

Bound To Change Consolidating Democracy In East Central Europe

Bound to Change - Peter M. E. Volten 1992
An international group of scholars reviews progress, including obstacles that have and have not yet been overcome, made by the three countries of East Central Europe in their transition from communism. The authors debate whether the changes are irreversible and how much more work is necessary.

Beyond Post-communist Studies: Political Science and the New Democracies of Europe - Terry D. Clark 2016-07-08

This book makes the case that several East Central European countries have emerged as fully consolidated democracies. As such, they may be integrated into the mainstream of political science research, and not consigned forever to a transitional category encompassing countries that are now fully democracies as well as some that are not democratic at all. The author outlines the steps of another transition - from post-communist studies to political science research. He demonstrates how institutionalist, or rational choice, theories can be applied to the analysis of political processes in the successfully democratized countries, and proposes a new research agenda for political scientists studying the region. The results of this work can enrich political science as well as our understanding of both democracy and the politics of contemporary Eastern Europe.

The Politics of Central Europe - Attila Ágh 1998-06-10

This book provides a thorough introduction to East Central Europe and its renewed emergence since the momentous changes in the former Soviet bloc. By carefully differentiating between Central Europe, East Central Europe and the Balkans, Attila [ac]Agh shows how the term 'Eastern Europe' was a political misnomer of the Cold War. Drawing on theories of democratization to develop a common conceptual and theoretical framework, this textbook is the first to place the political and

social changes of this complex region in a genuinely comparative perspective. Through broad thematic sections the student is shown how to distinguish between processes of democratization and redemocratization, transition and transformation and is introduced to the important issues of Europeanization, nation-building, institutionalization, parties and political culture. Illustrated throughout with chronological charts and the latest data analysis, this is an invaluable guide to the emerging political systems and their future prospects at the core of the new Europe.

Problems of Democratization in China - Thomas G. Lum 2015-01-28

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East Central European Politics Today - Keith Crawford 1996

This is the first truly comparative volume to be written about the problems faced by the former East European bloc countries during the first 6 years of their transition. The author has lived and worked in the region throughout this whole period.

Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe: International and transnational factors - Jan Zielonka 2001

This second volume in a series of books on democratic consolidation in Eastern Europe analyzes the external parameters of such a consolidation in thirteen Eastern European countries. It explores how different international actors and various economic, cultural, and security types of transnational pressures have shaped democratic politics in the region, especially over the last decade.

Limits to Democratic Constitutionalism in Central and Eastern Europe - Bogusia Puchalska 2016-05-06

In this book, Bogusia Puchalska develops an original theory of democratic constitutionalism and uses it to support the argument that

constitution-making and law-making in constitutional moments should be politically, and not just constitutionally, legitimate. In doing so she expertly assesses the potential implications of the prospects of democratic consolidation and constitutionalism in Poland after 1989 and asks whether it is likely to be applicable to other transition countries such as Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia. This original and informative book should be read by all curious to understand how the democratic learning and the foundations of grass-root constitutionalism might have been damaged in post-communist countries.

Pushing Back the Boundaries - Mike Mannin 1999

The volume is divided into two parts. Part one examines EU-CEE relations in the context of the themes mentioned above, with a range of contemporary evidence from most Central and Eastern European country experiences. Part two concentrates on four case studies - the Czech and Slovak Republics, Hungary and Poland - with each reflecting those themes in Part one of the book relevant to their particular relationship with the EU. The book concludes with two detailed chronologies of EU-CEE relations and a summary of the current Agenda 2000 proposal for EU enlargement.

Democratic Consolidation in East-Central Europe - Fritz Plasser 2016-07-27

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.

Capitalism and Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe - Grzegorz Ekiert 2003-09-15

This volume presents a shared effort to apply a general historical-institutionalist approach to the problem of assessing institutional change in the wake of communism's collapse in Europe. It brings together a number of leading senior and junior scholars with outstanding reputations as specialists in postcommunism and comparative politics to address central theoretical and empirical issues involved in the study of postcommunism. The authors address such questions as how historical 'legacies' of the communist regime be defined, how their impact can be measured in methodologically rigorous ways, and how the effects of temporal and spatial context can be taken into account in empirical research on the region. Taken as a whole, the volume makes an important contribution to the growing literature by utilizing the comparative historical method to study key problems of world politics.

Uncertain Path - Rudi Rizman 2006

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.

For Democracy's Sake - Kevin F. F. Quigley 1997-03-07

This pathbreaking study examines foundations' democracy assistance programs in Central Europe in the years immediately following the fall of the Berlin Wall, both measuring their size and evaluating their strategies.

Experimenting With Democracy - Tom Gallagher 2012-10-12

The chronic instability in the Balkan States of South East Europe has prevented the end of the Cold War becoming an era of genuine peace in Europe. Against a background of competing nationalisms, economic decline, the resilience of

authoritarianism, it is easy to forget that there have been experiments with democracy have taken place since 1990 with relative success. Now, for the first time, the region is genuinely engaging with open politics; its outcome will determine whether the Balkans can cease being a byword for instability, and an area whose shock-waves have disturbed the peace of Europe on many occasions. Democratisation in the Balkans explores the obstacles impeding the consolidation of democracy, and even preventing a state like Serbia from going very far down the democratic road. Social scientists with expert knowledge of each of the Balkan states, and their political and economic systems, examine why progress in building free institutions has been slow compared to that of Central Europe, the Iberian peninsula and Latin America.

Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe: Volume 2: International and Transnational Factors - Jan Zielonka 2001-06-14

This is the second volume in a two-volume series of books on democratic consolidation in Eastern Europe. The first volume focused on the issue of institutional engineering. This second volume analyses the external parameters of democratic consolidation in thirteen Eastern European countries: how different international actors and various economic, cultural and security types of transnational pressures have shaped democratic politics in the region. The aim is to contrast a set of democracy theories with empirical evidence accumulated in Eastern Europe over the last ten years. The volume tries to avoid complex debates about definitions, methods and the uses and misuses of comparative research. Instead it seeks to establish what has really happened in the region, and which of the existing theories are helpful in explaining these developments. The volume is divided into two parts. The first part presents a conceptual and comparative frame of analysis, the second consists of detailed studies of individual countries undergoing democratic consolidation. Case study chapters deal with the following countries: Estonia and Latvia, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Macedonia, the states of former Yugoslavia, Belarus and Ukraine, and finally Russia. The concluding chapter identifies a set of variables responsible for the enormous impact of external factors on

democratic consolidation in Eastern Europe. It conceptualises the interplay of internal and external factors impinging upon democracy, and shows the interplay of different positive and negative types of external pressures. It also evaluates the conscious Western effort to craft or engineer democracy in Eastern Europe.

Stabilising Fragile Democracies - Paul Lewis 2002-11

The first book to provide a systematic comparison of the democratic transitions in both Eastern and Southern Europe, covering Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Hungary, Romania, Poland and Bulgaria.

Central and Eastern Europe in Transition - Frank H. Columbus 1998

This is part of a two-volume set presenting current analyses of political and economic developments and trends in central and Eastern Europe. In this volume, emphasis is on social and political developments. Coverage includes parties and party systems in Eastern Europe, Central European moralist diplomacy, the emergence of the Hungarian party system, educational reconstruction, and xenophobic attitudes towards migrants and ethnic minorities in the region. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

The 1999-2000 Elections in Russia - Vicki L. Hesli 2003-08-18

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A Democratic Audit of the European Union - C. Lord 2003-11-30

A Democratic Audit of the European Union provides a systematic assessment of democracy in the EU against clearly defined criteria. Christopher Lord offers a double challenge to generalizations about a democratic deficit in the EU. On the one hand, it shows that standards of democratic performance in the EU may vary across Union institutions and decision-making processes. On the other hand, it shows that they can vary across key dimensions of democratic governance, including citizenship, rights, participation, representation, responsiveness, transparency and accountability.

Power and Influence After the Cold War - Ann L. Phillips 2000

Challenging conventional wisdom about German dominance in the new Europe, this study presents a new approach to the question of

power and influence after the Cold War. Ann L. Phillips's analysis of German relations with East-Central Europe convincingly demonstrates how the interplay of domestic and international politics has rewritten the terms of power and influence in the region. The author develops two new cases--the politics of reconciliation and the activities of German party-affiliated foundations--to explore the international-domestic

connection and contribute new empirical evidence to the debate over German hegemony. **Ethnic Struggle, Coexistence, and Democratization in Eastern Europe** - Sherrill Stroschein 2012-05-28
Argues that protest by ethnic Hungarians in Romania and Slovakia brought about policy changes and integrated Hungarian minorities into the democratic process.

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