Democracy and politics in a changing world



Growth and Survival: An Ecological Analysis of Court Reform in Urban China

Jonathan J. Kinkel Cambridge University Press, 2022

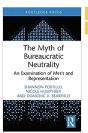
Exploring the gap between disparate literature on Chinese courts and the legal profession, Kinkel offers a unique cross-disciplinary framework to comprehend the intricate realities of Chinese politics and society. This book fuses perspectives from social ecology, historical institutionalism, and empirical legal studies, to provide vital context for understanding the patterns of court reform amidst China's rapid economic and social transformations.



Integrating Logics in the Governance of Emerging Technologies (Elements in Public Policy)

Derrick Mason Anderson Cambridge University Press, 2022

A fresh perspective on the intricate governance of emerging technologies. This book unveils a 'convergent paradigm' of governance arising from the intricate interplay of government, industry, and civil actors. From the broad context of emerging technologies to the intricate landscape of nanotechnology, Anderson delves into governance challenges.



The Myth of Bureaucratic Neutrality: An Examination of Merit and Representation

Domonic A. Bearfield, Nicole Humphrey and Shannon Portillo Routledge, 2022

This book challenges the notion of 'bureaucratic neutrality,' which was once acclaimed as a solution to combat political corruption during the Progressive era. While presented as a means to restore government legitimacy, the book argues that bureaucratic neutrality has, in fact, perpetuated inequity, particularly for marginalized communities.



Evolution of a Movement: Four Decades of California Environmental Justice Activism

Tracy E. Perkins University of California Press, 2022

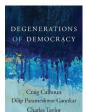
Amidst California's reputation as an environmentally progressive state, the struggle for clean air, water, and healthy communities has been a long and arduous journey for environmental justice activists. Read their inspiring stories—from passionate protests during the 1980s and 1990s to a growing presence within the state capitol in later decades.



Reimagining the Judiciary: Women's Representation on High Courts Worldwide

Maria C. Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie J. Hoekstra, Alice J. Kang and Miki Caul Kittilson Oxford University Press, USA, 2021

This book explores the factors that facilitate the inclusion of women on high courts while acknowledging the c onsiderable road ahead to achieve gender parity. Through a comprehensive cross-national and longitudinal dataset, the book explores why and when women began to appear on high courts and identifies the countries where women have made significant strides in this realm.



Degenerations of Democracy

Dilip P. Gaonkar, Craig Calhoun and Charles Taylor Harvard University Press, 2022

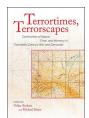
In the face of mounting challenges, the authors analyze the erosion of democracy's social foundations and call for a movement to reduce inequality, strengthen inclusive solidarity, empower citizens, and reclaim pursuit of the public good. This book sheds light on fundamental social and economic transformations that have undermined democratic principles, coupled with efforts by ruling elites to entrench their privileges and cultural distortions that pit individualistic freedom against equality and solidarity.



The Independent Voter

Thom Reilly, Omar H. Ali and Jacqueline S. Salit Routledge, 2022

The authors of The Independent Voter delve into the rising influence of rejecting allegiance to any major party. With the number of independent voters and their impact on the rise, independents are reshaping the very foundations of political science and becoming the driving force in determining major election outcomes.



Terrortimes, Terrorscapes: Continuities of Space, Time, and Memory in Twentieth-Century War and Genocide

Volker Benkert and Michael Mayer Purdue University Press, 2022

In this interdisciplinary volume delves into the connections between violence and collective memory, revealing how entangled notions of time and space have perpetuated a haunting continuum of violence across different conflicts, giving rise to what the authors term "terrortimes" and "terrorscapes."

