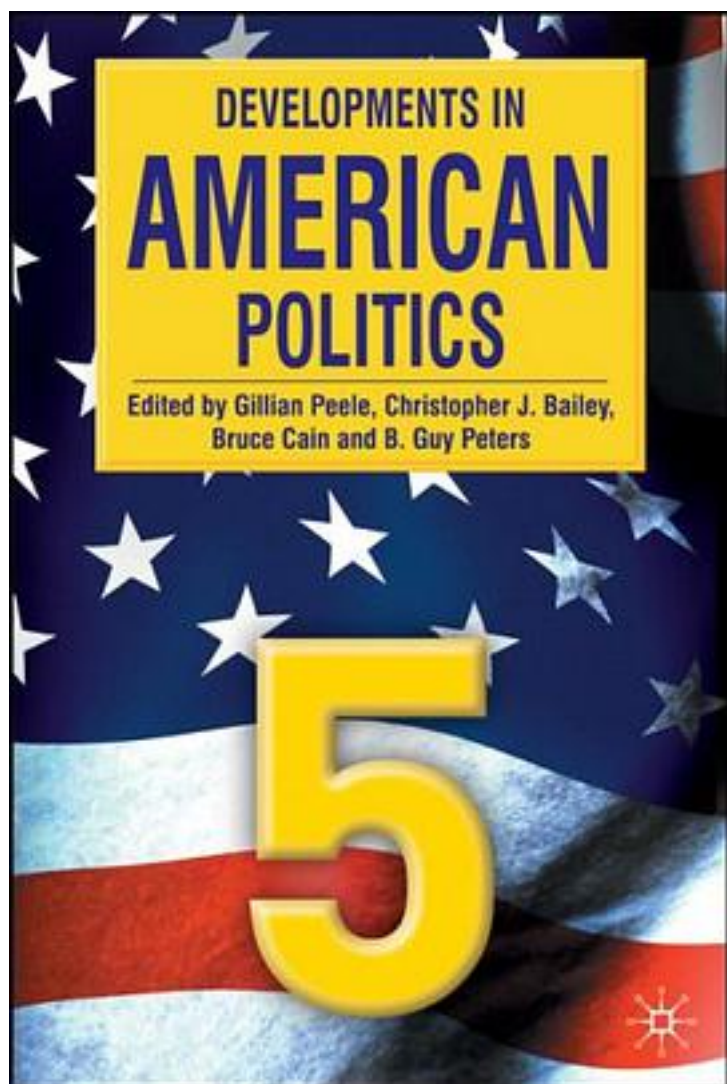


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Post-suburbia is a term that encapsulates a variety of contemporary urban forms, in particular the 'edge city' - a term used to describe the rapid growth of new urban centres at the edges of established major cities. Widely discussed in the US, very little has been written about European edge cities and this book seeks to redress this imbalance, offering a comparative analysis that is located within the context of current East Asian and North American research, providing one of the first major works on the subject. Examining the urban development and politics of five self-styled European edge cities - Kifissia near Athens, Getafe near Madrid, Noisy-le-Grand near Paris, Espoo near Helsinki, and Croydon near London, this study critically interrogates the key ideas that inform edge cities and presents valuable new insights into the planning and governance of some of Europe's most important city-regions and the future of their urban fabric.

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