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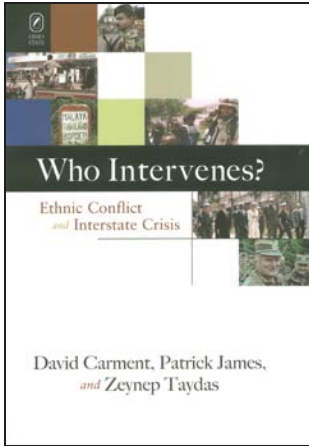
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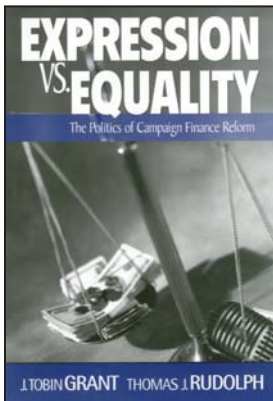
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Ethnic Conflict and Interstate Crisis

*David Carment, Patrick James,
and Zeynep Taydas*

“Who Intervenes? articulates a well thought out theory of the relationship between ethnic conflict and international conflict. It builds on the work of Robert Putnam on two-level games, but sets out a quite new and original theory that ties domestic institutional constraints, affect, and ethnic interests together into a coherent argument. This is a fine study that will stimulate considerably more research on the nexus between ethnic conflict and international conflict.” —Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Stanford University and New York University

Who Intervenes? takes as a given that there are tensions among ethnic groups throughout the world. But it is not at all clear when and why these tensions escalate into violence. The likelihood and character of intervention depend upon the interplay of two factors: ethnic composition and institutional constraint. A fourfold typology is produced. For example, states with high constraints and ethnic diversity are likely to intervene only for reasons related to national interests, while states with both ethnic dominance and low constraint are most disposed to intervene. The disposition to intervene is catalyzed, the authors hypothesize, by the presence of ethnic affinity and cleavage.

The book includes a comparative analysis of five case studies: India and Sri Lanka, Somalia and Ethiopia, Malaysia and the Thai Malay (a non-intervention), the immediate aftermath of the breakup of Yugoslavia, and Greece and Turkey with Cyprus. The case histories produce strong support for the relevance of the typology and catalysts. Ethnic composition, institutional constraint, and ethnic affinity and cleavage are very useful factors in distinguishing both the likelihood and form of intervention.

Policies that encourage institutional reform and support ethnic diversity can be expected to reduce the likelihood and even the perceived need for intervention.

David Carment is professor of international affairs, NPSIA, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. **Patrick James** is professor of international relations at the University of Southern California. **Zeynep Taydas** teaches courses in international relations and comparative politics at the University of Missouri–Columbia.



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Challenging Parties, Changing Parliaments

Women and Elected Office in
Contemporary Western Europe

Miki Caul Kittilson

"Kittilson asks why some parties respond to pressure to promote women candidates and others do not. Her attention to the party-parliament nexus provides a nice link between the women and politics literature and the party politics literature. This book will be valued by many scholars."—Cindy Simon Rosenthal, University of Oklahoma

"Kittilson's material is clear and with heavy documentation of the data. The book is sure to attract the attention of the best scholars in the discipline and provide fodder for further advances and understanding."—Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Vernal Riffe Professor of Political Science, The Ohio State University

In *Challenging Parties, Changing Parliaments*, Miki Caul Kittilson examines women's presence in party politics and national legislatures, and the conditions under which their entrance occurs. She theorizes that parties are more likely to incorporate women when their strategy takes into account the institutional and political "opportunity structures" of both the party and party system. Kittilson studies how women pressed for greater representation, and how democratic party systems responded to their demands. Research on women's representation has largely focused at the national level. Yet these studies miss the substantial variations between parties within and across European democracies.

This book provides systematic cross-national and case study evidence to show that political parties are the key mechanism for increasing women's parliamentary representation. Kittilson uncovers party-level mechanisms that explain the growth in women's parliamentary participation since the 1970s in ten European democracies. The inclusion of new challengers in party politics is often attributed to mounting pressures from activists and public opinion at large. This book contradicts the conventional wisdom by demonstrating that women's gains within parties flow not only from pressure from party supporters, but also from calculated efforts made by the central party leadership in a top-down fashion under specific circumstances. Certainly women's efforts are essential, and they can be most effective when they are framed, timed, and targeted toward the most opportune structures within the party hierarchy. Kittilson concludes that specific party institutions encourage women's ascendance to the top ranks of power within a political party.

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Sona Nadenichek Golder

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"*The Logic of Pre-Electoral Coalition Formation* is a model of research that is well designed and extremely well communicated. It has changed the way I think about the formation of parties and party systems. I will no longer be able to think about why parties are the sizes they are, or why countries have the number of parties they do, without considering the options that small parties have to form pre-electoral coalitions while keeping their own identity as small parties." —Kathleen Bawn, University of California—Los Angeles

Why do some parties coordinate their electoral strategies as part of a pre-electoral coalition, while others choose to compete independently at election time? Scholars have long ignored pre-electoral coalitions in favor of focusing on the government coalitions that form after parliamentary elections. Yet electoral coalitions are common, they affect electoral outcomes, and they have important implications for democratic policy-making itself.

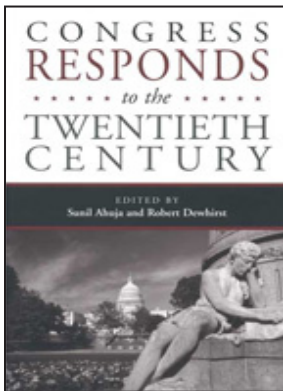
The Logic of Pre-Electoral Coalition Formation by Sona Nadenichek Golder includes a combination of methodological approaches (game theoretic, statistical, and historical) to explain why pre-electoral coalitions form in some instances but not in others. The results indicate that pre-electoral coalitions are more likely to form between ideologically compatible parties. They are also more likely to form when the expected coalition size is large (but not too large) and when the potential coalition partners are similar in size. Ideologically polarized party systems and disproportional electoral rules in combination also increase the likelihood of electoral coalition formation.

Golder links the analysis of pre-electoral coalition formation to the larger government coalition literature by showing that pre-electoral agreements increase (a) the likelihood that a party will enter government, (b) the ideological compatibility of governments, and (c) the speed with which governments take office. In addition, pre-electoral coalitions provide an opportunity for combining the best elements of the majoritarian vision of democracy with the best elements of the proportional vision of democracy.

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Roger T. Larocca

"The Presidential Agenda is an excellent book, both substantively and methodologically. Its substantive appeal should give it an audience among those interested in the politics of the presidency and of legislative politics generally. It will have particular appeal in teaching because of its methodological sophistication." —Randall Calvert, Washington University in St. Louis

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It is well understood that the president is a powerful agenda-setting influence in Congress. But how exactly does the president, who lacks any formal power in early stages of the legislative process, influence the congressional agenda? In *The Presidential Agenda*, Roger T. Larocca argues that the president's agenda-setting influence arises from two informal powers: the ability to communicate directly to voters and the ability to control the expertise of the many executive agencies that advise Congress on policy.

Larocca develops a theoretical model that explains how the president can raise the public salience of issues in his major addresses, long accepted as one of the president's strongest agenda-setting tools. He also develops a theoretical model that explains how control over executive agency expertise yields a more reliable and persistent influence on the congressional agenda than presidential addresses.

The Presidential Agenda tests these theoretical models with an innovative empirical study of presidential agenda setting. Using data from all House and Senate Commerce Committee bills from 1979 to 2002, Larocca converts information about bills into information about policy issues and then traces the path of presidential influence through the committee and floor stages of legislative consideration.

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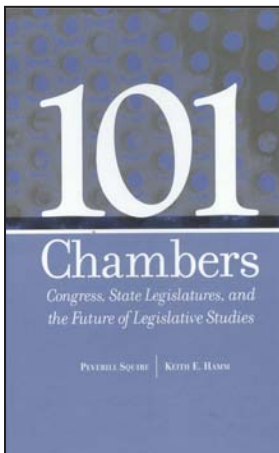
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Frederick J. Boehmke

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Frederick J. Boehmke’s book makes explicit the many consequences—intended and unintended—of having direct legislation possible in a state. Many studies of the initiative process argue that it is a flawed process that rewards wealthy interests. While evidence to support this conclusion is often drawn from a number of high-profile, high-expenditure initiative campaigns, ballot campaigns are merely one consequence of the initiative process. The ability to propose legislation directly to the people fundamentally changes the process through which citizens are represented by organized interest groups, benefiting typically underrepresented interests.

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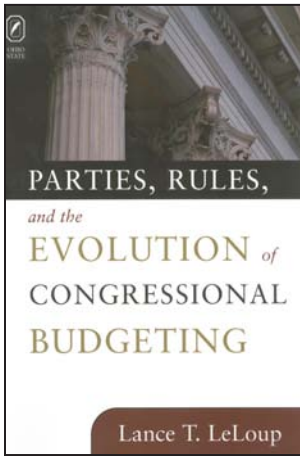
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Congress, State Legislatures, and the Future of Legislative Studies

Peverill Squire and Keith E. Hamm

Although legislative studies is thriving, it suffers from one glaring weakness: a lack of truly comparative, cross-institutional research. Instead, research focuses overwhelmingly on the U.S. Congress. This unfortunate fixation limits the way scholars approach the testing of many compelling theories of legislative organization and behavior, and it ignores the invaluable research possibilities that comparison with the 99 American state legislative chambers offers. State legislatures are easily compared to Congress: They arise out of the same political culture and history. Their members represent the same parties and face the same voters in the same elections using the same rules. And the functions and roles are the same, with each fully capable of initiating, debating, and passing legislation. None of the methodological problems found when comparing presidential system legislatures with parliamentary system legislatures arise when comparing Congress and the state legislatures.

Peverill Squire is professor and collegiate fellow in the department of political science at the University of Iowa. **Keith E. Hamm** is professor of political science at Rice University.



Parties, Rules, and the Evolution of Congressional Budgeting

Lance T. LeLoup

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"The topic of LeLoup's book is important, the study is well designed, the interpretations of events are smart, and the writing is crisp."
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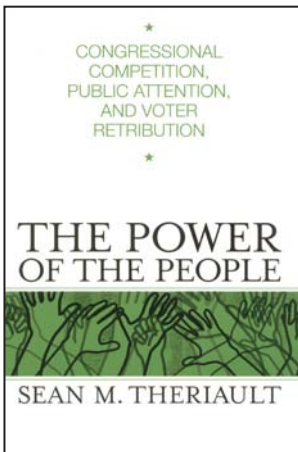
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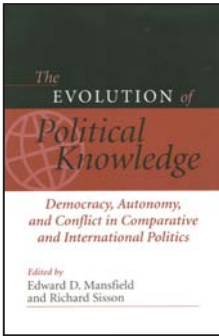
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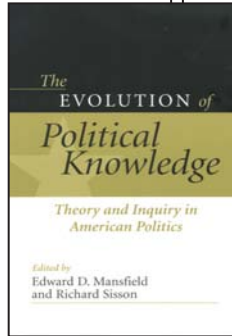
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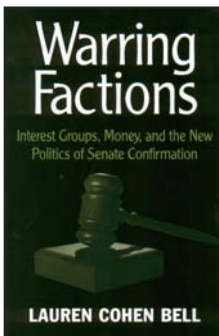
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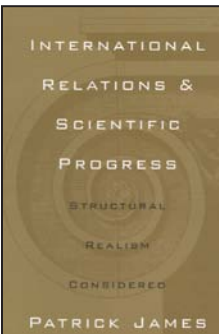


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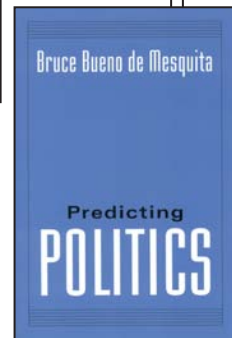


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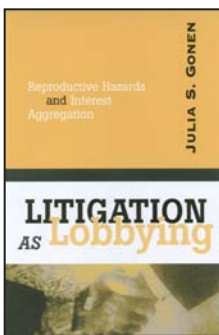
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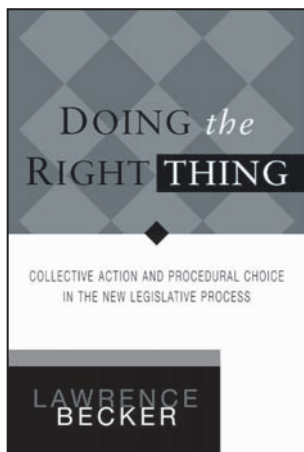
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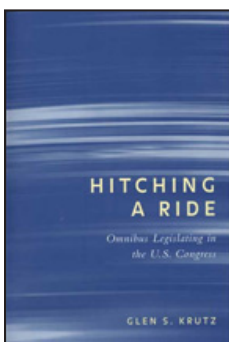
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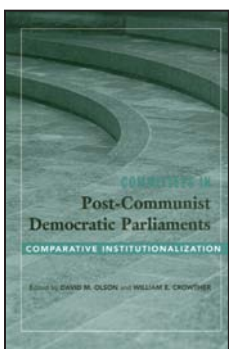
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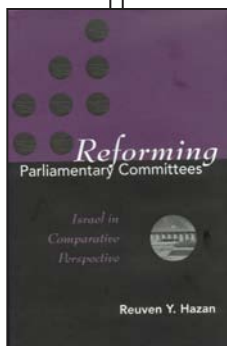
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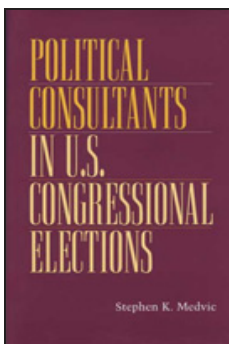
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