

# Measuring Democracy A Bridge Between Scholarship And Politics Democratic Transition And Consolidation

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since their classic volume the breakdown of democratic regimes was published in 1978 juan j linz and alfred stepan have increasingly focused on the questions of how in the modern world nondemocratic regimes can be eroded and democratic regimes crafted in problems of democratic transition and consolidation they break new ground in numerous areas they reconceptualize the major types of modern nondemocratic regimes and point out for each type the available paths to democratic transition and the tasks of democratic consolidation they argue that although nation state and democracy often have conflicting logics multiple and complementary political identities are feasible under a common roof of state guaranteed rights they also illustrate how without an effective state there can be neither effective citizenship nor successful privatization further they provide criteria and evidence for politicians and scholars alike to distinguish between democratic consolidation and pseudo democratization and they present conceptually driven survey data for the fourteen countries studied problems of democratic transition and consolidation contains the first systematic

comparative analysis of the process of democratic consolidation in southern europe and the southern cone of south america and it is the first book to ground post communist europe within the literature of comparative politics and democratic theory this is an important volume by two major scholars on a central topic one of broad interest to people in comparative politics to those interested in democracy and to regional specialists on southern latin america and on central and eastern europe the book will unquestionably be a major contribution to the literature on constructing democratic governance abraham f lowenthal university of southern california

in this case study of the politics of transition in eastern europe rudolf martin rizman provides a careful detailed sociological explanation and narrative on the emergence of independent statehood and democracy in slovenia in his focus on the transition from an authoritarian to a democratic regime rizman analyzes social processes and political issues in the context of the third wave of democratization identifying zones of certainty and uncertainty challenging many generally accepted ideas about small states and their transitions to democracy this book places slovenia s pattern of democratization in the wider regional context of eastern and central european post communist transitions

the breakdown of authoritarian regimes in greece spain and portugal in the mid 70s was the beginning of a new cycle of democratization at the world scale the 1980s have seen the emergence of formal constitutional democracies in many countries especially in latin america and southeast asia this book analyses in a comparative perspective the causes the modalities and the prospects of these political changes in three regions southern europe latin america and southeast asia

the transition to democracy has been a significant trend in mediterranean europe and latin america during the last ten years this book presents comparative analyses that offer a theoretical synthesis of the dynamics of recent democratization processes on both sides of the atlantic the contributors argue that transition is a response to fundamenta

the postcommunist regimes in east central europe are confronted with the double challenge of establishing a democratic order and a market economy the book discusses the concepts of democratic consolidation and analyzes the development of attitudes towards the political and economic system in poland hungary the czech republic slovakia and slovenia the study compares the political values in east central europe with respective attitudes in the usa and western europe special attention is given to experiences of the consolidation process in germany italy and austria after 1945 as well as the more recent developments in latin america and southern europe the final chapter discusses patterns and paths of democratic consolidation in the light of concepts of regime change

democratic transitions have occurred in many countries in various regions across the globe such as southern europe latin america africa east and southeast asia eastern europe and the middle east and these nations have undergone simuntaneously political economic and social transformations yet the patterns and characteristics of transitions have varied significantly and different modes of transition have resulted in different outcomes this book offers cross national comparisons of democratic transition since the turn of the twentieth century and asks what makes democracies succeed or fail in doing so it explores the influence the mode of transition has on the longevity or durability of the democracy by theoretically examining and quantitatively testing this relationship the authors argue that the mode of transition directly impacts the success and failure of democracy and suggest that cooperative transitions where opposition groups work together with incumbent elites to peacefully transition the state result in democracies that last longer and are associated with higher measures of democratic quality based on a cross national dataset of all democratic transitioning states since 1900 this book will be of great interest to students and scholars of

international politics comparative politics and democracy and democratization studies

research and analysis of the post soviet russian experience of political economic and social change have generally focused attention on the complications and influences of the soviet legacy on the transition process with most early main stream studies emphasizing the difficulties of the adoption of the institutions of democracy and a free market economy to the centralized command and control legacy structures carried over from that adjacent system to the more recent analyses that have attempted to explain why the putinist hybrid authoritarian democracy emerged to take control of the russian state the complex nature of the russian experience of political social and economic change had yet to be explained as a long term legacy analysis until now with the linkages presented in this study of the legacies and structures that have defied attempts at reform by the bolsheviks the soviets and the modern republicans the political geography of russia represents a districting system that defines the people and places and represents an influential legacy structure that has had a long reach from the russia of imperialism to the russia of putinism and the twenty first century a clearer understanding of the influences the imperial legacy brings to the russian transformation enables the student of post soviet russian transition an opportunity to contextualize the strong linkages of historical governance structures with the one hundred years of bolshevik and soviet system capture and the struggles of transformation faced by the government and people of russia today

getting involved in society means becoming a human person by doing something for others and thus being connected to mankind and society youngsters who get involved give meaning to life and develop a feeling of agency but getting involved is not easy getting involved is necessary for living together creating democracy and sustainability of a global world the paradox is that in a modern multicultural society getting involved is even more important than in a traditional more monocultural society getting involved relates to various scientific orientations political sociological psychological and pedagogical questions are at issue and all of these will be consulted in this volume the main perspective however remains the issue of identity development relating to getting involved and will therefore be psychological this book gives a broad overview of current research in the field of moral development and citizenship it shows the diversity of concepts research methodologies and educational practices the book also shows the influence of local social cultural and political contexts the book can help researchers teacher educators politicians and practitioners in finding new and better ways of supporting youngsters in their moral and civic identity development

this book explains divergent media system trajectories in the countries in southeast europe and challenges the presumption that the common socialist experience critically influences a common outcome in media development after democratic transformations by showing different remote and proximate configuration of conditions that influence their contemporary shape applying an innovative longitudinal set theoretical methodological approach the book contributes to the theory of media systems with a novel theoretical framework for the comparative analysis of post socialist media systems this theory builds on the theory of historical institutionalism and the notion of critical junctures and path dependency in searching for an explanation for similarities or differences among media systems in the eastern european region extending the understanding of media systems beyond a political journalism focus this book is a valuable contribution to the literature on comparative media systems in the areas of media systems studies political science southeast and central european studies post socialist studies and communication studies

this title was first published in 2001 based on a unique set of structured interviews with parliamentarians and additional interviews with party leaders and activists this significant volume provides an illuminating account of the formation of the new democracies in czechoslovakia and later the czech republic and slovakia examining efforts to construct

stable democratic parliamentary regimes in the wake of communist breakdown it provides a rigorous analysis of parliaments relations with the electorate and the executive as well as their internal working richly detailed and clearly written this original study is an invaluable addition to the collection of anyone interested in post communist europe or parliamentary studies

what conditions motivate a transition to democracy can the dynamics of a transition influence its outcome under what circumstances has democracy been consolidated in africa this trilogy of questions has become necessary in light of the current democratic wave engulfing africa and the rest of the world in examining the conditions that initiate democratic transitions this book investigates the circumstances under which democracy movements have operated between 1980 and 1990 it concludes that contrary to dominant democratic theory the transitions to democracy in africa have occurred under declining levels of development with regard to transitions the book recognizes that they have their own dynamics two main types of transitions are discerned top down and bottom up the book argues that in spite of the restrictive nature of top down transitions they offer a better opportunity for democratic consolidation because of the consensus between elites of the pro democracy regime and their counterparts in the authoritarian regime a condition that is normally absent under bottom up transitions finally relying on the cases of consolidated democracies the book derives an african democracy model the model delineates five main conditions that facilitate democratic consolidation including good leadership relevant political institutions external support civic space and a reasonable level of development it cautions however that these are not sufficient conditions nor are all of them necessary since countries have unique historical circumstances specific countries will have to combine conditions in the model that are relevant to that society to consolidate its democracy the right combination will depend on the specific needs of the individual country

this title was first published in 2000 contemporary greek society is characterized by an all embracing trend for reform this task however is constrained by problems of greek polity rooted in the historical and political culture this text explores the important facets of divergence between greece and the eu examining the process through which they affect the relative performance of the country in the economic social political and international relations fronts together with significant attempts to modernize and rationalize internal and external policies and structures the book is in five parts in the first introductory section greece s alternate minister of foreign affairs the late yannos kranidiotis analyzes the fundamental objectives of greek foreign policy whilst the editors explore the challenges of eu membership for greek domestic and foreign politics and greece s participation in the process of european integration the second part deals with greece and the emu the third analyzes the issues related to state modernization and adjustment a fourth section examines the welfare state and related policies and the final part analyzes greece s foreign policy and external relations with particular emphasis on the balkans and greek turkish relations

democratization emerged at a time of epochal change in global politics the twin impacts of the end of the soviet union and the speeding up and deepening of globalisation in the early 1990s meant a whole new ball game in terms of global political developments the journal s first issue appeared in early 1994 over time the editorial position has been consistently to focus on the third wave of democracy and its aftermath the third wave is the most recent exemplar of a long term historical trend towards more democratically viable regimes and away from authoritarian systems and leaders in short the journal wants to promote a better understanding of democratization defined as the way democratic norms institutions and practices evolve and are disseminated both within and across national and cultural boundaries over the years the many excellent articles that we have featured in the journal have shared our focus on democratization viewed as a process the journal has sought and

continues to seek to build on the enduring scholarly and of course popular interest in democracy how and why it emerges develops and becomes consolidated our emphasis over the last 20 years has been contemporary and the approach comparative with a strong desire to be both topical and authoritative we include special reference to democratization in the developing world and in post communist societies in sum just as 20 years ago the journal today aims to encourage debate on the many aspects of democratization that are of interest to policy makers administrators and journalists aid and development personnel those involved in education and perhaps above all the tens of millions of ordinary people around the world who do not yet enjoy the benefits of living under democratic rule the two dozen articles collected in this virtual special issue are emphatic proof of the power of the written word to induce debate uncertainty and ultimately progress towards better forms of politics focused on the achievement of the democratic aspirations of men and women everywhere

an in depth analysis of the struggle to consolidate new and fragile democracies available two paperback volumes for course use the global trend that samuel p huntington has dubbed the third wave of democratization has seen more than 60 countries experience democratic transitions since 1974 while these countries have succeeded in bringing down authoritarian regimes and replacing them with freely elected governments few of them can as yet be considered stable democracies most remain engaged in the struggle to consolidate their new and fragile democratic institutions consolidating the third wave democracies provides an in depth analysis of the challenges that they face consolidating the third wave democracies is available in two paperback volumes each introduced by the editors and organized for convenient course use the first paperback volume themes and perspectives addresses issues of institutional design civil military relations civil society and economic development it brings together some of the world s foremost scholars of democratization including robert a dahl samuel p huntington juan j linz guillermo o donnell adam przeworski philippe c schmitter and alfred stepan the second paperback volume regional challenges focuses on developments in southern europe latin america russia and east asia particularly taiwan and china it contains essays by leading regional experts including yun han chu p nikiforos diamandouros thomas b gold michael mcfaul andrew j nathan and hung mao tien

the peaceful transfer of power to a civilian president in brazil in march 1985 marked the end of one of latin america s most enduring and until the economic crisis of the 1980s economically dynamic military regimes in this companion volume to the classic authoritarian brazil a distinguished group of brazilian and american scholars albert fishlow fernando henrique cardoso and thomas skidmore among them analyzes the tortuous decade long process known as abertura by which dictatorship gave way to civilian rule as the first volume on brazil to address the crucial theoretical and practical questions of both democratic transition and consolidation democratizing brazil focuses specifically on the severe problems that the country now faces as a fledgling democracy based on a wealth of information the contributors provide a penetrating and comprehensive examination of the 1974 88 period in brazilian history exploring not only the larger political struggles between government and opposition but also the role played by economic policy the debt crisis and community based movements led by the church neighborhood associations women and trade unions

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