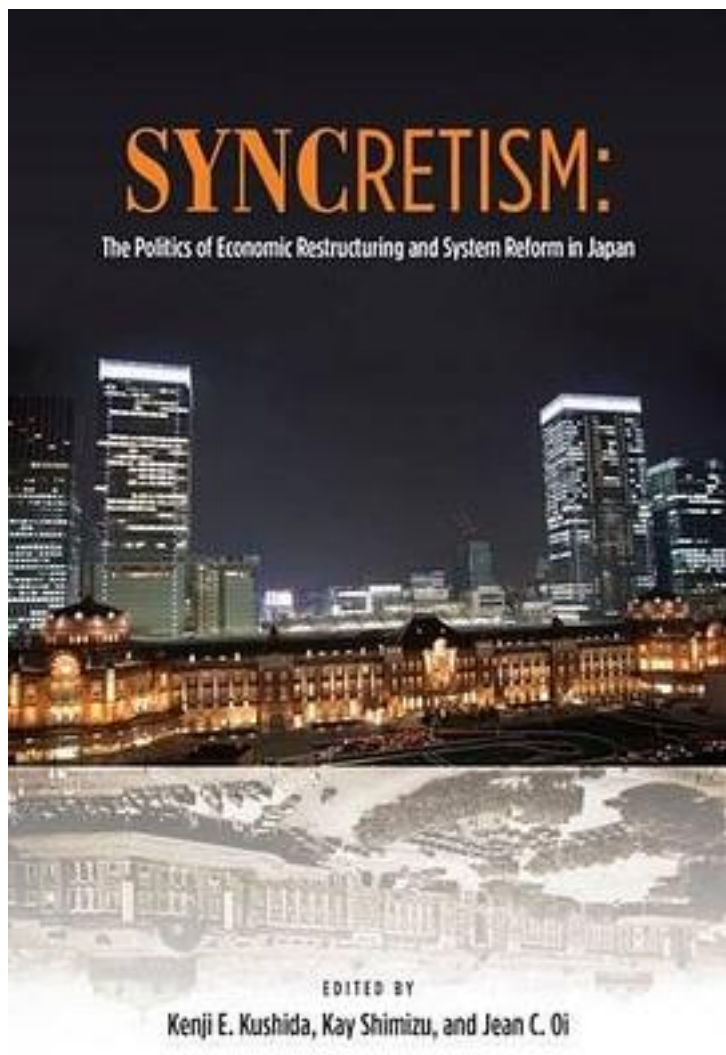# Syncretism

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Japan's first decade of the twenty-first century is often called the "second lost decade," following the post-bubble "lost decade" of the 1990s, characterized by policy paralysis and overall lackluster economic growth. For those studying Japan more closely, however, the same decades reveal nothing short of a broad transformation in numerous core tenets of Japan's postwar political economy. How can we best capture this transformation?

Each chapter in this volume examines a different aspect of Japan's political economy within a longer historical trajectory, from multiple angles, to depict a flexible but resilient system. They include: a comprehensive overview of the political economy; Japan's financial system; corporate reorganization; the politics of reform; small and medium enterprises and the labor market; compensation systems; and foreign multinational corporations. The editors characterize Japan's process of change as syncretism—practices foreign, domestic, old and new were selectively adopted, mixed and matched, along the way creating a new and unique hybrid system.

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评论

政策梳理overview还行，提出的这个概念就很牵强了。

总体趋于一般，没有什么特别的问题意识了。没有puzzle，自然也不易于设展开研究设计了。挺鸡肋的一本书。

简单地来说，这部文集已经略微让人感觉质量低下了不少。发达资本国家的制度演变，迄今为止已经有了非常丰富的理论和实证积蓄，感觉完全不必要再生造一个词来形容日本90年代以来变革的"特殊性"。在全书里很多的案例描述，简单地来说，多少有些让人感觉到了日本政治研究退化的感觉。

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