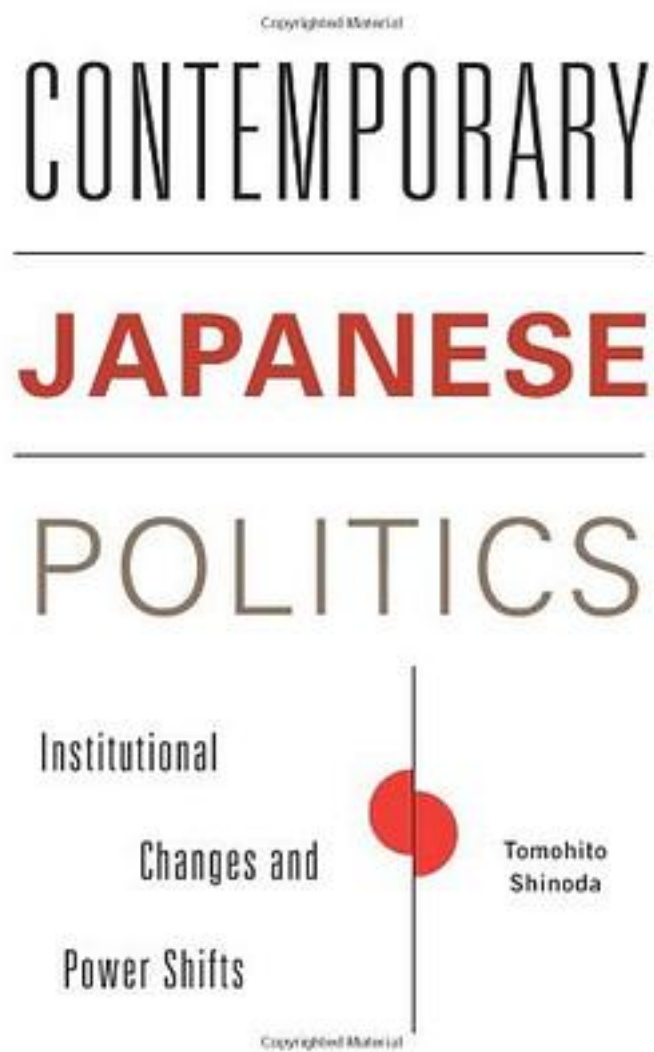


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Decentralized policymaking power in Japan had developed under the reign of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), yet in the 1990s, institutional changes fundamentally altered Japan's political landscape. Tomohito Shinoda tracks these developments in the operation of and tensions between Japan's political parties and the public's behavior in elections, as well as in the government's ability to coordinate diverse policy preferences and respond to political crises. The selection of Junichiro Koizumi, an anti-mainstream politician, as prime minister in 2001 initiated a power shift to the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) and ended LDP rule. Shinoda details these events and Prime Minister Koizumi's use of them to practice strong policymaking leadership. He also outlines the institutional initiatives introduced by the DPJ government and their impact on policymaking, illustrating the importance of balanced centralized institutions and bureaucratic support.

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## 评论

本来我对于信田老师真的是充满期待啊！结果全书以veto players作为一个框架，论述了过去20年的日本政治。。。以上。BTW，这书是他在国际大学的教材(MA课程) 其实也有亮点吧，informative, 不过真的亮点不多

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写作的语言的确是很平实的，全书都基本上没有很高霸上的词汇，和Curtis的书比起来，真的是中规中矩的，GRE满分作文的写作基调。的确还是非常值得日本政治非英文母语的同学学习一下的。尤其是很意外的，作者自己是日本人，却没有炫日文，这是很多美国学者的坏习惯。比如Daijin, Kinken seiji, Shingikai之类的罗马音，在加上意味不明的英译，这样的画风简直随处可见。而且文献回顾做的也还是可以的，虽然不知道作者和veto player多大的仇，叙述上多少还是保持了一定程度的平衡（这一领域的学生大概心里有数）。政治史的整理尤其比较清楚，几乎没有什么个人色彩（这个画风也和美国学者的写作很不一样）。嘛，作为学生，写作和内容上都有很多可以参考的地方（凡事量力而行）

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