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## Toward A Comparative Institutional Analysis

An award-winning professor of economics at MIT and a Harvard University political scientist and economist evaluate the reasons that some nations are poor while others succeed, outlining provocative perspectives that support theories about the importance of institutions.

What explains the great variability in economic growth and political development across countries? Institutional

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and Organizational Analysis has developed since the 1970s into a powerful toolkit, which argues that institutions and norms rather than geography, culture, or technology are the primary causes of sustainable development. Institutions are rules that recognized authorities create and enforce. Norms are rules created by long-standing patterns of behaviour, shared by people in a society or organization. They combine to play a role in all organizations, including governments,

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firms, churches, universities, gangs, and even families. This introduction to the concepts and applications of Institutional and Organizational Analysis uses economic history, economics, law, and political science to inform its theoretical framework. Institutional and Organizational Analysis becomes the basis to show why the economic and political performance of countries worldwide have not converged, and reveals the lessons to be learned from it for

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business, law, and public policy.

Introduces current evolutionary game theory--where ideas from evolutionary biology and rationalistic economics meet--emphasizing the links between static and dynamic approaches and noncooperative game theory. This text introduces current evolutionary game theory--where ideas from evolutionary biology and rationalistic economics meet--emphasizing the links between static and dynamic approaches and

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noncooperative game theory. Much of the text is devoted to the key concepts of evolutionary stability and replicator dynamics. The former highlights the role of mutations and the latter the mechanisms of selection. Moreover, set-valued static and dynamic stability concepts, as well as processes of social evolution, are discussed. Separate background chapters are devoted to noncooperative game theory and the theory of ordinary differential equations. There are

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examples throughout as well as individual chapter summaries. Because evolutionary game theory is a fast-moving field that is itself branching out and rapidly evolving, Jörgen Weibull has judiciously focused on clarifying and explaining core elements of the theory in an up-to-date, comprehensive, and self-contained treatment. The result is a text for second-year graduate students in economic theory, other social sciences, and evolutionary biology. The book goes

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beyond filling the gap between texts by Maynard-Smith and Hofbauer and Sigmund that are currently being used in the field. Evolutionary Game Theory will also serve as an introduction for those embarking on research in this area as well as a reference for those already familiar with the field. Weibull provides an overview of the developments that have taken place in this branch of game theory, discusses the mathematical tools needed to understand the area, describes both the

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motivation and intuition for the concepts involved, and explains why and how it is relevant to economics.

Few events in the history of humanity rival the Industrial Revolution. Following its onset in eighteenth-century Britain, sweeping changes in agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, and technology began to gain unstoppable momentum throughout Europe, North America, and eventually much of the world—with profound effects on



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socioeconomic and cultural conditions. In *The Institutional Revolution*, Douglas W. Allen offers a thought-provoking account of another, quieter revolution that took place at the end of the eighteenth century and allowed for the full exploitation of the many new technological innovations. Fundamental to this shift were dramatic changes in institutions, or the rules that govern society, which reflected significant improvements in the ability to measure

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performance—whether of government officials, laborers, or naval officers—thereby reducing the role of nature and the hazards of variance in daily affairs. Along the way, Allen provides readers with a fascinating explanation of the critical roles played by seemingly bizarre institutions, from dueling to the purchase of one's rank in the British Army. Engagingly written, *The Institutional Revolution* traces the dramatic shift from premodern institutions based on

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patronage, purchase, and personal ties toward modern institutions based on standardization, merit, and wage labor—a shift which was crucial to the explosive economic growth of the Industrial Revolution.

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A Comparative Analysis  
Paths toward the Modern  
Fiscal State  
Political Opportunities,  
Mobilizing Structures, and  
Cultural Framings  
Institutions,  
Institutional Change and  
Economic Performance

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## **A Comparative**

## **Institutional Approach**

Provides a new conceptualization of competition law as economic inequality and its interaction with efficiency become of central concern to policy and decision-makers.

This book considers why institutional forms of modern capitalist economies differ internationally, and proposes a typology of capitalism based on the theory of institutional complementarity. Different economic models are not simply characterized by different institutional forms, but also by particular patterns of interaction between complementary institutions which are the core characteristics of these models.

Institutions are not just simply devices which would be chosen by 'social engineers' in order to perform

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a function as efficiently as possible; they are the outcome of a political economy process. Therefore, institutional change should be envisaged not as a move towards a hypothetical 'one best way', but as a result of socio-political compromises. Based on a theory of institutions and comparative capitalism, the book proposes an analysis of the diversity of modern economies - from America to Korea - and identifies five different models: the market-based Anglo-Saxon model; Asian capitalism; the Continental European model; the social democratic economies; and the Mediterranean model. Each of these types of capitalism is characterized by specific institutional complementarities. The question of the stability of the Continental European model of capitalism has

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been open since the beginning of the 1990s: inferior macroeconomic performance compared to Anglo-Saxon economies, alleged unsustainability of its welfare systems, too rigid markets, etc. The book examines the institutional transformations that have taken place within Continental European economies and analyses the political project behind the attempts at transforming the Continental model. It argues that Continental European economies will most likely stay very different from the market-based economies, and that political strategies promoting institutional change aiming at convergence with the Anglo-Saxon model are bound to meet considerable opposition. This book discusses some of the most challenging ideas emerging out of the

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research program on institutional diversity associated with the 2009 co-recipient of 2009 Nobel Prize in economics, Elinor Ostrom, while outlining a set of new research directions and an original interpretation of the significance and future of this program.

The SAGE Handbook of Comparative Politics presents in one volume an authoritative overview of the theoretical, methodological, and substantive elements of comparative political science. The 28 specially commissioned chapters, written by renowned comparative scholars, guide the reader through the central issues and debates, presenting a state-of-the-art guide to the past, present, and possible futures of the field.

Advances in Comparative-Historical

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Why Nations Fail  
Their Emergence, Maintenance, and  
Effects  
Institutional Diversity and Political  
Economy

Transboundary Game of Life

*The last quarter century has been marked by the ascension of neoliberalism--market deregulation, state decentralization, and reduced political intervention in national economies. Not coincidentally, this period of dramatic institutional change has also seen the emergence of several schools of institutional analysis. Though these schools cut*



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*across disciplines, they have remained isolated from and critical of each other. This volume brings together four--rational choice, organizational, historical, and discursive institutionalism--to examine the rise of neoliberalism. In doing so, it makes tremendous methodological strides while substantively enlarging our knowledge about neoliberalism. The book comprises original empirical studies by top scholars from each school of analysis. They examine neoliberalism's rise on three continents and explore changes in macroeconomic policy, labor markets,*

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*taxation, banking, and health care. Neoliberalism appears as much more complex, diverse, and contested than is often appreciated. The authors find that there is no convergence toward a common set of neoliberal institutions; that neoliberalism does not incapacitate states; and that neoliberal reform does not necessarily yield greater efficiency than other institutional arrangements. Beyond these important empirical contributions, this book is a methodological milestone in that it compares different schools of*

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*institutionalist analysis by seeing how they tackle a common problem. It reveals a second movement within institutionalism--one toward rapprochement and cross-fertilization among paradigms--and explains how this might be furthered with benefits throughout the social sciences. In addition to the editors, the contributors are Sarah L. Babb, Ellen M. Bradburn, Bruce G. Carruthers, Terence C. Halliday, Colin Hay, Edgar Kiser, Peter Kjaer, Jack Knight, Aaron Matthew Laing, David Strang, and Bruce Western. This publication examines issues of water sector*

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*reform and performance from the perspectives of institutional economics and political economic studies. The authors develop an alternative quantitative assessment methodology based on the principle of 'institutional ecology', as well as data collected from 127 water experts from 43 countries and regions around the world using a cross-country review of recent water sector reforms within an institutional transaction cost framework. Drawing on behavioural, experimental and neoclassical economics, this volume brings together eminent academics and*

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*practitioners to provide  
working macroeconomic models  
and explore the social norms  
governing a post-crisis  
financial world.*

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Foundations of Comparative  
Advantage*

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Financialization in the  
United States*

*The Ostroms and Beyond  
Varieties of Capitalism  
Measurement and the Economic  
Emergence of the Modern  
World*

*Comparative Institutional  
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***Explores institutional***

**change and economic  
behaviour through  
examining the transition  
process in the eight former  
socialist countries that  
became members of the EU  
in 2004. This book also  
proposes a conceptual  
framework for analyzing  
mechanisms of institutional  
change, and an evolutionary  
model and agent-based  
model are developed.  
The rapid collapse of  
socialism has raised new  
economic policy questions  
and revived old theoretical  
issues. In this book, Joseph  
Stiglitz explains how the**

***neoclassical, or Walrasian model (the formal articulation of Adam Smith's invisible hand), which has dominated economic thought over the past half century, may have wrongly encouraged the belief that market socialism could work. Stiglitz proposes an alternative model, based on the economics of information, that provides greater theoretical insight into the workings of a market economy and clearer guidance for the setting of policy in transitional economies. Stiglitz sees the***

***critical failing in the standard neoclassical model underlying market socialism to be its assumptions concerning information, particularly its failure to consider the problems that arise from lack of perfect information and from the costs of acquiring information. He also identifies problems arising from its assumptions concerning completeness of markets, competitiveness of markets, and the absence of innovation. Stiglitz argues that not only did the existing paradigm fail to***



***provide much guidance on the vital question of the choice of economic systems, the advice it did provide was often misleading.***

***Continuing his groundbreaking analysis of economic structures, Douglass North develops an analytical framework for explaining the ways in which institutions and institutional change affect the performance of economies, both at a given time and over time. Institutions exist, he argues, due to the uncertainties involved in human interaction; they are***

***the constraints devised to structure that interaction. Yet, institutions vary widely in their consequences for economic performance; some economies develop institutions that produce growth and development, while others develop institutions that produce stagnation. North first explores the nature of institutions and explains the role of transaction and production costs in their development. The second part of the book deals with institutional change. Institutions create the***

***incentive structure in an economy, and organisations will be created to take advantage of the opportunities provided within a given institutional framework. North argues that the kinds of skills and knowledge fostered by the structure of an economy will shape the direction of change and gradually alter the institutional framework. He then explains how institutional development may lead to a path-dependent pattern of development. In the final part of the book, North***

***explains the implications of this analysis for economic theory and economic history. He indicates how institutional analysis must be incorporated into neo-classical theory and explores the potential for the construction of a dynamic theory of long-term economic change. Douglass C. North is Director of the Center of Political Economy and Professor of Economics and History at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a past president of the Economic History Association and Western***

***Economics Association and a Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has written over sixty articles for a variety of journals and is the author of The Rise of the Western World: A New Economic History (CUP, 1973, with R.P. Thomas) and Structure and Change in Economic History (Norton, 1981). Professor North is included in Great Economists Since Keynes edited by M. Blaug (CUP, 1988 paperback ed.) This volume collects 22 articles by Masahiko Aoki, selected from writings***

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***published over the course of  
his 45-year academic career.***

***These fascinating essays  
cover a range of issues,  
including mechanism design,  
comparative governance,  
corporate governan***

***Model Rules of Professional  
Conduct***

***The Rise of Neoliberalism  
and Institutional Analysis***

***Modern Authoritarianism***

***A Cross-country Analysis of  
Institutions and***

***Performance***

***Why Economics is Not Yet a  
Science***

***Institutions and***

***Comparative Economic***

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## **Development**

*The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a*

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*variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.*

*A conceptual and analytical framework for understanding economic institutions and institutional change.*

*Markets are one of the most salient institutions produced by humans, and economists have traditionally analyzed the workings of the market mechanism. Recently, however, economists and others have begun to appreciate the many*



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*institution-related events and phenomena that have a significant impact on economic performance.*

*Examples include the demise of the communist states, the emergence of Silicon Valley and e-commerce, the European currency unification, and the East Asian financial crises. In this book Masahiko Aoki uses modern game theory to develop a conceptual and analytical framework for understanding issues related to economic institutions. The wide-ranging discussion considers how institutions evolve, why their overall arrangements are robust and diverse across economies, and why*

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they do or do not change in response to environmental factors such as technological progress, global market integration, and demographic change. First published in 1983. A collection of papers directed at those outside the field of Economics, to open up discussions around the scientific worth of Economics.

The central part of this book is an English version of the memoir of Masahiko Aoki that was published in Japanese in 2008 (Masahiko Aoki, *My Life and Work*, 2008). In this memoir, Aoki goes over his life as a young boy immediately after World War

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*II, as an activist who opposed the rearmament of Japan under the US-Japan Security Alliance, as a student of Marxist economics first and then modern mathematical economics, as a graduate student at Minnesota, as a young economist at Stanford, Harvard, and then Kyoto, as a central faculty member to develop comparative institutional analysis at Stanford, and as an institutional builder who established the Stanford Kyoto Center, the Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry, the Virtual Center for Advanced Studies Institution in Tokyo, and*

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*the Center for Industrial  
Development and  
Environmental Governance in  
Beijing. Until now the  
memoir has been available  
only in Japanese and in  
Chinese. The English edition  
will allow more young social  
scientists to touch the life  
and the work of Masahiko  
Aoki and be inspired to make  
their own versions of the  
"transboundary game of  
life."*

*Reconciling Efficiency and  
Equity*

*The Diversity of Modern  
Capitalism*

*Institutional and  
Organizational Analysis  
Theory, Corporations and  
East Asia. Selected Papers*

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*of Masahiko Aoki*

*The SAGE Handbook of  
Comparative Politics*

*A Comparative Institutional  
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Creating a clear,  
analytical framework,  
this fully updated  
fourth edition of  
Institutions and  
Organizations: Ideas,  
Interests, and  
Identities, by W.  
Richard Scott, offers a  
comprehensive  
exploration of the  
relationship between  
institutional theory and  
the study of

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organizations.

Reflecting the richness and diversity of institutional thought—viewed both historically and as a contemporary, ongoing field of study—this edition draws on the insights of cultural and organizational sociologists, institutional economists, social and cognitive psychologists, political scientists, and management theorists. The book reviews and integrates

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the most important recent developments in this rapidly evolving field and strengthens and elaborates the author's widely accepted "pillars" framework, which supports research and theory construction. By exploring the differences as well as the underlying commonalities of institutional theories, the book presents a cohesive view of the many flavors and colors of institutionalism. It also evaluates and

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clarifies developments in both theory and research while identifying future research directions. This collection of empirical studies analyses historical and contemporary institutions and institutional change in various parts of the world. This collection of essays from eminent scholars discusses different phases and measures of economic development, evaluating



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the success of national economic transitions and providing valuable policy lessons for developing economies. The role of government in East Asian economic development has been a continuous issue. Two competing views have shaped enquiries into the source of the rapid growth high-performing Asian economies and attempts to derive a general lesson for other developing economies: the market-friendly view, according to which

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government intervenes little in the market, and the developmental state view, in which it governs the market. What these views share in common is a conception of market and government as alternative mechanisms for resource allocation. They are distinct only in their judgement of the extent to which market failures have been, and ought to be, remedied by direct government intervention. This collection of essays suggests a

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breakthrough, third view: the market-enhancing view. Instead of viewing government and the market as mutually exclusive substitutes, it examines the capacity of government policy to facilitate or complement private sector coordination. The book starts from the premise that private sector institutions have important comparative advantages over government, in particular in their

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ability to process information available on site. At the same time, it recognizes that the capabilities of the private sector are more limited in developing economies. The market-enhancing view thus stresses the mechanisms whereby government policy is directed at improving the ability of the private sector to solve co-ordination problems and overcome other market imperfections. In presenting the market-

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enhancing view, the book recognizes the wide diversity of the roles of government across various East Asian economies-including Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and China-and its path-dependant and developmental stage nature.

Transition and Economics  
Evolutionary Game Theory  
Ideas, Interests, and  
Identities

Memoir of Masahiko Aoki  
Toward a General  
Framework for Legal  
Analysis

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## Concepts and Applications

It is increasingly accepted that 'institutions matter' for economic organization and outcomes. The last decade has seen significant expansion in research examining how institutional contexts affect the nature and behaviour of firms, the operation of markets, and economic outcomes. Yet 'institutions' conceal a multitude of issues and perspectives. Much of this research has been comparative, and followed different models such as 'varieties of capitalism', 'national business systems', and 'social systems of production'. This Handbook explores these issues, perspectives, and models, with

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the leading scholars in the area contributing chapters to provide a central reference point for academics, scholars, and students.

Wenkai He shows why England and Japan, facing crises in public finance, developed the tools and institutions of a modern fiscal state, while China, facing similar circumstances, did not. He's explanation for China's failure at a critical moment illuminates one of the most important but least understood transformations of the modern world.

What are the most fundamental differences among the political economies of the developed world? How do national institutional differences condition economic performance, public

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policy, and social well-being? Will they survive the pressures for convergence generated by globalization and technological change? These have long been central questions in comparative political economy. This book provides a new and coherent set of answers to them. Building on the new economics of organization, the authors develop an important new theory about which differences among national political economies are most significant for economic policy and performance. Drawing on a distinction between 'liberal' and 'coordinated' market economies, they argue that there is more than one path to economic success. Nations need not converge to a single Anglo-



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American model. They develop a new theory of 'comparative institutional advantage' that transforms our understanding of international trade, offers new explanations for the response of firms and nations to the challenges of globalization, and provides a new theory of national interest to explain the conduct of nations in international relations. The analysis brings the firm back into the centre of comparative political economy. It provides new perspectives on economic and social policy-making that illuminate the role of business in the development of the welfare state and the dilemmas facing those who make economic policy in the contemporary world. Emphasizing the 'institutional

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complementarities' that link labour relations, corporate finance, and national legal systems, the authors bring interdisciplinary perspectives to bear on issues of strategic management, economic performance, and institutional change. This pathbreaking work sets new agendas in the study of comparative political economy. As such, it will be of value to academics and graduate students in economics, business, and political science, as well as to many others with interests in international relations, social policy-making, and the law.

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***Situates comparative-  
historical analysis within  
contemporary debates in  
political science and explores  
the latest theoretical and  
conceptual advances.***

***Why do some policies succeed  
so well while others, in the  
same sector or country, fail  
dramatically? The aim of this  
book is to answer this  
question and provide  
systematic research on the  
nature, sources and***

***consequences of policy failure. The expert contributors analyse and evaluate the success and failure of four policy areas (Steel, Health Care, Finance, HIV and the Blood Supply) in six European countries, namely France, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK, Spain and Sweden. The book is therefore able to compare success and failure across countries as well as policy areas, enabling a test of a variety of theoretical assumptions about policy making and government. The transition from socialism to capitalism in former socialist economies is one of the main economic events of***

***the twentieth century. Not only does it affect the lives of approximately 1.65 billion people, but it is contributing to a shift in emphasis in economics from standard price and monetary theory to contracting and its institutional environment. Economic research in transition shows not only that institutions matter but also how their evolution toward higher efficiency depends on initial conditions and on sustained political support. Unlike early policy literature on transition economics, which focused on the so-called Washington consensus, this book provides an overview of current***

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***research, analyzing issues raised by transition for which economic theorists and policy makers had no ready answers. It shows how research on transition contributes to our understanding of capitalism as an economic system and of the dynamics of large-scale institutional change. The book is divided into three parts. The first part looks at how large-scale reforms are decided dynamically through the political process. The second part looks at the general equilibrium and macroeconomic effects of liberalization in economies without preexisting markets. The third part looks at the economic behavior of firms in***



***the transition from state to private ownership and compares the effects of privatization, restructuring, and financial reform. Although focused on transition economics, the discussions are relevant to topics in political economics, development, public economics, corporate finance, and micro- and macroeconomics. Markets are one of the most salient institutions produced by humans, and economists have traditionally analyzed the workings of the market mechanism. Recently, however, economists and others have begun to appreciate the many***

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***why they do or do not change in response to environmental factors such as technological progress, global market integration, and demographic change.***

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institutional analysis, this book traces the evolution of social sector financial balance sheets in the US from 1960 to 2018. This innovative historical-institutional approach, ranging from the micro level of households to the macro level of the federal government, reveals that the displacement of households by banks has been a long-term process. This gradual compounding of financialization is at

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odds with widely accepted views about financialization, contemporary banking theory, financial intermediation theory, and post-Keynesian and endogenous money approaches. The book returns to time-tested traditional principles of banking and taps unexpected affinities about market failures in transaction cost economics, financial intermediation theory, and core ideas in classic modern political

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and social economy about economic moralities and social reactions of self-defense against unfettered markets. This book provides an alternative explanation for the rise of finance and new ways to think about averting financialization and its devastating consequences. This book marks a significant contribution to the literature on financialization, social economics, banking, and the American political

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economy.

Offers a groundbreaking analysis of the distinctive substantive, theoretical and methodological contributions of subnational research in the field of comparative politics.

This volume, first published in 1996, examines various social movements from a comparative perspective. By analyzing the growth and regulation of shadow banking activities by large banks in Western

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Europe and the US, this book illuminates how the evolution of finance, driven by structural pressures and financial innovations, is crucially mediated through state-finance interactions on the meaning of rules and the need to comply.

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Comparative Politics

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Competition Policy

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Revolution

The Growth of Shadow  
Banking

It is increasingly accepted that 'institutions matter' for economic organization and outcomes. This Handbook explores the issues, perspectives, and models concerned with comparative institutional analysis. The leading scholars in the area contribute chapters to provide a central reference point for academics, scholars, and students.

Social Institutions

Institutional Change and  
Economic Behaviour