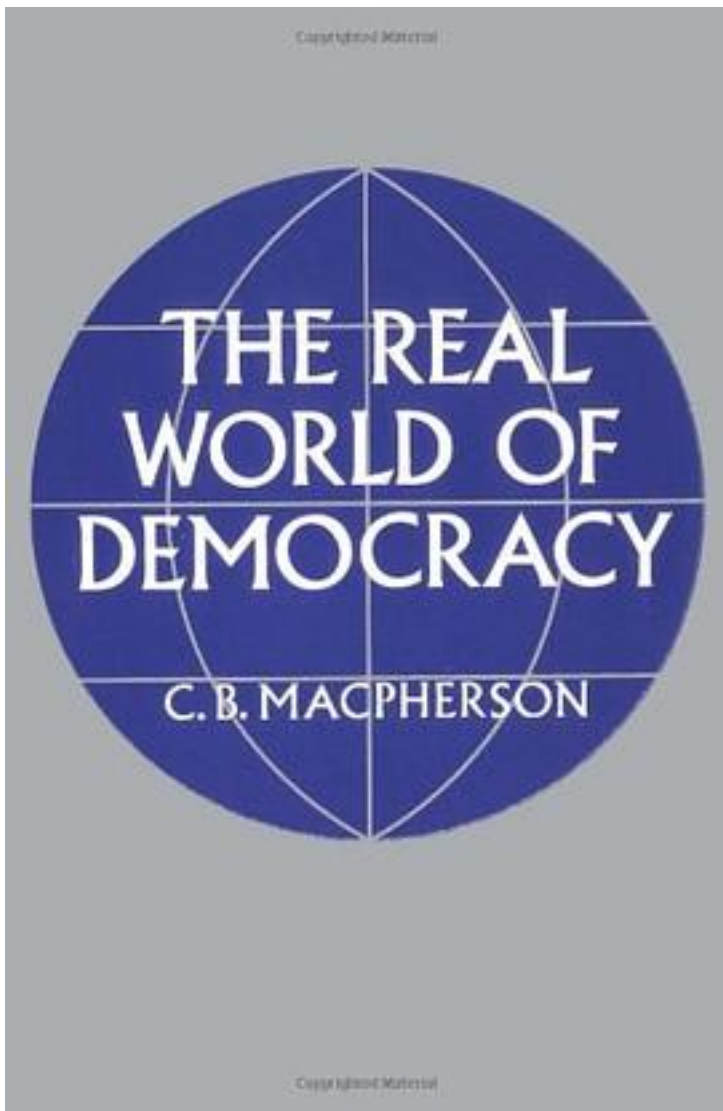


The Real World of Democracy



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In *The Real World of Democracy*, C. B. Macpherson examines the rival ideas of democracy — the communist, Third World, and Western-liberal variants — and their impacts on one another. Macpherson, who was a professor of political science at the University of Toronto and an Officer of the Order of Canada, suggests that the West need not fear any challenge to liberal democracy if it is prepared to re-examine and alter its own values.

作者介绍:

Crawford Brough Macpherson O.C. M.Sc. D. Sc. (18 November 1911 – 22 July 1987) was an influential Canadian political scientist who taught political theory at the University of Toronto. Macpherson graduated from the University of Toronto in 1933. After earning an M.Sc. in Economics at the London School of Economics where he studied under the supervision of Harold Laski, he joined the faculty of the University of Toronto in 1935. At that time a Ph. D. in the social sciences was uncommon, but some twenty years later he submitted a collection of sixteen published papers to the London School of Economics and was awarded the D.Sc. in Economics. These papers were then published in 1953 edition as the book, *Democracy in Alberta; the theory and practice of a quasi-party system*. In 1956 he became a Professor of Political Economy at the University of Toronto.

He took several sabbaticals on fellowships which were often spent at English universities including an Overseas Fellowship of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Macpherson gave the annual Massey Lectures in 1964. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian honour, in 1976.

Following his death, a two-part documentary on his life and work aired on CBC Radio's Ideas program.

The Canadian Political Science Association presents an annual C. B. Macpherson Prize for the best book on political theory written by a Canadian.

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评论

读完一度怀疑麦氏是中共中央政研室前主任。此书如同早产于文革年代的当代中共文宣，许多片断让人联想到目下从左至右一批民主学者：民主是实现社会发达个人发展人性解放的工具而非目的；西方自由民主中国家政权是以保障自由经济和私有财产运作优先；民主既在时间上是后发产物，也是面对工业资本主义下工人阶级和农民强力诉求的从上至下设计，其优先性是保障众人参与竞争的机会和能力和市场资本主义运作的必要政治产品，非平等生活和人性实现；资本主义下无资本者依附于资本，是剥夺了其净权力；共产革命下无产阶级专政国家，和第三世界民族独立革命所产生的一党制国家，分别体现了民主作为原初概念的阶级性、普世性和多数统治，实现大众愿望和试图建立无阶级平等社会，更符合民主原意，只是迫于形势专政，若开放党内民主和大众参与则会比西方更民主。额。

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