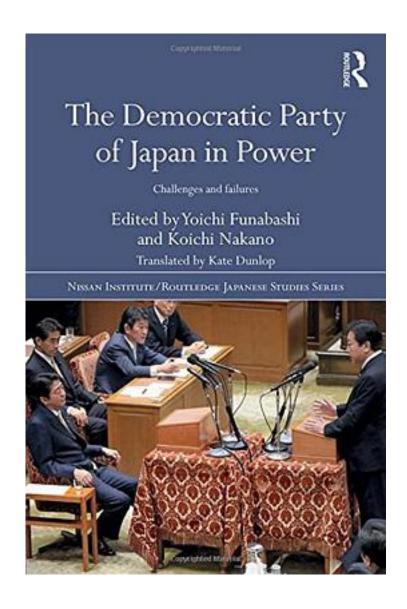
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When the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) came to power in September 2009, Japanese citizens expected the imminent arrival of a new political era, characterized by a two-party system. However, in addition to the triple disasters of March 2011, the DPJ faced numerous difficulties arising from its controversial policies and massive party defections following the government's consumption tax hike legislation. The DPJ fell from power following a crushing defeat in the 2012 Lower House election, in which its seat total was drastically reduced.

This book examines the September 2009-December 2012 administration of the DPJ from various perspectives, including policies, party governance, management, and legacy. It identifies the significance of the DPJ to Japan's party politics, explains the reasons for its downfall, and derives crucial lessons for the future of party democracy in Japan. The contributors, a team of professional academics and a lawyer, analyse the policies and events of the DPJ administration based on their interviews with key DPJ politicians and related persons at or close to the centre of the administration. Together they elicit insights from the experiences of the DPJ government to inform the expectations of Japan's party democracy.

Explaining how the failure of the DPJ government has long-term importance for understanding Japanese politics, this book will be invaluable for students and scholars of the field.

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评论

此书的原版,貌似是中公新书系列的大众向畅销作,然而中经英译,就成了身价十倍的学术型著作了,真是不可解。此书的确是民主党政权三年执政期的非常均衡的一个评价,执笔阵也相当齐全,若干的内容虽然的确有新闻记者的"专业洞见"的那种感觉,不过并不有损此书从各个视角锐眼的解析民主党政权时代何以迅速倒台的问题。倒是Lips cy的那一章多少给人某种可疑的印象(我没有被说服),不过在财政,子育政策,外交政策和公约检证的部分尤为出彩。英文版的部分有若干的场合表述较为不明,可以参照日文原版加以理解。另外,此书专列一章论及Ozawa的部分,感觉在同类作品里也相当的少见。やれやれ、虽然价格不菲,真是值得入手的一册著作。

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