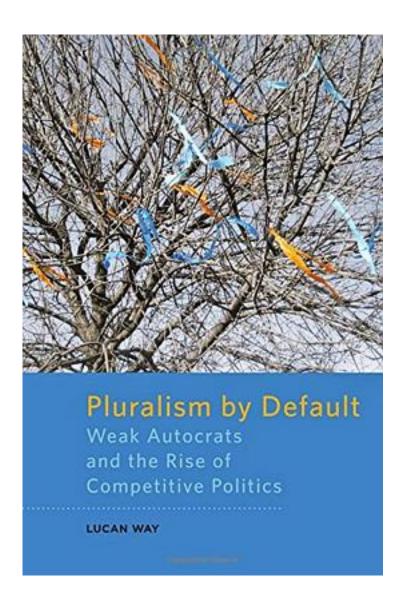
Pluralism by Default



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Pluralism by Default explores sources of political contestation in the former Soviet Union and beyond. Lucan Way proposes that pluralism in "new democracies" is often grounded less in democratic leadership or emerging civil society and more in the failure of authoritarianism. Dynamic competition frequently emerges because autocrats lack the state capacity to steal elections, impose censorship, or repress opposition. In fact, the same institutional failures that facilitate political competition may also thwart the development of stable democracy.

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评论

很有意思的研究,作者指出与第三波民主化的主流观点不同,前苏联加盟共和国的民主转型并不一定是由于民主价值和观念得到认同、公民社会崛起、反对派力量强大等原因,而可能是由于威权政体本身的state和party

weakness,以及国家认同的极化,使得威权统治者无法延续其统治因而国家走向多元主义和竞争性政体。由此可见,国家建构和强大、内聚力强的政党,对于威权和民主的

稳定和延续而言,同样重要!

欧亚地区出现"民主"国家,不是因为具备了民主的条件,而是因为不具备建立威权政体的条件。非常有启发。

呼应了近几年民主化研究的转向,作者认为:某些脆弱的民主之所以长期存续,不是因为先天条件有利于稳定民主的建立,而是因为缺少建立稳定威权的条件:经济领域去中心化,国家能力弱小,弱政党组织鼓励了统治联盟的机会主义行为,而分裂的国家认同为背叛的精英提供了可以凝聚支持的旗帜。例如,乌克兰。

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