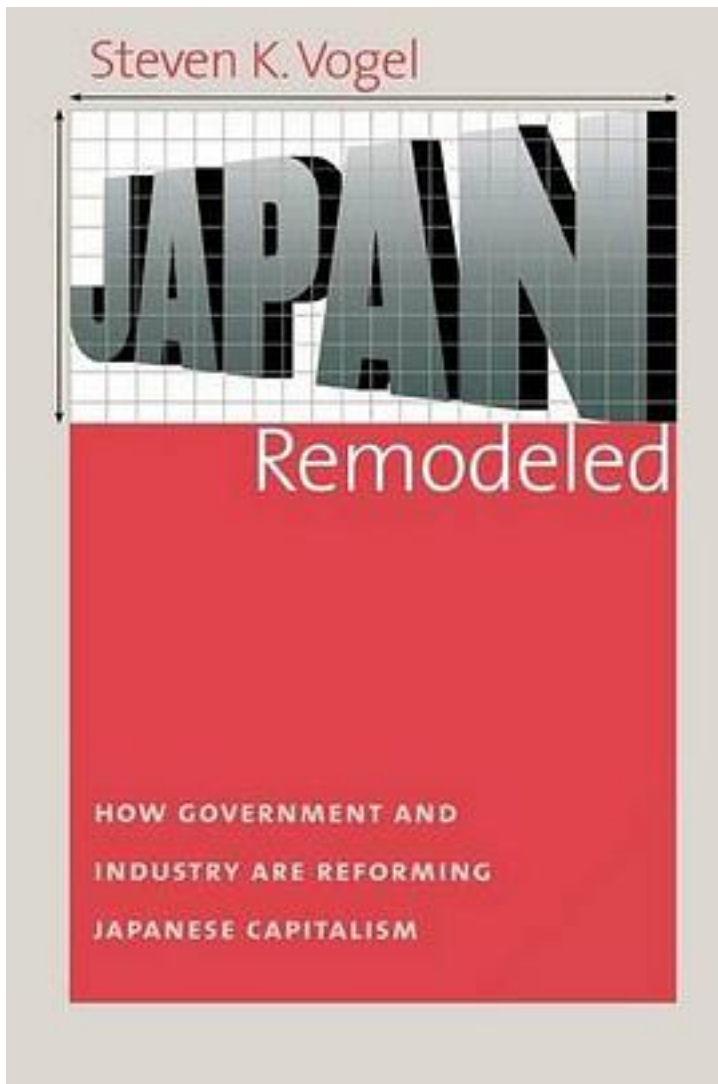


Japan Remodeled



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As the Japanese economy languished in the 1990s Japanese government officials, business executives, and opinion leaders concluded that their economic model had gone terribly wrong. They questioned the very institutions that had been credited with Japan's past success: a powerful bureaucracy guiding the economy, close government-industry ties, "lifetime" employment, the main bank system, and dense interfirm networks. Many of these leaders turned to the U.S. model for lessons, urging the government to liberate the economy and companies to sever long-term ties with workers, banks, suppliers, and other firms.

Despite popular perceptions to the contrary, Japanese government and industry have in fact enacted substantial reforms. Yet Japan never emulated the American model. As government officials and industry leaders scrutinized their options, they selected reforms to modify or reinforce preexisting institutions rather than to abandon them. In *Japan Remodeled*, Steven Vogel explains the nature and extent of these reforms and why they were enacted.

Vogel demonstrates how government and industry have devised innovative solutions. The cumulative result of many small adjustments is, he argues, an emerging Japan that has a substantially redesigned economic model characterized by more selectivity in business partnerships, more differentiation across sectors and companies, and more openness to foreign players.

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评论

要寫論文，讀了下，覺得日本經濟要再起飛了（

这本书哪里有那么贵...以前一直很单纯的觉着,日本有很多改革措施是中国可以借鉴的. 逐渐了解到的是,中国有很多历史和文化上的因素是不适合日本这条道路的; 政治结构上也不允许走日本路线. 另外日本最近的不给力,有很多学者分析说是政治上的改革不彻底,政党遗留问题较多的原因.这个虽然书看的不多,脉络有点看不清楚,但是日本的那些政党什么德性,到也不需要怎么费力扒开它去剖析.

日本政治经济学研究的作品通常来说读起来都有一些慢，其中一个缘由就在于，许多此类的书籍都是有日文版的，参照日文版阅读，可以看到其中很多在原文中的专业表述，而这一点对中国学生也许更加重要，考虑到我们几乎所有人当初都是通过汉语而不是英文学习日语的。此书的感觉不好也不坏，但仍旧是这一领域非常重要的一部著作。之所以如此，是作者的问题意识非常重要，尽管他给出的解释多少而言，既符合常识而且也不精致。但是作者所强调社会学制度主义的微观分析基础，的确是理解日本企业行动的关键所在。作为coordinated economics的典型代表，日本的企业经营多是深深嵌入在相互交织的经济网络当中的。从这一点而言，市场的灵活性调整未免是新自由主义者为本国企业开出难以服下的药方。进而日本的问题也是所有此类经济体共同的问题

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