

Local Government Since 1945 (Making Contemporary Britain)

The tenth edition of this acclaimed text continues to provide a lively, comprehensive and up-to-date account of British political institutions, of the way in which they operate, and of the society in which they developed. It includes new sections on the following key areas: the monarchy and the House of Lords the 1997 general election the transformation of the Labour party and the demise of the Tory's the European Union devolution the judicial system Northern Ireland.

Ian Gilmour has been a Conservative MP, editor of Spectator, and is the author of the acclaimed Dancing With Dogma. With this book, he offers a radical and critical history of the Conservative Party since 1945.

This introductory textbook provides an historical overview of developments in local government in postwar Britain. Examines role of local government both as partner and as agent of central ministries Based substantially on original research, yet written accessibly for beginning students and general readers Ken Young is the leading authority in this field, and Nirmala Rao a much- respected younger scholar Reviving local democracy offers a vivid and persuasive critical examination of New Labour's programme for the modernisation of local government, providing a balanced view of the democracy and participation debate. Since 1997, the Blair government has sought to mobilise popular participation through local referenda, new political structures, electoral reform, and the creation of powerful new elected mayors. Through these mechanisms it is hoped that the lack of public interest and persistently low election turnouts will be overcome. The book draws on a wide range of new survey data to relate the crisis of local politics and governance to wider changes in the political culture. The author goes on to evaluate the government's proposals to reverse decline, asking whether this programme of reform is likely to succeed. With the aid of a series of recent surveys of both public and councillor opinion, and the successful blending of historical and empirical analysis, she offers an assessment of the realities which the democratic renewal project will have to confront in its implementation. The book is topical and timely, and highly accessible, and will appeal to students, those involved in local government, and anyone concerned to see local government become more representative, responsive, and open to popular participation.

Managerial Discretion in Government Decision Making

Local Government in California

Politics, Planning and the City

Fighting Fires

NYE

The Politics of State and Local Government

Nine Decisions that Saved Vancouver

"The changes in representation, participation, and ongoing reforms in the local government of New Zealand over the past two decades are discussed in this book. Contributors include both observers and participants in local government—from academics and people involved in policy development to advocates for the sector and the workers themselves."

Taylor describes the development of urban planning ideas since the end of the Second World War, outlining the main theories from the traditional view of planning as an exercise in physical design to recent views of planning as 'communicative action'.

In recent years, mayors and municipal leaders throughout the United States have confronted increasing problems of community safety. These problems have affected not only urban centers but also small towns and rural municipalities. Many other countries have experienced similar rapid increases in crime that have only begun to decline in the past few years. The response of many governments has been to toughen their legal and justice systems, increasing policing capacities and penalties. Despite these efforts, the social and economic consequences of crime have been enormous: Expenditures on law enforcement have increased tremendously. Criminal sentences have become tougher; The number of offenders prosecuted and incarcerated has risen dramatically; Private security personnel have outstripped official law enforcement; Communities increasingly have resorted to fortifying neighborhoods; Crime has reduced the tax base of cities by driving out residents and businesses. Traditionally, the public has viewed crime reduction as the responsibility of the police and the courts. However, in spite of increased expenditures, these institutions have been unable to contain the epidemic of crime. The result has been a loss of confidence in criminal justice systems and high levels of public concern about crime. Migration, rapid changes in populations, rising poverty levels, and income disparities continue to affect many countries. Crime prevention, rather than reaction or repression, has generally played a very minor role in addressing crime problems. To have an impact on current crime problems and avoid even greater problems in the future, a more balanced approach and perceptual shift by society are necessary. This monograph was prepared for mayors, city managers, planners, and elected officials. It brings together information from around the United States and around the world on ways that public officials have used their authority to foster safer, healthier communities. More specifically, it outlines the following: Why change is necessary; Why communities can no longer leave safety to only the criminal justice system; How knowledge about the factors that lead to crime and insecurity has increased; How knowledge about how citizens can intervene effectively has increased; The leadership, strategies, and tools needed to bring about change; Examples of city-led projects; Lessons learned from past practice.

The first full-length scholarly history of the British fire service, 1800-1978, this book scrutinizes how firemen created a professional public service incumbent upon municipal government. It examines the influence of major fires and leading personalities within the fire service in constructing a professional ethos for municipal fire brigades.

Local Governance in England and France

The Expanding State

Interpreting Local Autonomy

The British System of Government

Britain Since 1945

The Changing Geography of the United Kingdom
The Drivers of Party Change

In this remarkable inquiry into the bases of social theory, Gordon L. Clark argues that the heterogeneous nature of our society, with its pluralism of values, causes the rules of social conduct to be constantly made and remade. Examining the role of the courts in structuring and achieving social discourse, he contends that legal doctrine is no different from other social theories: judicial interpretations are constructed out of specific circumstances and conflicting values, not deduced from neutral and logical principles. There is, he asserts, no final arbiter somehow unaffected by our controversies and schisms. As concrete examples, Clark analyzes four court disputes in depth, showing that the concept of local autonomy has very different meanings and implications in each of them. These cases—Boston's defense of resident-preference hiring policies, conflict over urban land-use zoning in Toronto, a Chicago's suburb's fight against a sewage treatment plant, and the evolution of the City of Denver's power since 1900—demonstrate that legal reasoning is not impervious to other kinds of reasoning, and the solutions provided by the courts are not unique. To ground his explorations, Clark investigates both liberalism and structuralism, showing that both are inadequate bases for determining social policy. He mounts provocative critiques of the works of de Tocqueville, Nozick, Tiebout, and Posner on the one hand and Castells and Poulantzas on the other. This ambitious and important work will command the interest of geographers, political scientists, economists, sociologists, and legal scholars.

Aneurin - Nye - Bevan was one of the pivotal Labour Party figures of the post-war era in Britain. As Minister for Health in Attlee's government, his role in the foundation of the National Health Service, the world's largest publically-funded health service, changed the face of British society forever. The son of a coal miner from South Wales, Bevan was a life-long champion of social justice and the rights of working people, as such becoming one of the leading proponents of Socialist thought in Britain. In this book, acclaimed author Nicklaus Thomas-Symonds provides the first full biography of Bevan in over two decades. Drawing on first-hand interviews as well as recently released sources, he provides a unique portrait of one of the great British statesmen of the twentieth century.

Some of the very best writings on issues involving local government can be found in journals published by the American Society for Public Administration or journals with which ASPA is associated. This volume includes thirty of the most outstanding articles that have been published over the past sixty years in these journals. Local Government Management is an ideal supplement for any course in local management and administration, whether the audience is students or practicing professionals.

The Conservatives since 1945 is about how and why parties in general, and the Conservative Party in particular, make changes to the face they present to the electorate, the way they organize themselves, and the policies they come up with. This is an in-depth but comprehensive study based on original archival sources.

The Shaping of the European Community

A Political History

Paradoxes of Peace

Governance in Transition

Local Government in Britain Since 1800

New Labour, New Politics?

The Conservatives Since 1945

Local governments throughout the west are undergoing a transformation of their leadership styles and structures. Some countries have abandoned traditional systems of collective or committee based decision-making in favour of Cabinet models or, more radically, a directly-elected executive mayor, while others have strengthened existing mayoral systems. There are a few exceptions to this trend. Based on original research in eleven countries the book assesses these changes in terms of their implications for political accountability, the role of lay politicians, political recruitment, the professionalization of leadership, and relations with the bureaucracy.

This publication covers global megatrends for the next 20 years and how they will affect the United States. This is the fifth installment in the National Intelligence Council's series aimed at providing a framework for thinking about possible futures and their implications. The report is intended to stimulate strategic thinking about the rapid and vast geopolitical changes characterizing the world today and possible global trajectories during the next 15-20 years by identifying critical trends and potential discontinuities. The authors distinguish between megatrends, those factors that will likely occur under any scenario, and game-changers, critical variables whose trajectories are far less certain. NIC 2012-001. Several innovations are included in Global Trends 2030, including: a review of the four previous Global Trends reports, input from academic and other experts around the world, coverage of disruptive technologies, and a chapter on the potential trajectories for the US role in the international system and the possible the impact on future international relations. Table of Contents: Introduction 1 Megatrends 6 Individual Empowerment 8 Poverty Reduction 8 An Expanding Global Middle Class 8 Education and the Gender Gap 10 Role of Communications Technologies 11 Improving Health 11 A

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This critical work explores the issues and citizen action that made Vancouver one of the world's most livable cities -- an international urban poster child -- and challenges policy-makers and the public to reinvigorate the debate for the next generation of successful sustainable city building. Time and again, Vancouver is recognized internationally as one of the best places to live. It achieved that reputation by breaking rules and forging its own brand of North American urbanism. This compelling book details the nine most important decisions made in the Greater Vancouver region since the 1940s. Authors Mike Harcourt and Ken Cameron, themselves key players in several of these developments, reveal the political machinations, the ideological struggles and the personal commitment that lay behind each one. By tracing today's successes back to their roots, they illustrate their central theme: that cities are the result of the daily choices we make as leaders, activists and citizens.

Focusing on a series of policy initiatives from the late 1960s through to the end of the 1970s, this book looks at how successive governments tried to address growing concerns about urban deprivation across Britain. It provides unique insights into policy and governance and into the socio-economic and cultural causes and consequences of poverty. Starting with the impact of redevelopment policies, immigration and the rise of the 'inner city', this book examines the pressures and challenges that explain the development of policy by successive Labour and Conservative governments. It looks at the effectiveness and limits of different community development approaches and at the inadequacies of policy in tackling urban deprivation. In doing so, the book highlights the restricted impact of pilot projects and reform of public services in resolving deprivation as well as the broader limits of social planning and state welfare. Crucially, it also plots the shift in policy from an emphasis on achieving statutory service efficiencies and rolling out social development programmes towards an ever-greater stress on regeneration and support for private capital as the solution to transforming the inner city.

Problems of Change in Urban Government

Explaining Local Government

Empowering Communities?

New Perspectives and Democratic Challenges

State and Local Government

Whatever Happened to the Tories

First published in 2000. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

This book looks at experience in government restructuring and devolution from a variety of national and international perspectives, both within the European Union and elsewhere, focusing on lessons learned and ways forward. Since the 1980s, there has been a global trend to give more power to local governments. Even in Korea and the United Kingdom, the most centralised countries in the OECD, local government powers have increased, with substantial economic benefits. Within the European Union, the principle of subsidiarity has enshrined the idea of devolution. New member states, particularly in central and eastern Europe, have significantly created new and self-sufficient local and regional governments. However, this process has been complicated. Devolution is not a panacea in its own right, and need not lead to economic growth. While it can encourage savings through collaboration, it can also lead to confused lines of authority and can complicate policy formation and implantation. Devolution can strain local budgets, forcing local governments to rely on their own sources of finance, rather than central government transfers. Suburbanisation, rural depopulation, the growth of some regions, and the decline of others have raised new problems, particularly related to inter-governmental cooperation among local governments and different levels of government. In many cases, an increased number of governments has increased administrative costs.

An examination of the history of Northern Ireland as it evolved from the introduction of the welfare state to the comparatively prosperous 1960s. It offers an explanation of the upheavals of 1969–1972 and shows how the British intervention had no means with which to address the problems.

This book of critical essays explores new thinking and new evidence on the role of locally-elected representatives in Western democracies. The book is topical in the light of the intense political and popular interest in the problems of making local government representative and responsive. The contributors, drawn from the UK, US, France, Denmark and Norway, deal with two principal themes: political recruitment and representativeness; and the processes of political representation, and highlight the dilemmas of open and accessible local government.

Current Issues and Best Practices

Representation and Participation in New Zealand's Local Government

Regional Decision Making: New Strategies for Substate Districts

Judges and the Cities

Representation and Community in Western Democracies

Beyond the Street Level

West European Politics Since 1945

Now in its fifth edition, this is an established standard textbook on contemporary British political history since the end of World War II. This authoritative chronological survey discusses domestic policy and politics in particular, but also covers external and international relations.

Managerial Discretion In Government Decision Making: Beyond The Street Level Provides A Comprehensive Discussion Of Managerial And Executive Discretion At All Levels Of Government. Beginning With A Discussion Of Moving Beyond Street-Level Discourse, This Book Sets The Stage For Studying Managerial Discretion. It Examines Aspects Of Expertise In Discretionary Decision Making At The Federal Level, Including Several Case Examples To Account For The Wide Usage Of Executive Orders In Managerial Positions, And Examines The Formal Roles Of Managers At State Government Levels, While Highlighting The Variations Among State Managers In Their Usage Of Discretion, With Examples Of State Managers With Too Much Discretion. Next The Book Identifies Key Aspects Of Managerial Discretion In Local Governments, Including Information On The Applicability Of Discretion In School Districts And Its Implications In Decision Making, Discusses The Myriad Ways In Which Managers In Local Jurisdictions Either Individually Or Collectively Make Decisions Within The Parameters Of State Laws, Board Regulations, And/Or Council Ordinances, And Concludes With A Discussion Of How Much Discretion Managers Should Have And Dangers Inherent In Providing Managers With Too Much Discretion, And Reinforces The Discourses On Accountability In Public Organizations.

Britain Since 1945 John Wiley & Sons

This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, Voices Revived makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1951.

Class and Economy in Europe Since 1945

Transforming Political Leadership in Local Government

Global Trends 2030

World Politics Since 1945

City Making in Paradise

Local Government Since 1945

Local Government Management: Current Issues and Best Practices

This fully revised edition of a widely-used introductory text presents a full description and interpretation of the changes that have occurred during the 1990s. Within the last decade the UK has undergone major shifts in terms of its land, society, and environment, all of which have had a profound effect on the geographical landscape.

Thoughtfully examines the paradox of peace activism in postwar Germany

Local Governance in England and France addresses issues at the cutting edge of comparative politics and public policy. The book is based on extensive research and interviews, over 300 in total, with local decision makers in two pairs of cities in England and France: Lille and Leeds; Rennes and Southampton. No other Anglo-French comparative project has ever gone into such depth - based on actual case studies - making this book an invaluable resource for students and professionals alike. The book poses key questions about the changing role of the state, the difficulties of policy coordination in a fragmented institutional context, and about the relationship between governance, networks as well as political and democratic accountability. It will be of great interest to the professional research community, and practitioners in Britain, France and beyond, as well as to students of comparative politics, European public policy, British / French politics, European studies, public management and local government studies.

"Local Government Today" provides a comprehensive analysis of the structure, finance, management, and democratic framework for local government in Britain. This new edition includes the changes made by Tony Blair's government and an evaluation in a comparative context of the value and effectiveness of the system. A new feature is a running commentary that puts the British

system in comparative context and provides basic information on how local government operates in the European Union and the United States.

The Role of Local Government in Community Safety

The Changing Geography of the UK 3rd Edition

Democratic Processes and Decision-making in Birmingham

Second City Politics

Northern Ireland Since 1945

A Guide to Decision Making

The Political Life of Aneurin Bevan

In 1911 one of every three Canadians lived in urban areas; today three out of four do. This growth has raised serious issues in urban government: How should power and authority be distributed among differing, often competing, urban interests? How can municipal governments obtain the funds they need to satisfy the increased demand for community and social services? How much should citizens participate? At a conference held in Banff on alternate forms of urban government, academics and practitioners considered these, and other pressing urban problems. Problems of change in urban government, presents the results of the conference, along with other, related essays. The contributors are Lloyd Axworthy, Meyer Brownstone, Stephen Clarkson, J.A. Johnson, James Lorimer, Allan O'Brien, T.J. Plunkett, Louise Quesnel-Ouellet, Paul Tennant, and the volume editors.

Drawing on classical and emerging research perspectives, this comprehensive book provides an up-to-date review of local government in Europe. Featuring an impressive range of contributors from both eastern and western Europe, the book addresses three main topics: territorial reforms, democratic empowerment of citizens and the role of local leadership, as well as new trends in local finances. Acknowledging their inherent diversity, the book examines the ways that local governments have responded to shared challenges, such as climate change, increasing populism and democratic deficit in order to identify both the variety and commonalities between the country-specific features. In doing so, it provides a rich picture of the latest trends in local government, as well as pointing the way for future developments.

This book offers a comprehensive overview of Britain's development since the end of the Second World War. It comprises 23 contributions from leading authorities and newer scholars, set in context with a foreword by Raymond Seitz. A comprehensive and fascinating introduction to Britain from the end of the Second World War Draws together the themes that have dominated discussion amongst scholars and media commentators The chapters are set in context with a foreword by Raymond Seitz Covers topics such as foreign policy, political parties, the media, race relations, women and social change, science and IT, culture, industrial relations, the welfare state, and political and economic issues in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Politics, Planning and the City is designed to introduce the complex political processes and problems of the modern city. The author begins by setting the theoretical context and discusses models of democracy, power and the nature of policy. Next he examines change and the city, by focusing on actual decision-making. Three major policy areas affecting the city - housing, planning and the social services - are then reviewed and the post-war experiences analysed. The author concludes by discussing the consequences, intended and unintended, for the city and asks whether city governments can cope with the future. This book was first published in 1980.

A Commission Report

Urban Planning Theory Since 1945

Deprivation, State Interventions and Urban Communities in Britain, 1968-79

Local Government Today

Alternative Worlds

Creating the British Fire Service, 1800-1978

The New Battleground

In this work, J.A. Chandler explains how local government in Britain has evolved from a structure that appeared to be relatively free from central government interference to, as John Prescott observes, 'one of the most centralised systems of government in the Western world'.

Local Government in Europe

Technology Assessment for State and Local Government

The Conservative Party Since 1945

German Peace Movements Since 1945

Reviving Local Democracy