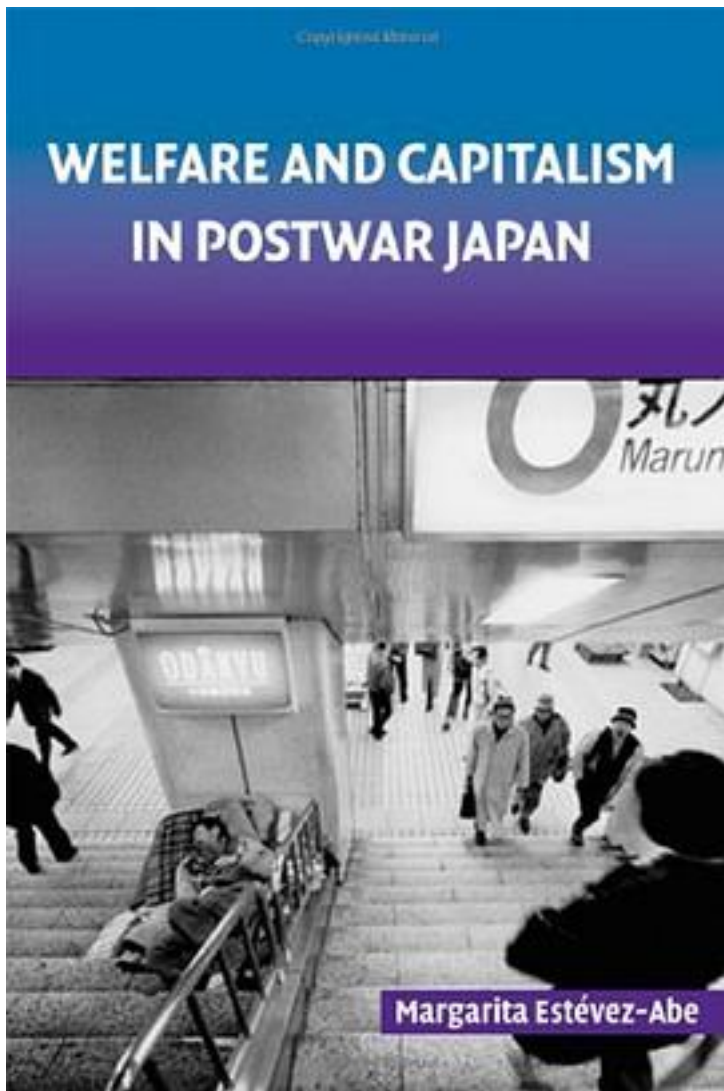


# Welfare and Capitalism in Postwar Japan



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This book explains how postwar Japan managed to achieve a highly egalitarian form of capitalism despite meager social spending. Estevez-Abe develops an institutional, rational-choice model to solve this puzzle. She shows how Japan's electoral system generated incentives that led political actors to protect various groups that lost out in market competition. She explains how Japan's postwar welfare state relied upon various alternatives to orthodox social spending programs. The initial postwar success of Japan's political economy has given way to periods of crisis and reform. This book follows this story up to the present day. Estevez-Abe shows how the current electoral system renders obsolete the old form of social protection. She argues that institutionally Japan now resembles Britain and predicts that Japan's welfare system will also come to resemble Britain's. Japan thus faces a more market-oriented society and less equality.

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非常优秀的一部著作，在剑桥这一系列的作品中，日本专题的作品大概是凤毛麟角。但是简单地来说，放在现在，至少从研究设计上我们可以理解，作者所理解的那种选举制度的理性选择制度主义的“比较静学”来推定此制度对于公共政策的影响到底有多大的洞见和多少的局限，恐怕比较值得进一步讨论了

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