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**More than ten years after the**

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**worst crisis since the Great Depression, the financial sector is thriving. But something is deeply wrong. Taxpayers bore the burden of bailing out “too big to fail” banks, but got nothing in return. Inequality has soared,**

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**and a populist backlash  
against elites has shaken the  
foundations of our political  
order. Meanwhile, financial  
capitalism seems more  
entrenched than ever. What is  
the left to do? Justice Is an  
Option uses those**

**problems—and the framework of finance that created them—to reimagine historical justice. Robert Meister returns to the spirit of Marx to diagnose our current age of finance. Instead of closing our eyes to the political and**

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**economic realities of our era, we need to grapple with them head-on. Meister does just that, asking whether the very tools of finance that have created our vastly unequal world could instead be made to serve justice and equality.**

**Meister here formulates nothing less than a democratic financial theory for the twenty-first century—one that is equally conversant in political philosophy, Marxism, and contemporary politics. Justice**

**Is an Option is a radical,  
invigorating first page of a  
new—and sorely  
needed—leftist playbook.  
One-in-seven adults and one-  
in-five children in the United  
States live in poverty.  
Individuals and families living**

**in poverty. Not only lack basic, material necessities, but they are also disproportionately afflicted by many social and economic challenges. Some of these challenges include the increased possibility of an**



**unstable home situation,  
inadequate education  
opportunities at all levels,  
and a high chance of crime  
and victimization. Given this  
growing social, economic, and  
political concern, The  
Hamilton Project at Brookings**

**asked academic experts to develop policy proposals confronting the various challenges of America's poorest citizens, and to introduce innovative approaches to addressing poverty. When combined, the**

**scope and impact of these proposals has the potential to vastly improve the lives of the poor. The resulting 14 policy memos are included in The Hamilton Project's Policies to Address Poverty in America. The main areas of focus**

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**include promoting early childhood development, supporting disadvantaged youth, building worker skills, and improving safety net and work support.**

**Offers a look at the causes and effects of poverty and**

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**inequality, as well as the possible solutions. This title features research, human stories, statistics, and compelling arguments. It discusses about the world we live in and how we can make it a better place.**

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**This book investigates the effects of electoral systems on the relative legislative and, hence, regulatory influence of competing interests in society. Building on Ronald Rogowski and Mark Andreas Kayser's extension of**

**the classic Stigler-Peltzman model of regulation, the authors demonstrate that majoritarian electoral arrangements should empower consumers relative to producers. Employing real price levels as a proxy for**

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**consumer power, the book rigorously establishes this proposition over time, within the OECD, and across a large sample of developing countries. Majoritarian electoral arrangements depress real prices by**



**approximately ten percent, all else equal. The authors carefully construct and test their argument and broaden it to consider the overall welfare effects of electoral system design and the incentives of actors in the**

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**choice of electoral  
institutions.**

**Redistribution, Recognition  
and Representation**

**The Inclusionary Turn in Latin  
American Democracies**

**Inequality**

**Neoliberalism's Stealth**

## **Revolution**

# **What Unions No Longer Do Undoing the Demos Private Wealth and Public Revenue in Latin America**

Inequality endangers the fabric of our societies, distorts the functioning of democracy, and derails the globalization

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process. Yet, it has only recently been recognized as a problem worth examining. Why has this issue been neglected for so long? In *Inequality: A Short History*, Michele Alacevich and Anna Soci discuss the emergence of the inequality question in the twentieth century and explain how it is related to

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current issues such as globalization and the survival of democracy. The authors also discuss trends and the future of inequality. Inequality is a pressing issue that not only affects living standards, but is also inextricably linked to the way our democracies work.

This volume analyzes how enduring

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democracy amid longstanding inequality engendered inclusionary reform in contemporary Latin America.

For Liberty and Equality shows how the Declaration of Independence actually worked in each era, and why its influence has been crucial to the development of the American nation and way of life.

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Two prominent economists lead a debate to redistribute wealth. In *Recasting Egalitarianism*, part of Verso's *Real Utopias* series, economists Samuel Bowles and Herbert Gintis diagnose the current malaise of the Left as a result of the obsolescence of its traditional economic models. They propose to

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rejuvenate the egalitarian project through a strategy of asset-based redistribution, drawing in novel ways on markets, competition, state regulation and community governance. In this major work on economic and social policy, the authors address the twin challenges posed by a globally integrated



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economy and the key economic roles now played by information, motivation, and other intangibles. They propose an egalitarian redistribution of assets - land, capital, and housing - and argue for the beneficial disciplining effects of competition both in markets and among publicly-funded service providers,

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pointing out that the injustices commonly associated with markets can be avoided if assets are more equally distributed. The lead essay in the book lays out the underlying logic of this proposal in some detail. This is followed by responses by critics and supporters. Contributors include: Harry Brighthouse, Michael

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Carter, Steve Durlauf, Paula England,  
David Gordon, Daniel M. Hausman,  
Karla Hoff, Andrew Levine, Elaine  
McCrate, Karl Ove Moen, Ugo Pagano,  
John E. Roomer, Peter Skott, Michael  
Wallerstein, Erik Olin Wright.  
Electoral Systems and the Balance of  
Consumer-Producer Power

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Syndromes of Corruption

New Rules for Communities, States and  
Markets

Social Policy in a Changing Society

The Political Economy of Taxing,  
Spending, and Redistribution Since 1945

Policies to Address Poverty in America

The Politics of Economic Inequality in

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Developing Countries

*Examines the political  
and economic  
circumstances which lead  
democracies to build up  
their militaries and  
involve themselves in*

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*armed conflict.*

*Although much prized in  
daily conversation, good  
listening has been  
almost completely  
ignored in that form of  
political conversation*

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*we know as democracy.*

*This book examines the reasons why so little attention has been paid to the listening aspect of democratic conversation, explores*

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*the role that listening  
might play in democracy,  
and outlines some  
institutional changes  
that could be made to  
make listening more  
central to democratic*



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*processes. The focus on listening amounts to a reorientation of democratic theory and practice, providing novel perspectives on enduring themes in*

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*democracy such as  
recognition,  
representation, power  
and legitimacy—as well  
as some new ones, such  
as silence. Eschewing  
the pessimism of the*

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*'realist' turn in  
democratic theory, the  
book shows how attention  
to listening can breathe  
life into the democratic  
project and help us to  
realise some of its*

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*objectives. Drawing on practical examples and multidisciplinary sources, the book shows how listening should be at the heart or representative and*

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*deliberative democracy  
rather than peripheral  
to them. It develops a  
notion of dialogic  
democracy based on  
structured, 'apophatic',  
listening, and meets the*

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*challenge of showing how  
this could be  
incorporated in  
parliamentary  
democracies. What should  
we be listening out for?  
This book addresses the*

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*question of political  
noise and uses the idea  
of recognition to  
develop an account of  
politics that takes us  
beyond the Aristotelian  
speaking being towards a*

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*Deweyan notion of the  
'event' around which  
publics coalesce.*

*From workers' wages to  
presidential elections,  
labor unions once  
exerted tremendous clout*



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*in American life. In the immediate post-World War II era, one in three workers belonged to a union. The fraction now is close to one in five, and just one in ten in*

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*the private sector. The only thing big about Big Labor today is the scope of its problems. While many studies have explained the causes of this decline, What*

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*Unions No Longer Do  
shows the broad  
repercussions of labor's  
collapse for the  
American economy and  
polity. Organized labor  
was not just a minor*

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*player during the middle decades of the twentieth century, Jake Rosenfeld asserts. For generations it was the core institution fighting for economic and political*

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*equality in the United States. Unions leveraged their bargaining power to deliver benefits to workers while shaping cultural understandings of fairness in the*

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*workplace. What Unions  
No Longer Do details the  
consequences of labor's  
decline, including  
poorer working  
conditions, less  
economic assimilation*

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*for immigrants, and wage stagnation among African-Americans. In short, unions are no longer instrumental in combating inequality in our economy and our*

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*politics, resulting in a sharp decline in the prospects of American workers and their families.*

*From the 1980s through the first decade of the*



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*twenty-first century,  
the spread of democracy  
across the developing  
and post-Communist  
worlds transformed the  
global political  
landscape. What drove*

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*these changes and what determined whether the emerging democracies would stabilize or revert to authoritarian rule? Dictators and Democrats takes a*

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*comprehensive look at  
the transitions to and  
from democracy in recent  
decades. Deploying both  
statistical and  
qualitative analysis,  
Stephen Haggard and*

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*Robert Kaufman engage with theories of democratic change and advocate approaches that emphasize political and institutional factors. While inequality has*

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*been a prominent  
explanation for  
democratic transitions,  
the authors argue that  
its role has been  
limited, and elites as  
well as masses can drive*

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*regime change. Examining  
seventy-eight cases of  
democratic transition  
and twenty-five  
reversions since 1980,  
Haggard and Kaufman show  
how differences in*

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*authoritarian regimes  
and organizational  
capabilities shape  
popular protest and  
elite initiatives in  
transitions to  
democracy, and how*

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*institutional weaknesses  
cause some democracies  
to fail. The  
determinants of  
democracy lie in the  
strength of existing  
institutions and the*



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*public's capacity to  
engage in collective  
action. There are  
multiple routes to  
democracy, but those  
growing out of mass  
mobilization may provide*

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*more checks on  
incumbents than those  
emerging from intra-  
elite bargains. Moving  
beyond well-known  
beliefs regarding regime  
changes, Dictators and*

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*Democrats explores the conditions under which transitions to democracy are likely to arise. Origins and Consequences of the Property Rights Gap*

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*Worlds of Taxation*

*Dictators and Democrats*

*Inequality in Asia and  
the Pacific*

*Nationhood and the*

*National Question in the  
New Europe*

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***Recasting Egalitarianism  
Wealth, Power, and  
Democracy***

How should we think about immigration and what policies should democratic societies pursue? Sarah Song offers a political theory of

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immigration that takes seriously both the claims of receiving countries and the claims of prospective migrants. What is required, she argues, is not a policy of open or closed borders but open doors.

Michael Wallerstein was a leader in

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developing a rigorous comparative political economy approach to understanding substantive issues of inequality, redistribution, and wage-determination. His early death from cancer left both a hole in the profession and a legacy that will surely provide

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the foundation for research on these topics. This volume collects his most important and influential contributions, organized by topic, with each topic preceded by an editorial introduction that provides overview and context. Social Policy in a Changing Society is



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a critical guide to theories about society, exploring the links between social theory and social policy. It considers a range of interpretations of changes in society, politics and the economy, and assesses their practical implications for social welfare. Social

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Policy in a Changing Society will be essential reading for undergraduates studying social policy and sociology. This ambitious study, by a leading Spanish social scientist, analyses the mutual relationships between politics and the economy. Focusing on the

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experiences of Southern and Eastern Europe, it examines the complex interdependence between democracies, economic growth, social redistribution, and political culture. Are democratization processes the product of previous experiences of

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development, or of economic crisis?  
Can political regimes influence  
economic development and the  
distribution of material resources? In a  
context of economic constraints, to  
what extent are social democratic  
governments able to present a distinct

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identity in their policies? And can democratic governments, once established, increase support for democratic principles? Professor Maravall explores these and other crucial questions utilizing a wealth of evidence from official statistics to

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public opinion polls. His appendices also provide chronologies of the most influential studies on these topics, offering valuable background information and ideas for further reading.

## Which Equalities Matter?

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Confronting Income Inequality in  
Japan

The Economics of Social Determinants  
of Health and Health Inequalities  
Citizens, Families, and Reform  
Ethnic Heterogeneity, Welfare State  
Policies, Poverty, and Inequality in

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High Income Countries

Democratic Militarism

A Short History

*Political Crises, Social Conflict and  
Economic Development is a rare attempt  
to undertake comparative political  
economy analysis of the Andean region  
and thus represents a welcome*



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*contribution. . . It is clearly written and will engage scholars interested in Latin America from a wide range of disciplines. Jonathan di John, Journal of Agrarian Change This collection of essays on the political economy of the Andean region goes to the heart of the struggle these smaller economies face in completing*

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*crucial reforms and achieving higher growth. Andrés Solimano has brought together the best and the brightest talent from each country, the result being the most compelling analysis ever of how enclave development and a historical dependence on primary exports renders these countries distinctly Andean. As the*

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*essays argue, the political solutions and economic remedies must address this phenomenon, rather than mimicking those strategies of the larger emerging market countries in the region. Carol Wise, University of Southern California, US The contributors to this authoritative volume analyze the impact of political*

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*crises and social conflict on economic performance in the Andean region of Latin America. The blend of theory and case studies is also relevant for understanding other complex societies in the developing world and transition economies. The book provides illuminating insights on how to*

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*understand, and survive, the complicated interactions between volatile politics, unstable democracies, violence, social inequality and uneven economic performance. Recent political economy theories are combined with valuable quantitative and qualitative information on presidential crises, breakdowns of*

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*democracy, constitutional reforms, quality of institutions, and social inequality and exclusion to understand actual country realities. Part I provides the conceptual framework and a regional perspective of the book. Part II contains five political economy country studies Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and*

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*Venezuela written by leading scholars in the field and former senior policymakers, including a former President. Together, the chapters highlight the detrimental effects of political instability and social conflict on economic growth and stability, as well as the feedback effects from poor economic performance on*

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*political instability and institutional fragility. The country studies warn that narrow economic reforms that do not pay adequate attention to politics, institutions and social structures are bound to fail in bringing lasting prosperity and stability to complex societies. Examining new and rich information on episodes of political*



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*turmoil, military interventions, forced presidential resignations, constitutional reforms and social uprisings, this book will be required reading for all those interested in the interface of politics and economic development.*

*Between 1974 and 1990 more than thirty countries in southern Europe, Latin*

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*America, East Asia, and Eastern Europe shifted from authoritarian to democratic systems of government. This global democratic revolution is probably the most important political trend in the late twentieth century. In *The Third Wave*, Samuel P. Huntington analyzes the causes and nature of these democratic*

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*transitions, evaluates the prospects for stability of the new democracies, and explores the possibility of more countries becoming democratic. The recent transitions, he argues, are the third major wave of democratization in the modern world. Each of the two previous waves was followed by a reverse wave in which*

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*some countries shifted back to authoritarian government. Using concrete examples, empirical evidence, and insightful analysis, Huntington provides neither a theory nor a history of the third wave, but an explanation of why and how it occurred. Factors responsible for the democratic trend include the*

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*legitimacy dilemmas of authoritarian regimes; economic and social development; the changed role of the Catholic Church; the impact of the United States, the European Community, and the Soviet Union; and the "snowballing" phenomenon: change in one country stimulating change in others.*

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*Five key elite groups within and outside the nondemocratic regime played roles in shaping the various ways democratization occurred. Compromise was key to all democratizations, and elections and nonviolent tactics also were central. New democracies must deal with the "torturer problem" and the "praetorian problem"*

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*and attempt to develop democratic values and processes. Disillusionment with democracy, Huntington argues, is necessary to consolidating democracy. He concludes the book with an analysis of the political, economic, and cultural factors that will decide whether or not the third wave continues. Several*

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*"Guidelines for Democratizers" offer specific, practical suggestions for initiating and carrying out reform. Huntington's emphasis on practical application makes this book a valuable tool for anyone engaged in the democratization process. At this volatile time in history, Huntington's assessment*



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*of the processes of democratization is indispensable to understanding the future of democracy in the world.*

*This study of nationalism in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union develops an original account of the interlocking and opposed nationalisms of national minorities, the nationalizing*

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*states in which they live, and the external national homelands to which they are linked by external ties.*

*For a century, economists have driven forward the cause of globalization in financial institutions, labour markets, and trade. Yet there have been consistent warning signs that a global economy and*

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*free trade might not always be advantageous. Where are the pressure points? What could be done about them? Dani Rodrik examines the backstory from its seventeenth-century origins through the milestones of the gold standard, the Bretton Woods Agreement, and the Washington Consensus, to the*

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*present day. Although economic globalization has enabled unprecedented levels of prosperity in advanced countries and has been a boon to hundreds of millions of poor workers in China and elsewhere in Asia, it is a concept that rests on shaky pillars, he contends. Its long-term sustainability is not a*

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*given. The heart of Rodrik's argument is a fundamental 'trilemma': that we cannot simultaneously pursue democracy, national self-determination, and economic globalization. Give too much power to governments, and you have protectionism. Give markets too much freedom, and you have an unstable world*

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*economy with little social and political support from those it is supposed to help.*

*Rodrik argues for smart globalization, not maximum globalization.*

*Immigration and Democracy*

*A Comparative Analysis of Causes, Consequences, and Reform*

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*Regimes, Politics, and Markets*

*The Third Wave*

*A Democratic Theory of Finance for the  
Twenty-First Century*

*From Poverty to Power*

Should children have the right to vote?

How important is the family? Is the end of  
class inequality in sight? Professor Ringen

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tackles these and other crucial questions in this engaging and provocative new work on the possibilities for social and welfare reform in modern democracies.

Taking liberty as the central value of democracies, Professor Ringen argues that the role of democratic government is necessarily limited: it cannot take action



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which trespasses on individual liberty. Liberty is, however, not the only value in democracy; democracy is also about equality. Therefore democratic government is condemned to action: it has to do something about persistent injustice. Is there a middle ground to be found between the two ideals of liberty and

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equality? Professor Ringen argues that in the areas of family and welfare policy there is. However, real democracies are necessarily imperfect and the author warns against 'the terrible temptation towards perfection'. Instead, Professor Ringen argues for a notion of rationality governed by restrained self-interest, the

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civic spirit, and advances a theory based on the conservative values of family and personal responsibility, combined with radical reform.

Contrary to general belief, and to Japan's own self-image, inequality of income and wealth distribution in Japan has grown in the past two decades. In this well-written

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and accessible book, Toshiaki Tachibanaki analyzes the movement toward more income inequality in Japan and offers policy recommendations to counter the trend. Tachibanaki, Japan's leading expert on income distribution, draws on new statistical data covering wealth, inheritance, farm and business holdings,

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salary, and other relevant factors, to demonstrate that Japan can no longer be thought of as a "90 percent middle-class society." The book, updated and substantially expanded from Tachibanaki's 1998 Japanese bestseller, discusses the history and the causes of Japan's increasing income inequality and analyzes

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the effect on wealth distribution of intergenerational transfer. Employing cross-national comparisons to the United States and Europe throughout, *Confronting Income Inequality in Japan* examines the contrast between equality of opportunity and equality of outcome, evaluates equality of opportunity in terms

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of education and occupation, analyzes the relationship between income distribution and income growth, discusses the role of hierarchical positions in organizations, and considers the differences between welfare states and nonwelfare states. Concluding with policy recommendations, Tachibanaki argues against the belief of

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some economists that greater inequality is unavoidable if Japan is to achieve a strong economic recovery.

"Compared to third world poverty (absolute deprivation), economic inequality (relative deprivation) in developing countries has received little attention. In this book, Philip Nel shows that economic



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inequality has great significance for the achievement of economic, political and human development in developing countries. He argues that a high level of inequality undermines a country's growth potential, retards the development of social capital and trust, encourages corruption and conflict, and jeopardizes

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the opportunities for consistent regime development. As inequality continues to worsen in most parts of the developing world, this book provides a timely study on its causes and consequences."--Book cover. Based on a study of 12 schools over a two-year period, this book explores issues of equality and power both in the classroom

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and in the staffroom. Through classroom observation, interviews with pupils and staff, focus groups and questionnaires, the authors examine classroom practice, grouping and streaming, peer group relations and attitudes to power relationships both between pupils and teachers, and amongst teachers

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themselves. They also look particularly at the different experiences of pupils in single sex and co-educational schools. The authors' findings offer an insight into the way schools operate in terms of social class, gender, religion and ethnicity, and raise fundamental questions about the use and abuse of power in schools and how

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this affects the lives of pupils and staff.  
This book will be of interest to those  
studying education, sociology, gender  
studies and women's studies, and to policy  
makers and teachers in senior  
management roles.

Democratization and Economic Change  
in Southern and Eastern Europe

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Business Power and Tax Politics

How Active Citizens and Effective States  
Can Change the World

Equality and Power in Schools

The Heterogeneity Link of the Welfare  
State and Redistribution

Property Without Rights

Trends, drivers, and policy implications

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*Asia's rapid economic growth has led to a significant reduction in extreme poverty, but accompanied by rising inequality. This book deals with three questions: What have been the trends of inequality in Asia and the Pacific? What are the key drivers of rising inequality in the region? How should*

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*Asian countries respond to the rising inequality? Technological change, globalization, and market-oriented reform have been the key drivers of Asia's remarkable growth and poverty reduction, but they have also had significant distribution consequences. These three drivers of growth cannot*



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*be hindered because they are the sources of productivity improvement and betterment of quality of life. This book will be useful to those interested in policy options that could be deployed by Asian countries in confronting rising inequality. This book provides a historical*

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*understanding of current debates over tax reform and offers a comparative framework for discussing the relationship between fiscal policy and the distribution of income and wealth. Topics covered include the evolution of income taxation since World War II; the turn toward value added taxation; the*

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*relationship between tax reform and the construction of welfare states; the impact of globalization on tax and fiscal policy; the social forces shaping tax consent; and the political economy of tax and fiscal reform. These topics are covered in case studies that focus on significant episodes in the fiscal*

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*history of Denmark, Sweden, France, Greece, the United Kingdom, Spain, Switzerland, the United States, and Japan.*

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*theoretical framework that refines and integrates the classic concepts of business's instrumental (political) power and structural (investment) power to explain the scope and fate of tax initiatives targeting economic elites in Latin America after economic liberalization. In Chile, business's*

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*multiple sources of instrumental power, including cohesion and ties to right parties, kept substantial tax increases off the agenda. In Argentina, weaker business power facilitated significant reform, although specific sectors, including finance and agriculture, occasionally had instrumental and/or*

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*structural power to defend their interests. In Bolivia, popular mobilization counterbalanced the power of economic elites, who were much stronger than in Argentina but weaker than in Chile. The book's in-depth, medium-N case analysis and close attention to policymaking*

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*processes contribute insights on business power and prospects for redistribution in unequal democracies. Economists warn that policies to level the economic playing field come with a hefty price tag. But this so-called 'equality-efficiency trade-off' has proven difficult to document. The data*



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*suggest, instead, that the extraordinary levels of economic inequality now experienced in many economies are detrimental to the economy. Moreover, recent economic experiments and other evidence confirm that most citizens are committed to fairness and are willing to sacrifice to help those*

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*less fortunate than themselves. Incorporating the latest results from behavioral economics and the new microeconomics of credit and labor markets, Bowles shows that escalating economic disparity is not the unavoidable price of progress. Rather it is policy choice - often a very costly*

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*one. Here drawing on his experience both as a policy advisor and an academic economist, he offers an alternative direction, a novel and optimistic account of a more just and better working economy.*

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democracy and economic development in many societies. It arises in the ways people pursue, use and exchange wealth and power, and in the strength or weakness of the state, political and social

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institutions that sustain and restrain those processes. Differences in these factors, Michael Johnston argues, give rise to four major syndromes of corruption: Influence Markets, Elite Cartels, Oligarchs and

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Clans, and Official Moguls. In this 2005 book, Johnston uses statistical measures to identify societies in each group, and case studies to show that the expected syndromes do arise. Countries studied include the

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United States, Japan and  
Germany (Influence Markets);  
Italy, Korea and Botswana (Elite  
Cartels); Russia, the Philippines  
and Mexico (Oligarchs and  
Clans); and China, Kenya, and  
Indonesia (Official Moguls). A



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concluding chapter explores reform, emphasising the ways familiar measures should be applied - or withheld, lest they do harm - with an emphasis upon the value of 'deep democratisation'.

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crisis, with more shanty towns, congested roads, unemployed, beggars, crime, and misery alongside the few unashamedly demonstrating greater conspicuous consumption, shopping at national department

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stores fill with luxury imports. What if the idealized image of American society a land of opportunity that will reward hard work with economic success is completely wrong? Few topics have as many myths,

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stereotypes, and misperceptions surrounding them as that of poverty in America. The poor have been badly misunderstood since the beginnings of the country, with the rhetoric only ratcheting up in recent times.

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Our current era of fake news, alternative facts, and media partisanship has led to a breeding ground for all types of myths and misinformation to gain traction and legitimacy. Poorly Understood is the first book to

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systematically address and confront many of the most widespread myths pertaining to poverty. Mark Robert Rank, Lawrence M. Eppard, and Heather E. Bullock powerfully demonstrate that the realities of

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poverty are much different than the myths; indeed in many ways they are more disturbing. The idealized image of American society is one of abundant opportunities, with hard work being rewarded by economic



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prosperity. But what if this picture is wrong? What if poverty is an experience that touches the majority of Americans? What if hard work does not necessarily lead to economic well-being? What if the reasons for poverty

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are largely beyond the control of individuals? And if all of the evidence necessary to disprove these myths has been readily available for years, why do they remain so stubbornly pervasive? These are much more disturbing

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realities to consider because they call into question the very core of America's identity. Armed with the latest research, *Poorly Understood* not only challenges the myths of poverty and inequality, but it explains why

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behavioral economics and microeconomic theory, Samuel Bowles argues that conventional economics has mistakenly presented inequality as the price of progress. In place of this view, he offers a novel and optimistic account of the possibility of a more just economy.

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This book situates ethnic heterogeneity in the larger discussion of the welfare state and its redistributive outcomes, poverty and inequality. By using comprehensive, longitudinal data covering 1980 to 2010 from 17 high income countries, this analysis helps achieve a major milestone in



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comparative welfare state research both conceptually and methodologically. Conceptually, it elevates the relevance of growing ethnic heterogeneity in thinking about how politics and economics of the welfare state operate, collectively impacting the magnitudes of poverty and inequality.

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Methodologically, the analysis conducted in this book provides broader empirical tests for the many propositions and discourses found in the literature based largely on anecdotal evidence, case studies, and unjustifiably limited quantitative data. The innovative operationalization of the

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multidimensional character of both welfare state policies and ethnic heterogeneity help broaden the analytical frameworks of comparative welfare state research. The outcome is a major advance in the way we understand the causes and redistributive consequences of the

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welfare state, in which ethno-racial, religious, and especially immigration heterogeneity can play a crucial role. A thorough and insightful analysis presented in this book helps students, researchers, and policymakers better understand the ethnic heterogeneity connections of the welfare state and

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