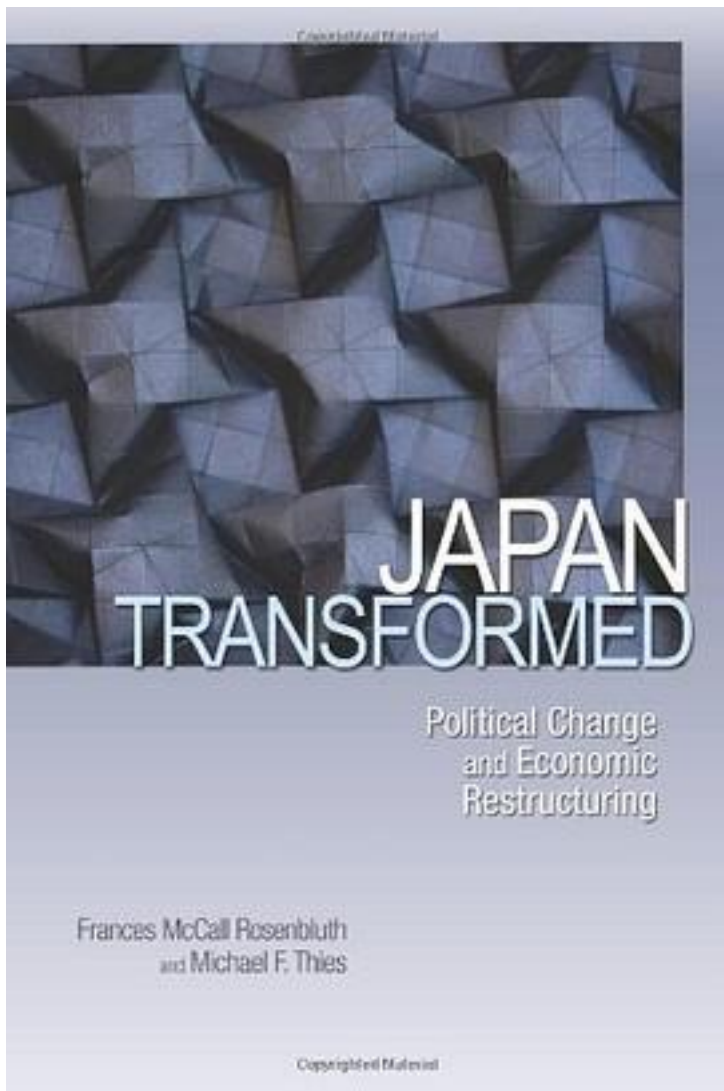


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With little domestic fanfare and even less attention internationally, Japan has been reinventing itself since the 1990s, dramatically changing its political economy, from one managed by regulations to one with a neoliberal orientation. Rebuilding from the economic misfortunes of its recent past, the country retains a formidable economy and its political system is healthier than at any time in its history. "Japan Transformed" explores the historical, political, and economic forces that led to the country's recent evolution, and looks at the consequences for Japan's citizens and global neighbors. The book examines Japanese history, illustrating the country's multiple transformations over the centuries, and then focuses on the critical and inexorable advance of economic globalization. It describes how global economic integration and urbanization destabilized Japan's postwar policy coalition, undercut the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's ability to buy votes, and paved the way for new electoral rules that emphasized competing visions of the public good. In contrast to the previous system that pitted candidates from the same party against each other, the new rules tether policymaking to the vast swath of voters in the middle of the political spectrum. Regardless of ruling party, Japan's politics, economics, and foreign policy are on a neoliberal path. "Japan Transformed" combines broad context and comparative analysis to provide an accurate understanding of Japan's past, present, and future.

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印象中，Rosenbluth是较为通过她所理解的一两个关键性的自变量来解释政治制度变迁的应变量的。96年的选举制度改革，随后东亚经济危机中日本的金融危机冲击了整个90年代的银行与金融系统，造成了冷战时代那种中选区制度与利益政治的环流，必须新的历史条件下显出来。进而就有了自民党主导下的中央省厅改革，地方行政财税改革与地方自治法的修改。公共建设的投资在小泉时代被压缩了下来，邮政法案也通过了。不过，在新自由主义走到一定程度的背后，反改革的自民党和民主党群体又同样会将政策拉回来。当公共投资减少了，社会福利仍在增加，当财源趋紧了，无非就是征税。这种无政策理念争斗的，应时而作的政治变迁，就是整个90-2009民主党上台之前的时态。最终90年代所有的问题，也随之安倍政权的开启，瞬间成了没问题的时代

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