

# **Constitutional Reform: The Labour Government's Constitutional Reform Agenda**

*Hardin argues that the major threat to American constitutional government is the separation of powers doctrine, particularly the division of power between the President and Congress. To correct the imbalance wrought by the separation of powers principle, he suggests constitutional reform toward a form of parliamentary government.*

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He advocates three major reforms: provide defeated presidential candidates with a seat in the House of Representatives to encourage a strong, organized opposition; allow for interim election-year changes in national leadership via votes of confidence; and institute the 4-8-4 proposal that would elect the House of Representatives and half of the Senate every four years (if Senate terms were extended to eight years) at the same time as the election of the President. He also

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courses and is intended to  
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introduced by the Labour  
government since 1997. It  
gives clear examples of  
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powers, public order law  
and freedom of expression;  
the Freedom of Information  
Act 2000; the recent  
Shayler litigation under  
the Official Secrets Act;  
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House of Lords and the  
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The years since New Labour  
came to power in 1997 have

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seen changes to the British institutions of political power on an unprecedented scale. The reforms have been widespread, ranging from devolution of power in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, to the reform of the House of Lords and the changing role of the Monarchy. This book is the first to examine these changes collectively and in detail, placing each in its historical context, analysing problems, solutions and what the future holds for this

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*ambitious period of reforms. The book is comprehensive in coverage, and accessibly written. As such it should be the ideal resource for undergraduate students of British Politics seeking to make sense of this complex subject.*

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In May 2005 the Labour Party led by Tony Blair won an unprecedented third term in power. After eight years in government its achievements were many. But there was



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controversy too, not least the decision to support the United States in the invasion of Iraq. The Blair government promised to be different both at home and abroad. New Labour would move social democratic politics on in the face of a rapidly changing world. It would also take British politics and policy-making beyond Thatcherism. But how successful has it been? In this second edition of the widely praised *New Labour: Politics after Thatcherism*, Stephen Driver and Luke Martell explore the origins of New Labour and examine in detail the Labour government's record in power. They argue that this record bears the imprint of the reforms to the British state and society made under successive Conservative administrations. At the same time, New Labour has taken British politics and public policy in directions that reflect the party's progressive, liberal and social

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democratic past. New Labour is post-Thatcherite. The completely revised second edition of New Labour contains: - An accessible and comprehensive account of New Labour politics - Up-to-date policy chapters on economic, social and constitutional affairs - A new chapter on European and foreign policies - An original and critical interpretation of New Labour and the future of social democratic politics in Britain, Europe and other parts of the world The second edition of New Labour will be an invaluable resource for students of politics, sociology and other social sciences, those involved in public policy and public affairs and anyone looking for an accessible guide to New Labour and the Blair government. The Labour Government's proposals for reform of the UK's internal constitutional arrangements promise the most wide-ranging and substantial overhaul of the

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constitution this century. Their plans, which include devolution for Scotland and Wales, incorporation of the ECHR, a Freedom of Information Bill and reform of both houses of Parliament are already far progressed, but critical choices have still to be made. Against this background, and in view of these historical events, the Directors of the Centre for Public Law at the University of Cambridge recently organised a major conference to discuss. This book examines the current debate about constitutional reform. Included in this new edition is a chapter on the Labour Government's plans to reform the system of government.

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New Labour

*For most of the twentieth century, the Conservative Party engaged in an ongoing struggle to curb the power of the trade unions, culminating in the radical legislation of the Thatcher governments. Yet, as this book shows, for a brief period between the end of the Second World War and the election of Harold Wilson's Labour government in 1964, the Conservative Party adopted a remarkably constructive and conciliatory approach to the trade unions, dubbed 'voluntarism'. During this time the party leadership made strenuous efforts to avoid, as far as was politically possible, confrontation with, or*

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*legislation against, the trade unions, even when this incurred the wrath of some Conservative backbenchers and the Party's mass membership. In explaining why the Conservative leadership sought to avoid conflict with the trade unions, this study considers the economic circumstances of the period in question, the political environment, electoral considerations, the perspective adopted by the Conservative leadership in comprehending industrial relations and explaining conflict in the workplace, and the personalities of both the Conservative leadership and the key figures in the trade unions. Making extensive use of primary*

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and archival sources it explains why the 1945-64 period was unique in the Conservative Party's approach to Britain's trade unions. By 1964, though, even hitherto Conservative defenders of voluntarism were acknowledging that some form of official inquiry into the conduct and operation of trade British unionism, as a prelude to legislation, was necessary, thereby signifying that the heyday of 'voluntarism' and cordial relations between senior Conservatives and the trade unions was coming to an end. Evaluates the Blair government from 1997-2007 conducting high quality research into aspects of British politics with particular

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emphasis on parties, policies and ideologies. With contributions from key figures in the field further topics include New Labour's record on social policy, defence policy, constitutional reform and public expenditure.

*Since coming to power in 1997 the Labour government's programme of constitutional reform represents an historic challenge to both British constitutional doctrine and Labour Party orthodoxy. Mark Evans examines the nature and extent of this challenge and argues that the New Constitutionalism is a key element of a policy agenda that in its most crucial aspects reflects the continuing transformation of the*

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*British industrial-welfare state into a competition state. Constitution-Making and the Labour Party analyzes key areas of reform under the Blair government from the perspective of Labour Party history and contemporary policy analysis.*

*Examines the debates and developments about House of Lords reform since 1911, and notes that disagreements have occurred within, as well as between, the main political parties and governments throughout this time. It draws attention to how various proposals for reform have raised a wider range constitutional and political problems.*

*Constitutional Change Under New*



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Administrative Law 2009-2010  
The Fourth Labour Government  
Constitutional and Administrative  
Law*

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Region: Western Europe, grade: 77%, University of London (Birckbeck College), course: Contemporary British Politics, language: English, abstract: This paper considers the question 'what is New Labour's constitutional legacy?' To frame the boundaries of this essay, and given the uncodified nature of the

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UK constitution, I borrow the definition of 'constitution' offered by Bogdanor: 'A constitution is nothing more than a collection of the most important rules prescribing the distribution of power between the institutions of government – legislature, executive and judiciary – and between the individual and the state' (Bogdanor, 2009), while adding that rules can be both explicit and implicit (i.e. conventions). This paper considers the success of Labour's constitutional reforms, within the context of what Labour proposed it would achieve. Straw argues that Labour had five principles guiding reform: decentralisation, stronger citizen rights, greater openness, judicial reform, and democratic reform (Straw, 2010). The first three were discussed in a 1998 Labour Constitution Unit pamphlet while the

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latter two were added by McDonald and Hazell (McDonald and Hazell, 2007).

First of a four-section volume, *The Labour Government 1945-1951*, the 444 documents in the volume provide a guide to imperial policy-making in all aspects during the early stages of the end of Empire between 1945 and 1951. Labour government ministers and their civil servants had to deal with a wide range of post-war problems, including those posed by Britain's own economic weakness, the development of international criticism articulated at the United Nations, the growth of an international threat in the shape of communist expansion and, in some areas, the emergence of colonial nationalism.

The search for a robust balance of power is a continuous challenge for

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multilevel political system. Institutions like parliaments or courts can protect the existing order. However, necessary adjustments to economic, social, or international challenges or policies determined to improve ineffective structures or to prevent disintegration require constitutional amendments. Whereas constitutional policy appears as essential to maintain balance, changing a constitution is rather difficult in multilevel governments. Due to the veto power of many actors pursuing divergent interests, policies aiming to redistribute power or fiscal resources risk to end in the joint decision trap. Hence, multilevel government is confronted by a fundamental dilemma. Constitutional Policy in Multilevel Government compares processes of constitutional reform in federal and regionalized

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states. Based on a theoretical framework emphasizing the relevance of negotiations in parliamentary, intergovernmental, and societal arenas, it identifies conditions for successful reforms and explains the consequences of failed reforms. Moreover, it highlights the interplay of reform processes and constitutional evolution as essential to maintaining a robust balance of power. The book demonstrates that an appropriate arrangement of multiple arenas of negotiation including executives, members of parliament and civil society organizations, and sequential order of reform processes proves fundamental to prevent federal or regionalized governments from becoming either instable or ending with rigid constitutions.

Transformations in Governance is a

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historical context. Taking into account the wide variety of changes in Britain's system of government and public law since 1993, this text provides the background for understanding the proposals for constitutional reform made by the new Labour government.

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has been fully updated and revised to incorporate developments in public law since the publication of the previous edition. Covering the main topics of constitutional and administrative law, the authors examine the radical programme of constitutional reform introduced by the Labour government since 1997 and explore its impact over the last ten years. The book gives clear examples of how to answer questions on all the main topics examined, including: devolution the

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Human Rights Act and the key cases decided under it the A-G v Jackson decision on the Parliament Acts the core areas of police powers, including the very significant changes made by the Serious and Organized crime Act 2005 and recent anti-terrorism legislation new case-law in the area of public order and freedom of expression the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 possible reform of the Royal Prerogative, following the Iraq war recent judicial review cases on the prerogative the contemporary application of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and

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Ministerial responsibility the recent Shayler litigation under the Official Secrets Act plans for reform of the house of Lords and proposed reforms to the Ombudsmen system. An excellent revision and practice guide, with full coverage of recent important judicial review cases, this book gives students an important insight into exactly what examiners are looking for in an answer. In this important new book, Stephen Driver and Luke Martell examine how the Blair government is re-shaping Britain, Britain's place in Europe and British social

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democracy. This timely study of Labour's first term in power for two decades challenges the view that New Labour has thrown in the towel to Thatcherite neo-liberalism. Driver and Martell argue that Tony Blair's government has in fact taken politics and policy-making beyond Thatcherism. But they also cast doubt on some of the social democratic claims of Labour modernizers. While Labour's stunning election victories in 1997 and 2001 have given the Blair government an unprecedented opportunity to shape the

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political and policy landscape in Labour's image, Blair's Britain continues to bear the imprint of eighteen years of radical Conservative government. Blair's Britain explores the central policy dilemmas faced by the Labour Party in government in its second term and beyond: the balance between social justice and economic efficiency; strong government and pluralist politics; and work and home life. The authors explore how social democrats and progressive politicians across Europe in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Scandinavia

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and the Mediterranean, as well as the United States, have responded to the challenges of globalization and social change - and examine the comparative politics of social democracy across Europe and the rest of the world today.

This book is the most comprehensive survey of New Labour yet to appear, and will be read by students of politics and sociology as well as being accessible to the general reader. .

British Party Politics and Ideology after New Labour brings together academics and politicians to debate the

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Intellectual roots of the ideas that currently drive the main UK political parties. With major players responding to the arguments raised in each chapter, the book will be a must-read for anyone interested in or teaching British politics.

In less than three years, the Labour Government of New Zealand has transformed the management of the economy and radically changed areas of public policy such as taxation, wage fixing, industry assistance, and trade.

Critically assessing some of Labour's key initiatives, twelve

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specialists here contribute essays from the diverse fields of economics, political science, public administration, sociology, and law.

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The Labour Governments  
1964-1970

(A) Reform of the constitution of the governing body of the International labour office. (B) Periodicity of the sessions of the conference

Constitution-Making and the Labour Party

Reinventing Britain

Constitutional Change in the UK



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This new edition of *Constitutional and Administrative Law* maintains its reputation as the leading text in this dynamic area of the law. The book provides an authoritative account of the public law of the United Kingdom, on which depend the powers of the state, the work of government, and the liberties of the individual. The authors focus on essential principles, and throughout adopt a readable and well-illustrated approach. Full references to primary sources, books and scholarly articles provide an invaluable basis for studying the current law and a platform for research. A new Companion Website

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) monitors significant developments in the United Kingdom's evolving constitution. New to this edition Since the election of the Labour government in 1997, Britain's constitutional landscape has been characterised by wide ranging reforms. The authors now tackle the task of analysing the many changes that have occurred since 2001, including: \*The Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and its implications for the judges and the structure of justice \*The wave of case law stemming from the Human Rights Act and the European Convention of Human Rights \*New legislation empowering the government to respond to national emergencies and

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hold public inquiries into issues of public concern \*Developments relating to the war on terror', and the potential conflict between anti-terrorist legislation and traditional liberties \*Changes in asylum, extradition and immigration law \*Developments in the European Union, including expansion of the EU and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights Suitable for undergraduates, postgraduates, practising lawyers, political scientists, and public administrators. About the authors Anthony Bradley was Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Edinburgh until 1989 and is now a practising barrister, specialising in public law. Keith Ewing

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has been Professor of Public Law at King's College London since 1989 and previously lectured at Edinburgh and Cambridge universities. He has written extensively in the fields of civil liberties, electoral law and labour law. *New Labour in Power* combines historical, political and practical approaches to the questions raised by the Labour election victory.

Addressing core themes such as Europe, the economy, welfare, education, and the constitution, this volume provides an assessment of the new era. This book explores Blair's victory through its historical context and the words of contemporary media commentators, journalists, economists and politicians. This book

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Government's Constitutional Reform Agenda includes much-needed analysis of the current state of the party and invaluable insight into longer term trends.

Examines the Labour Party's approach to constitutional reforms in historical context, and how these have been pursued more to 'modernize' political institutions, rather than radically transform them. Explains the reasons for this constitutional conservatism, and the debates which specific reform proposals have prompted in the Party.

An up-to-date critical assessment of the 'New Labour' phenomena. It assesses the impact of Labour's 'modernizers' in three crucial areas: changes within the Labour party itself,

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the reformation of the British state, and the influence on particular areas of policy. The essays do not seek to provide unequivocal answers to the questions raised by the arrival of New Labour and their initial period in office, but provide a debate between the contributors over the nature and significance of these changes. The book is a wide-ranging and accessible account of the political phenomena which will lead Britain into the twenty-first century.

The Labour Government and the End of Empire, 1945-1951: Strategy, politics, and constitutional change  
Political Movements and Constitutional Reform During the Rise of Labour, 1900-1924

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British Party Politics and Ideology  
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The New Labour Reader

Augmenting Democracy

"This book combines legal and political perspectives to provide a unique assessment of the 'New Labour Constitution' 20 years on. The New Labour government had a defining influence on the development of the modern UK constitution. Labour's 1997 general election manifesto promised devolution, a Human Rights Act, House of Lords reform, elected city mayors, freedom of information, electoral reform, modernisation of the House of Commons, party funding reform, the reinvigoration of local government, and more. Many, but not

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all, of these aspirations were realised, and others were subsequently added

to the programme, including the creation of the Supreme Court. The 20th anniversary of the election of the New Labour government in 1997 provides an ideal opportunity to assess the way in which this major programme of constitutional reform changed the nature of the UK constitution. This book brings together essays from leading academics in UK public law and politics which assess different aspects of the 'New Labour Constitution' 20 years on. In combination, these essays analyse the scale and significance of substantive changes, the process of constitutional reform established during this period, and the legacy of New Labour's constitutional project. Based on a conference held at the University of



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Trust, this book combines legal and political perspectives to explore a foundational period for the contemporary UK constitution"--

This book examines the evolution of democracy in the UK since the election of New Labour in 1997.

Flinders also explores the trajectory of democracy from 1945 onwards and examines the degree to which recent developments in the UK fit within global democratic trends.

A key feature of the New Labour government's constitutional reform agenda has been the introduction of a number of alternative methods of voting for both existing elections and for those to new political institutions. This book examines the workings of these various systems of elections,

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looking specifically at how they operate within the United Kingdom and their direct impact on representation and governance. It also considers voting behaviour in the UK, with reference to the context of the electoral system being used. In conclusion there is an attempt to discover the extent to which the introduction and operation of different electoral systems has affected voter behaviour.

The Labour Government's proposals for reform of the UK's internal constitutional arrangements promise the most wide-ranging and substantial overhaul of the constitution this century. Their plans, which include devolution for Scotland and Wales, incorporation of the ECHR, a Freedom of Information Bill and reform of both houses of Parliament are already far

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progressed, but critical choices have still to be made. Against this background, and in view of these historical events, the Directors of the Centre for Public Law at the University of Cambridge recently organised a major conference to discuss the legal and practical implications of the proposed reforms. Speakers at the conference included leading academics, barristers, solicitors, judges and politicians. The results, which are reproduced in this volume of conference proceedings, will be essential reading for all those interested in constitutional reform and in British political history.

Text, Cases and Materials on Public Law and Human Rights  
Practice and Principles  
Some Proposals for Constitutional Reform

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Essays on the Separation of Powers  
The Art of Keeping the Balance  
Constitutional Policy in Multilevel Government

"First [originally] published in Great Britain in 2007 by Politico's Publishing ..."--Title page verso.

Written by a specially commissioned team of experts, this book provides a collection of authoritative assessments of the government's constitutional reform policies.

First published in 1999, Andrew Chadwick provides an important new interpretation of British radical, suffrage-feminist and socialist movements during the first quarter of the twentieth century, based on analysis of their visions of democratic constitutional reform. He argues that a shared discourse of 'radical constitutionalism' allowed these groups to forge alliances based upon a common

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preoccupation with extending and improving constitutional democracy. This book is a significant contribution to current methodological debates around the importance of language and discourse in social and political history. It is the first detailed study to integrate material on three important constitutional campaigns of this era: the reform of the House of Lords, women's suffrage, and proportional representation. It will be of interest to students of British politics, social and political history, historical methodology and political theory.

The New Labour Reader draws together in one accessible volume a set of authoritative interpretations and accounts of New Labour in government, including key commentaries on the contemporary Labour Party and the Blair government. Using a variety of primary and secondary sources, the book maps out and explains

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New Labour's political trajectory, the policy agenda it has pursued and the process by which it governs. It uses excerpts from the best and most interesting material, including the writings and speeches of the Labour government's most influential figures. There are chapters on the New Labour debate, economic policy, the public services, constitutional reform, European policy and Labour's Whitehall style, as well as a critical introduction by the editors. This Reader will provide an initial point of access to the varied literature on this subject and prove an essential reference for understanding the wide-ranging implications of the New Labour 'project'. Since British politics is a core option on all undergraduate politics courses, it will be a vital resource for all who study the subject. Visit [www.polity.co.uk/newlabour](http://www.polity.co.uk/newlabour) for articles and updates which support the book.

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and Ideologies in Action

Our Constitutional Revolution

Majoritarian Modification and

Democratic Anomie in the United  
Kingdom

***The election of the most left-wing Labour Party Leader since 1945, followed by the Party's third consecutive general election defeat and the ongoing cultural divisions around Brexit present an ideal opportunity for a thorough re-evaluation of the state of the Party within its broader ideological and historical***

***context. This second edition of this highly respected book analyses the current developments and places them in their historical setting through a clear three-part framework of Ideological Positions, Struggles and Commentaries. Thoroughly updated and featuring contributions by leading academics and politicians, it continues to represent one of the most ground-breaking and thorough analyses of Labour's political thought in a generation and will be of key interest to scholars, students and observers of British Politics, British History, Party***



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Politics, and the Labour Party.  
Covering the monarchy and  
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Church, Europe and  
sovereignty, the author  
demonstrates how  
constitutional issues influence  
our daily lives. He encourages  
the new Labour government to  
take a radical course and  
shows how constitutional  
reform can improve the  
society we live in.**

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**The Labour government  
elected in 1997 pledged to**

**reform the Westminster parliament by modernising the House of Commons and removing the hereditary peers from the House of Lords. Events have consequently demonstrated the deep controversy that accompanies such attempts at institutional reconfiguration, and have highlighted the shifting fault lines in executive-legislative relations in the UK, as well as the deep complexities surrounding British constitutional politics. The story of parliamentary reform is about the nature of the British political system, about how the government seeks to**

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**expand its control over parliament, and about how parliament discharges its duty to scrutinise the executive and hold it to account. This book, available in paperback for the first time, charts the course of Westminster reform since 1997, but does so by placing it in the context of parliamentary reform pursued in the past, and thus adopts a historical perspective which lends it considerable analytical value. Significantly, the book examines parliamentary reform through the lens of institutional theory, in order not only to describe reform but also to interpret and**

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***explain it. It also draws on extensive interviews conducted with MPs and peers involved in the reform of parliament since 1997, thus offering a unique insight into how these political actors perceived the reform process in which they played a part. Parliamentary reform at Westminster, now available in paperback, provides a comprehensive and authoritative analysis of the trajectory and outcome of the reform of parliament, along with an incisive interpretation of the implications for our understanding of British politics.***

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**Radical Politics in New Zealand  
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The Impact of New Labour  
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Twenty Years on**

Peter Dorey here presents the most comprehensive, in-depth and original book of the 1964-1970 labour governments published to date. This unique account examines a wide range of political issues and makes extensive use of primary

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sources recently released by the Public Records Office, including previously unpublished cabinet papers, ministerial correspondence, ministers' private papers and interviews with former ministers. Peter Dorey analyzes the policies and intra-party debates of the era and the problems which ministers faced in the context of both external events, and the growing unrest amongst labour backbenchers. Providing

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a systematic analysis of this key period in modern British history, contributions span economic policies, foreign affairs, social reform, liberalism, constitutional reform and territorial management, thus ensuring that this text is essential reading for researchers and students of politics and government.

New Labour in Power  
The Struggle for  
Labour's Soul