British Record Henrik Larsen presents discourse analysis as an alternative approach to foreign policy analysis. Through an extensive empirical study of British and French policies towards Europe in the 1980s, he demonstrates the importance of political discourse in shaping foreign policy. The author discusses key theoretical problems within traditional belief system approaches and proposes an alternative one: political discourse analysis. The theory is illustrated through detailed analyses of British and French discourses on Europe, nation/state security and the nature of international relations.

Foreign Policy and Discourse Analysis

The question "Where do we come from?" may never be answered. But "Why do we exist?" that is my interest. Humanity has become a tribe of production and consumption. But for a small percentage of enlightened thinkers through history, the likes of Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Leonardo da Vinci, Fibonacci, Isaac Newton, Rumi, Nikolai Tesla, Socrates, Jesus, Mohammed, Siddhartha Gautama and their peers, for the greater part of human history, we have steadily devolved into a race of slavery to a system that has led us to disease, depression, debt, war and poverty for the majority of the world's population. I have a theory, after many years of studying what ancient cultures knew, to the systems we now have devolved to create, that happiness, health, wealth, good fortune, long life, love and joy are easily achieved. Our birthright in fact. And there is a way back, accessible to all. It is time to know why we exist.

Devolution in Britain Today

Most of the expansive literature on social citizenship follows its leading thinker, T. H. Marshall, and talks only about the British state, often referring only to England. But social citizenship rights require taxation, spending, effective public services and politics committed to them. They can only be as strong as politics makes them. That means that the distinctive territorial politics of the UK are reshaping citizenship rights as they reshape policies, obligations and finance across the UK. This timely book explores how changing territorial politics are impacting on social citizenship rights across the UK. The contributors contend that whilst territorial politics have always been major influences in the meaning and scope of social citizenship rights, devolved politics are now increasingly producing different social citizenship rights in different parts of the UK. Moreover, they are doing it in ways that few scholars or policymakers expect or can trace. Drawing on extensive research over the last 10 years, the book brings together leading scholars of devolution and citizenship to chart the connection between the politics of devolution and the meaning of social citizenship in the UK. The first part of the book connects the large, and largely distinct, literatures on citizenship, devolution and the welfare state. The empirical second part identifies the different issues that will shape the future territorial politics of citizenship in the UK: intergovernmental relations and finance; policy divergence; bureaucratic politics; public opinion; and the European Union. It will be welcomed by academics and students in social policy, public policy, citizenship studies, politics and political science.
Devolution and British Politics Reviews of the previous editions: ‘John Oakland is the doyen of civilization studies.’ British Studies Now ‘This is a first rate, lucidly written text.’ G.E.C. Paton, Aston University ‘Suitable above all because it covers so many areas of contemporary institutions a useful reference work.’ Patrick Leech, University of Bologna ‘ Strikes a balance between providing up-to-date information and being a source of general reference.’ Anne K. Bjerge, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration ‘An excellent presentation of the British economic and political/institutional system.’ J. Condroiu, Université de Provence ‘A perfect tool and source for class activities.’ Borek Sousedik, Tobos ELTR, Czech Republic The seventh edition of this highly-praised textbook has been substantially updated and revised to provide students of British studies with the perfect introduction to Britain, its country and people, politics and government, education, economy, media, arts and religion. It includes: discussion of recent developments and areas of topical interest in British society such as immigration, the recession, devolution and Britain's relationships with the US and the EU, and coverage of the 2010 election new full colour illustrations exercises and questions to stimulate class discussion insights into the attitudes of British people today towards important issues updated suggestions for further reading and useful websites a fully updated companion website featuring further exercises, links to relevant articles and videos online, and quiz questions. British Civilization is a vital introduction to the crucial and complex identities of Britain. For supplementary exercises, questions and tutor guidance, go to www.routledge.com/textbooks/oakland

Devolution in the UK Understanding American government and Politics covers the subject in a clear, accessible, and easy-to-understand style. After setting American politics in its social and economic context, the book provides an introduction to and analysis of the American Constitution and the distribution of power within the federal system. It considers the Executive Branch, the legislature, and the judiciary. It evaluates the role of American political parties and lobbyist groups, and the nature of elections, electioneering, and voting behavior. Coverage is given to the Clinton presidency, the 2000 election and its complicated aftermath, the early days of the Bush administration and the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01.

The Hall of Three Pines A comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of devolved government in Britain today.

The British Constitution: Continuity and Change For over two centuries, the 'Irish Question' has dogged British politics in one form or another - Northern Ireland's 'Troubles' being perhaps the bloodiest manifestation. And although the past twenty years have seen intensive efforts to secure a devolved local settlement via the Good Friday Agreement, its principle of consent - which holds that the country cannot leave the UK without a majority vote - has meant that the constitutional status of Northern Ireland remains moot. Remote from the UK mainland in terms of its politics, economy and societal attitudes, Northern Ireland is placed, in effect, in an antechamber - subject to shifting demographic trends which are eroding the once-dominant Protestant Unionist majority, making a future referendum on the province's status a racing certainty. Indeed, in the light of Brexit and a highly probable second independence referendum in Scotland, the reunification of Ireland is not a question of 'if', but 'when' - and 'how'. In A United Ireland, Kevin Meagher argues that a reasoned, pragmatic discussion about Britain's relationship with its nearest neighbour is now long overdue, and questions that have remained unasked (and perhaps unthought) must now be answered.

British Politics This book presents an academic investigation into the impact of devolution on the formulation and delivery of transport policy in the UK. Using interviews with key policy makers, transport providers, business organisations and user groups, this book draws upon concepts and ideas from across the social sciences to inform their analysis.

Britain at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century At the turn of the twenty-first century Britain is in a state of change. It is being transformed by the ongoing process of devolution as well as by its increasing multi-ethnicity. At the same time the relationship with the European Union remains controversial. This book charts these transformations in the context of the changes Britain experienced a century ago, at the turn of the twentieth century. Focusing on British politics, culture and literature the articles examine a range of topics, including models of utopian and apocalyptic
thought, the contemporary celebrity cult, the state of literary theory in Britain and the recent “boom” in lyrical poetry and the “drama of blood and sperm”.

Devolution A critical engagement with the state of social policy a decade after Scotland's devolution in the UK, this book focuses on the successive Scottish administration's key vision of greater social justice as it pertains to the analysis of its social policy. Arguing that such analysis must be located in wider debates about social justice, it shows how the devolution process has affected the making, implementation, and impact of Scotland's social programs. Looking at a range of topics, including income inequality, work and welfare, criminal justice, housing, education, and health, the contributors to this volume offer a comprehensive look at the ways administrative vision has been translated—or not—into effective policy.

Al-Qaeda's Post-9/11 Devolution Vices, Virtues, and Consequences offers a broad study of the basic and universal issues in ethics and politics, the issues of what the human good is and how to attain it and avoid its opposite. These questions have long been debated and are no less debated today. However, according to author Peter Phillips Simpson, within the mainstream of Anglo-American modern philosophy they have been debated too narrowly. This narrowness is one of our modern vices, and it does much to encourage other vices, in particular that of despair of universal and objective reason. The essays in this collection not only attack these vices, but also attempt to replace them with the contrary virtues. The volume begins with an overview of modern Anglo-American moral philosophy and critiques the work of contemporary thinkers--specifically Alasdair MacIntyre and John Rawls--and the work of historical thinkers such as Machiavelli, Kant, and Hobbes. The author then explores ancient and medieval sources, and applies their concepts to discussions of modern problems. The book closes with chapters that discuss the direct consequences of contemporary vices in both thought and action, in particular the vice of failing to educate the morals of citizens. Simpson rejects the contemporary liberal dogma that political authority should not be involved in the moral education of citizens. Violence in Northern Ireland and the crime of abortion are among the issues discussed. Peter Phillips Simpson is professor of philosophy and classics at the Graduate Center and the College of Staten Island, City University of New York. He is the author of numerous articles and books including The Politics of Aristotle, A Philosophical Commentary on the Politics of Aristotle, and Karol Wojtyla. "An important and significant contribution to the field. Simpson presents classical sources with a freshness and thoroughness not often seen."--Prof. John Hittinger, U.S. Air Force Academy "Simpson's application of his view to the current crisis in liberal culture is clear, consistent, and timely."--Prof. Nicholas Capaldi, University of Tulsa "It is a rare pleasure to read a book that combines the elegance and rigour of the best of analytic philosophy with the imaginative breadth and radical seriousness of some of its rivals." -- Margaret Atkins, Heythrop Journal

Anglo-Scottish Relations, from 1900 to Devolution and Beyond These essays trace the changing relationship between Scotland and England following the unifying reign of Queen Victoria, through the debates over devolution, and into a future where the Union will be under continuing pressure to evolve. Historians, social scientists and lawyers investigate the personal, social, financial and constitutional tensions between the Scots and the English, both before and after devolution, and ask if Scots and English have been driven apart, or brought more closely together by this reconstruction of the Union. Building on its companion Anglo-Scottish Relations, from 1603 to 1900 (0-19-726330-5), this volume provides wideranging insights into what some may regard as ‘unfinished business'.

The art of the possible

British Civilization This contributors provide a range of perspectives on the increasingly central issues of state reform, European integration and British regionalism in the 1990s. Using case material, the contributors examine: the effects of state reform and European integration on British regionalism and the devolution debate; and the nature of recent central responses to the re-emergence of regional and devolution issues, with a
particular focus on the recent policies of the Major governments and the policies of the Opposition parties. They also present some evidence which suggests that state reform and EC/EU developments have determined and accentuated important new trends in British regionalism, and underpin the plausibility of far-reaching regional and devolution reforms.

Comparative Politics, 1998-1999 This title places developments in devolution in the United Kingdom in their historical context, examining political and constitutional aspects of devolution in Britain from Gladstone's espousal of Home Rule in 1886 right up to the 1998 legislation governing the Scottish Parliament.

British Regionalism and Devolution First published in 2003. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

La regionalización y sus consecuencias sobre la autonomía local Fully revised and updated third edition of a popular, established textbook, providing a definitive introduction to Britain's politics, political institutions and processes. Comprehensively re-worked and re-structured to better align with courses, this new edition places great emphasis on the changing context of British politics while addressing key themes such as the ongoing importance of gender and ethnicity to political and social life in Britain. Furthermore, the book's familiar authoritative style has been retained with a fresh look and revitalized pedagogical features to provide a complete learning package. The book is designed for courses on or related to British Politics. Its accessible style and context-setting Part 1 will make it ideal for students new to the field (particularly those who haven't studied the subject at school level or international students), but its rigour will stimulate and engage more experienced students.

Social Justice and Social Policy in Scotland This volume explores some of the major transitions, opportunities and false dawns of modern British political history. It engages with the scholarly legacy of Professor Duncan Tanner (1958–2010) whose work was focused on the political process and on politics in government. Chronologically its span runs from the first general election to be conducted under the terms of the Third Reform Act through to the 1997 referenda in favour of devolved assemblies in Scotland and Wales. This was the period in which British politicians most obviously addressed a mass, British-wide electorate, seeking national approval for policies and programmes to be enacted on a UK-wide basis. Aimed at scholars and students of modern British history this volume will also interest the general reader who wishes to get to grips with some of the latest thinking about British politics.

Unity Not Devolution

Unity not devolution Offering a snapshot of life in Britain at the beginning of the 21st century, this is a wide-ranging collection of sources concerning every important aspect of life in Britain today, from national identity to moral panics.

Divided Loyalties The book analyses how political parties compete and strategise on the issue of territorial reform using case-studies that include countries from both Western (Belgium, Germany, Italy and Spain) and Central-Eastern Europe (Poland, Slovakia and Romania). Each case-study in the volume considers the different drivers of decentralization, such as territorial identities and the demands of regionalist parties for territorial autonomy or independence, efficiency concerns related to issues of uneven economic development and economic competitiveness, the pressure from supra-national organizations (especially the EU), as well as different combinations of these drivers. They also consider how the ideology and organisation of state-wide parties and the institutional context in which they compete shape their responses to these drivers and their strategy towards the question of territorial reform. This collection investigates the logic of the actions that guide political parties' strategy to highlights trends that are apparent across the case-studies. This book was originally published as a special issue of West European Politics.
Vices, Virtues, and Consequences

Understanding US/UK Government and Politics is a further volume in the Understanding Politics series. Clear and accessible in style, it offers invaluable insights into the similarities and differences between British and American politics. These are summarized in useful boxes at the end of each chapter, where there are also details of relevant websites and likely examination questions. The book begins by examining the setting against which government and politics operates in Britain and the United States, noting aspects of the history and social structure of each country before exploring the concept of political culture. The underlying ideas and values of British and American people are compared, and the book goes on to analyse the constitution and the protection of rights, before considering the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government in detail.

A United Ireland

Vernon Bogdanor once told The Guardian that he made ‘a living of something that doesn’t exist’. He also quipped that the British Constitution can be summed up in eight words: ‘Whatever the Queen in Parliament decides is law.’ That may still be the case, yet in many ways the once elusive British Constitution has now become much more grounded, much more tangible and much more based on written sources than was previously the case. It now exists in a way in which it previously did not. However, though the changes may seem revolutionary, much of the underlying structure remains unchanged; there are limits to the changes. Where does all this leave the Constitution? Here constitutional experts, political scientists and legal practitioners present up-to-date and in-depth commentaries on their respective areas of expertise. While also a Festschrift in honour of Vernon Bogdanor, this book is above all a comprehensive compendium on the present state of the British Constitution.

The new constitutional politics has spawned a new constitutional scholarship. This stimulating collection, skilfully put together by Matt Qvortrup, works both as a welcome snapshot of where we are now and as an expert audit, from specialists in law, history and political science, of the deeper issues and of the complex dynamics of continuity and change in the ongoing refashioning of Britain’s constitutional architecture. Kevin Theakston, Professor of British Government, University of Leeds ‘The highly distinguished team of scholars assembled by Matt Qvortrup has produced a deeply thought-provoking collection on the profound constitutional changes that have occurred in the UK over the last twenty years. A book worthy of reaching a very wide readership.’ Roger Scully, Professor of Political Science, Cardiff University ‘Vernon Bogdanor understands like few others the connections between history, politics and institutions - and that is what makes him such an authority on the British system of government.’ The Rt Hon David Cameron MP, Prime Minister ‘I think Vernon’s guiding principle at Brasenose was to treat all his students as if they might one day be Prime Minister. At the time, I thought this was a bit over the top, but then a boy studying PPE at Brasenose two years beneath me became Prime Minister.’ Toby Young, The Spectator

British Polity, The, CourseSmart eTextbook

Devolution in Practice

The Center-Left's Poisoned Victory

This book explains devolution today in terms of the evolution of past structures of government in the component parts of the United Kingdom. Available in paperback for the first time, it highlights the importance of the English dimension and the role that England’s territorial politics played in constitutional debates. Similarities and differences between how the components of the UK were governed are described. It argues that the UK should be understood now, even more than pre-devolution, as a state of distinct unions, each with its own deeply rooted past and trajectory. Using previously unpublished primary material, as well as a wealth of secondary work, the book offers a comprehensive account of the territorial constitution of the UK from the early twentieth century through to the operation of the new devolved system of government.

Political Discourse and Conflict Resolution

This book provides a clear conceptual framework for the understanding of British politics, influenced in broad terms by a systems approach to public policy. It considers the bodies responsible for scrutinizing and legitimizing the policies of the U.K.

Historic Documents of 2013 Six specialists on northern Canadian issues examine the transfer of power from the federal government to the
governments of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Land claims, aboriginal self-government, division of the NWT, the territorial governments'
pursuit of fuller recognition in Canadian federalism and devolution all interact in confusing ways. This book makes the best sense of the complex
processes underway in the Canadian north.

Devolution and social citizenship in the UK Feng Youlan (1895-1990) was twentieth-century China's leading original philosopher as well as its
foremost historian of Chinese philosophy. He is best known in the West for his two-volume History of Chinese Philosophy, which remains the
standard general history of the subject. He is also known for a series of books in which he developed a philosophical system combining elements
of Chinese philosophy, particularly Neo-Confucianism, with Western thinking. In his preface to The Hall of Three Pines, Feng likens his
autobiography to accounts written by "authors of ancient times, [who] on completing their major works, often wrote a separate piece to recount
their origins and experiences, giving the overall plan of their work, and declaring their aims." The Hall of Three Pines begins in the 1890s, during
the Chinese empire, and extends to the 1980s. According to Feng, "No age before was swept up in such a maelstrom of convoluted change." The
son of a district magistrate, Feng left his home in 1910 at the age of fifteen to study in the provincial capital of Kaifeng and later at the China
Academy in Shanghai. During the warlord and Kuomintang years, he graduated from Peking University, obtained a Ph.D. in philosophy under John
Dewey at Columbia University, and became a professor of philosophy at several of China's most prestigious universities. Fleeing the Japanese
invasion, Feng, along with many of his university colleagues, moved south to Changsha and Kunming. After Japan's surrender, he returned to
teaching in Beijing and there witnessed the chaos of the Kuomintang-Communist civil war. Feng suffered the fate of many prominent intellectuals
during the Cultural Revolution and was rehabilitated after Mao's death. His remaining years were spent in Beijing, at his long-time residence, The
Hall of Three Pines, where he continued to work despite the gradual loss of his eyesight. Feng completed The Hall of Pines shortly before
returning to the U.S. to receive an honorary degree from Columbia in 1982. The book is divided into three parts: The first is entitled "Society,"
which Feng describes as a record of his environment. "Philosophy" concerns Feng's work as an original philosopher and historian of Chinese
philosophy and includes extensive excerpts from his own writings and discussions of these by himself and others. The final section, "Universities,"
is a discussion of education and delves into details of Chinese academic affairs. The Hall of Three Pines is a monumental work of personal and
intellectual history spanning nearly nine decades in the life of modern China's one great philosopher.

The Party Politics of Territorial Reforms in Europe

Parliamentary Papers This book offers new insights into the close relationship between political discourses and conflict resolution through critical
analysis of the role of discursive change in a peace process. Just as a peace process has many dimensions and stakeholders, so the discourses
considered here come from a wide range of sources and actors. The book contains in-depth analyses of official discourses used to present the
peace process, the discourses of political party leaders engaging (or otherwise) with it, the discourses of community-level activists responding to
it, and the discourses of the media and the academy commenting on it. These discourses reflect varying levels of support for the peace process -
from obstruction to promotion - and the role of language in moving across this spectrum according to issue and occasion. Common to all these
analyses is the conviction that the language used by political protagonists and cultural stakeholders has a profound effect on progression towards
peace. Bringing together leading experts on Northern Ireland’s peace process from a range of academic disciplines, including political science,
sociology, linguistics, history, geography, law, and peace studies, this book offers new insights into the discursive dynamics of violent political
conflict and its resolution.
Understanding American Government and Politics This examination of al-Qaeda's decline since the 9/11 attacks focuses on the terror organization's mutation and fragmentation. It looks at its partnership with the local and regional jihadist networks that played a pivotal role in the Madrid, London, and Fort Hood attacks, arguing that, although initially successful, such alliances actually unraveled following both anti-terror policies and a growing rejection of violent jihadism in the Muslim world. Challenging conventional theories about al-Qaeda and homegrown terrorism, the book claims that jihadist attacks are now organized by overlapping international and regional networks that have become frustrated in their inability to enforce regime change and their ideological goals. The discussion spans the war on terror, analyzing major post 9/11 attacks, the failed jihadist struggle in Iraq, al-Qaeda's affiliates, and the organization's future prospects after the death of Osama Bin Laden and the Arab Spring. This assessment of the future of the jihadist struggle against Muslim governments and homegrown Islamic terrorism in the West will be an invaluable resource to anyone studying terrorism and Islamic extremism.

The Devolution of Man Aims to provide access to articles selected from the best of the public press. Organizational features of this work include: an annotated listing of selected World Wide Web sites and table of contents; a topic guide; a general introduction; brief overviews for each section; an index; and an instructor's resource guide with testing materials.

Contemporary Britain

Scottish Independence For more than 40 years the Historic Documents series has made primary source research easy by presenting full primary documents and excerpts from documents on the important events of each year for the United States and the world. Each volume includes approximately 70 events with well over 100 documents from the previous year, from official or other influential reports and surveys, to speeches from leaders and opinion makers, to court cases, legislation, testimony, and much more. Historic Documents is renowned for the well-written and informative background, history, and context it provides for each document. Each volume begins with an insightful essay that sets the year's events in context, and each document or group of documents is preceded by a comprehensive introduction that provides background information on the event. Full-source citations are provided. Readers have easy access to material through a detailed, thematic table of contents and a cumulative five-year index that directs them to related material in earlier volumes.

Diverging Mobilities


Devolution and Constitutional Development in the Canadian North

Understanding US/UK Government and Politics The year 2006 was by all means an "election" year: a significant proportion of voters were called to the polls three times. In at least two - the parliamentary elections of 9-10 April and the 25-26 June constitutional referendum - the voters' choices had extraordinary consequences. The parliamentary elections awarded victory to the center-left by the slimmest of margins, yet ushered in a radical change in government, whereas the referendum saw the rejection of the substantial revision of the Constitution that had been promoted by the previous center-right government. This volume deals with these elections and their effects, namely the changes in the government majority and the Presidency of the Republic, as well as the center-right's unsuccessful attempt at revenge in local elections through the constitutional referendum, both resulting in wide-ranging changes introduced by the new majority in foreign policy. Other significant events are also examined, such as the Russian natural gas crisis; the anti-high speed train movement; the capture of mafia don Bernardo Provenzano; the scandals that marred the world soccer in the year the national team won the World Cup; and the suspicious dealings involving telecommunications giant
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Devolution in the United Kingdom How might Scotland achieve independence? And what would be the consequences, for Scotland and the rest of the UK? Independence is ever-present on the Scottish political agenda. This book is the first serious study of the likely road to independence, and the consequences for the Scottish people and the Scottish economy. Scottish Independence starts with a detailed guide to the stages along the route to independence and goes on to analyse the legal, political and economic consequences. It asks key questions:*If Scots vote for an SNP government in Edinburgh, how will that government deliver its manifesto promise of achieving independence in Scotland? *If the Scots attain independence, what will change? What will Scotland's place be in the world? Can Scotland remain in the EU?*What are the economics of independence? Would there be a flight of capital and a stock-market fall? How much economic freedom would an independent Scotland have?*How much would change in the daily lives of Scots as a result of independence? How much autonomy would Scotland have as a small independent state in Europe?Scottish independence will have an impact on public policy and on academic thinking, and is of key interest to politicians, civil servants, academics, journalists and anyone interested in Scotland's future.

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