Following mounting political and social pressures to increase public accessibility to higher education in Israel, in 1994 Israel’s academic arena was transformed from a monolithic system consisting exclusively of research universities to a binary one comprised of both research universities and academic colleges. Within the system’s expansions plans, Israel’s Council for Higher Education prioritized the increased accessibility of higher education to peripheral populations, defining this as a central aim. This transformation was achieved in a short period of time through regional colleges that operated in the periphery and offered professional academic courses. In addition to these institutions, a number of University Extensions operated in Israel, founded based on the American Protestant Colleges model, introduced in Israel in the 1960’s by Bar Ilan University.
In 2000 all these institutions were officially included in the country’s higher education system, resulting in a huge increase in the total number of students in academia, with higher education becoming accessible to the country’s social and geographic periphery. This book reviews the evolution of Israel’s academic system and examines the ways in which it has met the national aims defined by the Council for Higher Education in its plans.

Barbara Jankowski · Anne Muxel · Mathias Thura (éd)

La Sociologie Militaire
Héritages et nouvelles perspectives

Explosive Politics. Vol. 3

Les contributions réunies dans cet ouvrage montrent les nombreuses évolutions qui ont touché les armées au cours de la dernière décennie en France, notamment depuis leur professionnalisation. Nombre de transformations récentes redéfinissent en effet leurs périmètres d’action, leurs liens au pouvoir politique, leurs modalités de recrutement, leurs moyens opérationnels, ainsi que le théâtre de leurs interventions dans le monde. L’ouvrage actualise et renouvelle les approches comme les outils de connaissance mondiale militaire. Il revient sur les enjeux classiques du champ d’étude de la sociologie militaire afin d’entretenir l’héritage intellectuel et scientifique constitué jusqu’ici, et montre les problématiques sociales et politiques actuelles qui la concernent au vu de toutes les transformations et adaptations de l’institution militaire dans la période récente. Il ouvre la voie à des pistes de recherches originales s’appuyant sur les récents acquis des sciences sociales et politiques.

Marcel Martinkovič
Coalition Governments and Development of the Party System in Slovakia

Berlin, 2021. 126 pp., 32 fig. b/w, 11 tables.
Spectrum Slovakia. Vol. 35

This publication focuses on the characterization of the Slovak party system and its analysis from the perspective of cleavages and emerging government groups. The monograph also includes a description of the individual types of emerging government coalitions and their politological analysis on the basis of the RILE index (right-left positioning). The said index is used to specify the programmatic differences of the emerging coalition governments and the impact of the development of the party system in Slovakia on their nature in the period from 1990 to 2012. The work is focused on the development trends of the Slovak party system on the background of programmatic heterogeneity of the individual coalition groups and the overall development of the variable tensions in the party system. The categorization of the government groups is based on the positional and programmatic orientation of the parties, which was published in the framework of the international database CMP (Comparative Manifestos Project). The Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB) database processes, inter alia, the data relating to the political programs of the parties within the framework of their comprehensive ideological orientation. The Center for Social Research in Berlin thus contains relevant internationally acceptable comparisons of the party systems and their development. The aim of this publication is to characterize the format and type of the party system in Slovakia, its consolidation and the resulting operational problems between the election system and party system. The aim is also to extend the analysis of the Slovak party system to the specification of positional values and programmatic orientation of the parties in Slovakia based on the internationally accepted database and the RILE criteria. The publication also contains the tables with data on the proximity of variable tensions in the party system after each parliamentary elections and the relevant quantification on the RILE scale. The RILE scale will help us assess the programmatic heterogeneity of the government coalitions also in view of the political discourse on this issue. The work will also verify the hypothesis that the programmatic convergence of the parties in the left-right spectrum creates space for the emergence and establishment of extremist and antisystemic parties in the parliamentary establishment.
Touré used the ideology of the PDG as a mirror reflection of the social initiatives and interests of the elites and the subordinates. Ahmed Sékou

In this book, Saidou Mohamed N’Daou provides equal space for the issues of identity and construction of identity as necessary for understanding the roles of the elites and the subordinates in their struggles for access to power and resources in colonial and postcolonial Guinea. This book is different from existing works on Ahmed Sékou Touré and the Guinean Democratic Party (PDG) and their struggle for national independence. Its uniqueness stems from the fact that all the chapters focus on the Guinean traditions of struggle over memories between the elites and the subordinates, highlighting the independent initiatives of the latter. Other books on Ahmed Sékou Touré are primarily based on their writers’ political or social history perspectives. This is the first study that equally integrates political and social history to address the theoretical and methodological changes that he and his party intended to create. N’Daou argues that one must displace the ideology of the PDG from the center to understand Ahmed Sékou Touré’s personality, his role in Guinea’s independence and his leadership of the PDG as well as expand the analytical space to allow other voices to be heard. N’Daou reaches this goal by discovering Ahmed Sékou Touré’s first order of knowledge, another unique feature of this book.

Billy W. Monroe

The President’s Law Firm

The Office of Legal Counsel from Roosevelt to Trump

New York, 2021. XII, 142 pp., 1 b/w ill., 2 tables.

Studies in Law and Politics. Vol. 7

This book explores the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) in the U.S. Department of Justice. Its scope is a comprehensive study of the Office—history, functions, and impact on governmental decisions (mainly presidential and legal positions of the executive branch but also the Office’s actions influence either Congressional or federal judicial decisions). The book focuses on the evolution of the OLC over the last few decades, how the office straddles the line between politics and law, as well as how it interacts with the rest of the Department of Justice. The main argument is that the OLC provides an essential role for both the president and the rest of the national government but does not receive nearly the attention or scrutiny it deserves.

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Identity of a Muslim Family in Colonial Bengal

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by the bhadraloks swirled around them. Wracked by religious, cultural, social, and political conflicts, the old British Indian Bengal comes alive in this book’s intergenerational narrative. With its 9 main chapters plus a preface and introduction, this volume seeks out average individuals’ life amidst such turmoil while it amplifies the larger challenges of the Muslims in undivided Bengal. Not rigidly structured, the multi-layered recount has utilized variable ways and means of research and innovative analysis. Authored by a well-published scholar on South Asia, this extraordinary study of a rural Muslim family in pre-partition Bengal addresses scholars, students, and specialists as well as the general readers. Framed by the known historical milieu and backed by reliable oral narratives, qualitative interviews, authentic memoirs, and scholarly sources, this is not a chronological memoir. Pertinent to the academicians and refreshing to avid readers, this recount touches a range of disciplines from history, culture, and politics to anthropology.

Ulrich Rosengarten

Gemeinsame europäische Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik

Illusion oder Realität?

Berlin, 2021. 126 S.


Jens Sorg

Experimentalist Regional Governance

Policy Analysis in Geographic-Functional Regions

Today, decision-making increasingly takes place in highly complex situations where the optimal solution is unclear upfront. If the decision-making process extends over several years – as in cases of large infrastructure projects – best available technologies, the group of people affected, and the institutions involved change over time. The presented research provides a decision-making concept for such situations. Based on a sound content analysis with over 400 documents and more than 31,000 pages, the regulatory structure of governance of the extension of Frankfurt Airport since the 1960s is analyzed. As a result, the theoretically derived concept of Experimentalist Regional Governance to analyze regulatory structures of governance in highly complex decision-making processes is confirmed.

Anastassia Tsoukala

Lutte Armée Grecque Contemporaine

Des Strategies discursives de (De)legitimation

L’émergence d’une nouvelle génération de guérilleros urbains en Grèce à partir de 2008 soulève de nombreuses questions quant aux origines et aux objectifs de la lutte armée du 21ème siècle, qui restent encore peu ou guère explorées. Estimant que toute analyse externe du phénomène souffrirait de faiblesses épistémologiques, l’auteur juxtapose deux discours publics, énoncés respectivement en 2010/11 et 2016/17 dans des communiqués de revendication d’attentat et des articles de presse, afin de mettre en lumière les processus d’autodéfinition et d’hétéro-définition de la lutte armée grecque contemporaine. Tout en cartographiant les principales tendances de l’actuelle lutte armée, l’analyse des stratégies discursives des uns et des autres révèle de multiples contradictions, intrinsèquement liées à la structuration et au fonctionnement du champ politique à l’échelle (inter)nationale, lesquelles finissent par affaiblir aussi bien la dynamique
Shadrach Teryila Ukuma

**Cultural Performances**

A Study on Managing Collective Trauma amongst Displaced Persons in Daudu, Benue State, Nigeria


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This book documents the experiences of victims of violent conflicts, who used dance, music, and drama to negotiate their wellbeing, and build resilience and hope. The culturally familiar context used by the victims is a bottom-up approach that generates positive energies enabling them to attain emotional growth and psychological integration, including social skills with which they imagine and work towards a better future. "Shadrach grasps the physical and psychological dimensions of theatrical events. He describes as an observer, analyses as a scientist, and understands the need for reflection before coming to a conclusion." Wolfgang Schneider

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A Critical Ethnohistory of Corruption and Power in the World’s Oldest ‘Democracy’

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Guided by Gramsci’s question of why so many victims support the labyrinth of their oppression, Robert A. Williams queries garrison state machinations in electioneering to promote hegemony. This pioneering ethnohistory explores the role and function of the U.S. garrison state in U.S. electioneering through participant observation of the United States’s largest third party—the Libertarian Party (LP)—as a window to wider sociocultural dynamics of covert power in U.S. politics. Some three decades of insider membership roles within Libertarian Party electioneering combined with two years of doctoral fieldwork provide an ethnographic window into cultural hegemony in U.S. electoral politics and sociological analysis of the information warfare that sustains it. Anchored in original and extensive participant observation including interviews and surveys, this ethnography of United States’s sociologically understudied Libertarian Party (LP) probes the power of cultural hegemony to constrain human agency in electioneering. Through a privileged membership point of view by becoming the phenomenon, the author provides a critically reflective analysis of the sociocultural context in which LP electioneering unfolds. Membership roles in Libertarian electioneering range from donors to candidates, from volunteers to party officials, and from anti-authoritarian libertarians to authoritarian conservatives. Exploring its transition from a radical anti-establishment party to a party more in line with mainstream opinion, Williams shows how a member’s relations of shared cultural logics constrain her or his behavior to ultimately reproduce garrison state social practices.
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Depuis plus de trente ans, les analyses scientifiques sur les changements environnementaux globaux sont débattus au niveau international. Parmi les solutions avancées, figure la nécessité de s’engager dans une transition vers davantage de durabilité. Les contributions de l’ouvrage réfléchissent à la dimension géographique de cette transition, notamment à l’échelle locale. Si les processus de transition sont souvent analysés dans leur dimension temporelle, ils ont en effet également une dimension spatiale : ils supposent des changements de pratiques et de représentations, lesquels émergent et concernent des lieux donnés, ils se traduisent par une redistribution d’activités et la transformation de certains espaces. Les multiples qualificatifs accolés au terme transition – écologique, énergétique, etc. – témoignent de la diversité des phénomènes et des changements observés. C’est notamment en s’intéressant à des territoires peu touchés par le processus de métropolisation, des villes moyennes ou des espaces ruraux, que cette question est abordée dans l’ouvrage, autour de l’hypothèse que l’idée de transition y a rapidement été appropriée par certains acteurs. Se croisent dans ces territoires des dynamiques descendantes dans le cadre de politiques publiques en faveur de la transition impulsées au niveau national, mais également des dynamiques spontanées issues par exemple d’initiatives de la société civile. Les trois parties de l’ouvrage illustrent différentes facettes de ce processus à travers le cas de filières productives, notamment le secteur agricole, le domaine de l’aménagement et celui des pratiques quotidiennes de consommation et de loisirs.
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