

# The Transformation of European Social Democracy



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This book explains the contrasting strategies and their electoral fortunes of social democratic parties in the major European democracies in the 1970s and 1980s. Going beyond approaches that focus on the influence of class structure and political economic institutions, *The Transformation of European Social Democracy* analyses the party's competitive situation in the electoral arena, the constraints and opportunities of party organisation, and the role of ideological legacies to explain the strategic choices social democratic parties have made and the electoral results they have achieved. Far from being doomed to decline, social democracy's success depends on its ability to transform its political message and to construct new electoral coalitions.

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## 评论

Herbert确实牛。本书其实论证了一个大命题，为什么无产阶级作为一个具有集体行动能力的群体已经不复存在，而社民党又如何策略应对相应的cross-cutting cleavages。偏好形成和第二维度出现的部分不时暴露他早年左派青年的案底，有些马克思主义、西马或社会学的底子读起来会很嗨。后面有spatial model和延伸。

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职业对意识形态的影响，选举competitive space的策略重塑（office/vote seeking 寡头竞争等）都很惊艳，大佬不愧是大佬（但至今没理解为什么社民政党结构怎么就变这样了？？？）

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