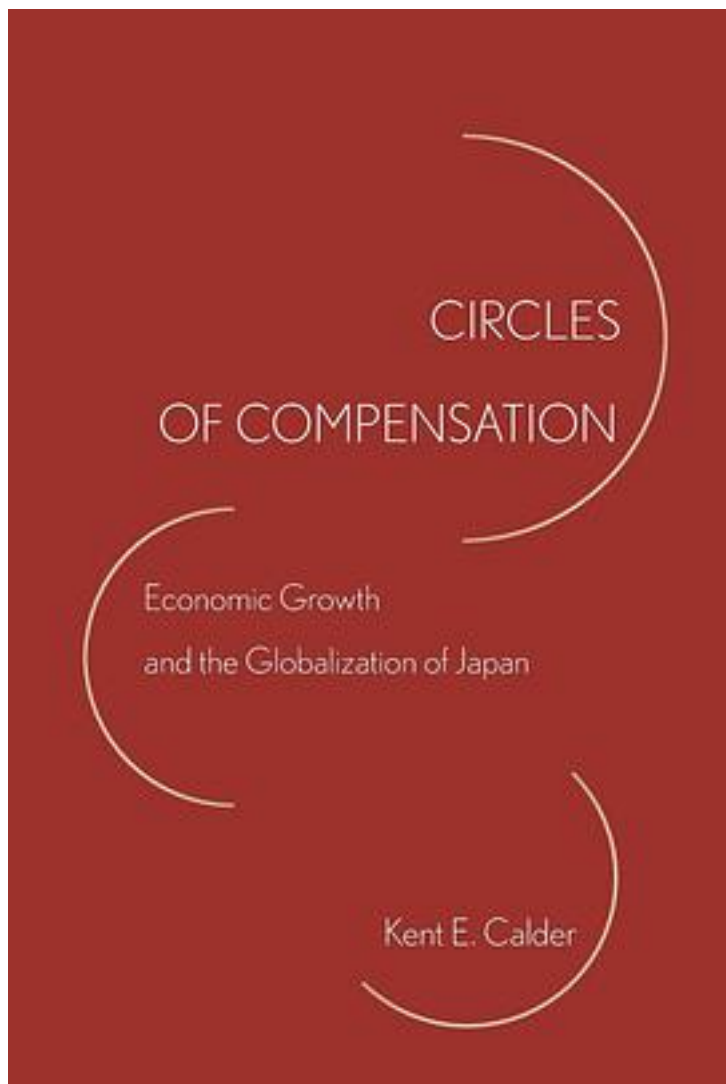


# Circles of Compensation



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Japan grew explosively and consistently for more than a century, from the Meiji Restoration until the collapse of the economic bubble in the early 1990s. Since then, it has been unable to restart its economic engine and respond to globalization. How could the same political-economic system produce such strongly contrasting outcomes?

This book identifies the crucial variables as classic Japanese forms of socio-political organization: the "circles of compensation." These cooperative groupings of economic, political, and bureaucratic interests dictate corporate and individual responses to such critical issues as investment and innovation; at the micro level, they explain why individuals can be decidedly cautious on their own, yet prone to risk-taking as a collective. Kent E. Calder examines how these circles operate in seven concrete areas, from food supply to consumer electronics, and deals in special detail with the influence of Japan's changing financial system. The result is a comprehensive overview of Japan's circles of compensation as they stand today, and a road map for broadening them in the future.

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## 评论

故事讲的不错。但是，从现代政治研究的视角来看，多少有些强烈的违和感。不过作为大众读物真心还是写的可以的

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楼上可以考虑观察一下老先生最近干什么，或者他实际是干什么的（笑）。

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或许是老先生年纪渐大了，或许又是作者已经常年没有专念日本政治了。似乎此书的出版，大概是他1988和1995两部著作的揉合版，其自身在学术写作还是理论的创新上大抵已经不复当初。不过，我还是愿意指出旧瓶装新酒的此书有部分的内容是的确值得一读的。第一是作为Coordinated Economics的光和影。的确协调型资本主义得以存续一个重要的缘由就是由于协调可以产生内部性的收益，而隔绝外在国际市场的震荡和冲击。这是它兴盛和衰退的重要机制。其次是这个circles的所谓制度性的补完性是一种动态的历史性的演化概念。从历史制度主义来看，其机能与形式也并不是完全一一对应的。其三，作为先前20多年的日本政治研究的选举制度决定论而言，重新强调了市场结构的自我维持性是非常重要的一个修正。还是蛮值得参考的

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