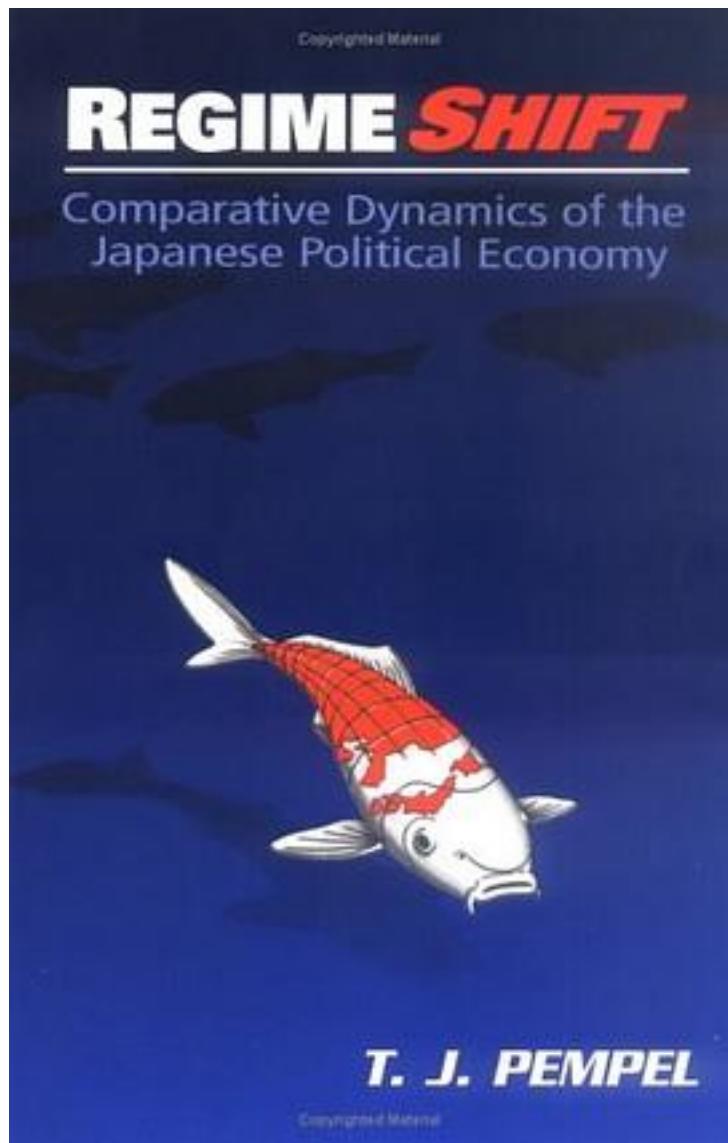


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The Liberal Democratic Party, which dominated postwar Japan, lost power in the early 1990s. During that same period, Japan's once stellar economy suffered stagnation and collapse. Now a well-known commentator on contemporary Japan traces the political dynamics of the country to determine the reasons for these changes and the extent to which its political and economic systems have been permanently altered. T. J. Pempel contrasts the political economy of Japan during two decades: the 1960s, when the nation experienced conservative political dominance and high growth, and the early 1990s, when the "bubble economy" collapsed and electoral politics changed. The different dynamics of the two periods indicate a regime shift in which the present political economy deviates profoundly from earlier forms. This shift has involved a transformation in socioeconomic alliances, political and economic institutions, and public policy profile, rendering Japanese politics far less predictable than in the past. Pempel weighs the Japanese case against comparative data from the United States, Great Britain, Sweden, and Italy to show how unusual Japan's political economy had been in the 1960s. *Regime Shift* suggests that Japan's present troubles are deeply rooted in the economy's earlier success. It is a much-anticipated work that offers an original framework for understanding the critical changes that have affected political and economic institutions in Japan.

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比较政治经济学的国别研究里，通常首先最为关心的一个问题就在于，我自己的研究对象究竟处于何种的位置。自然，针对不同的研究主题，这个回答也有很大的不一样。但是，强要追求一种总体论的视角，就成了这样的折衷主义式的巨型印象派的作品。我被Pempel的博闻强识所感动，但是很难清楚地指出他到底试图告诉读者什么，有什么问题是读者读完一遍之后所能够回答或者理解的。如果没有，毋宁此书比较适合学部的高年级的学生用作比较政治经济学或者日本政治研究的教科书（事实上，一些美国大学的确这么做了），或者在某些文献回顾之中提及此书的某些类型学的贡献。当然，有一点可以指出，作者明言了，Regime是作为政治选择的特定制度归结，不同的制度均衡是可能的，而自民党的政治家们是缔造这些制度的创业者们。这一点值得铭记。推荐一下~

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