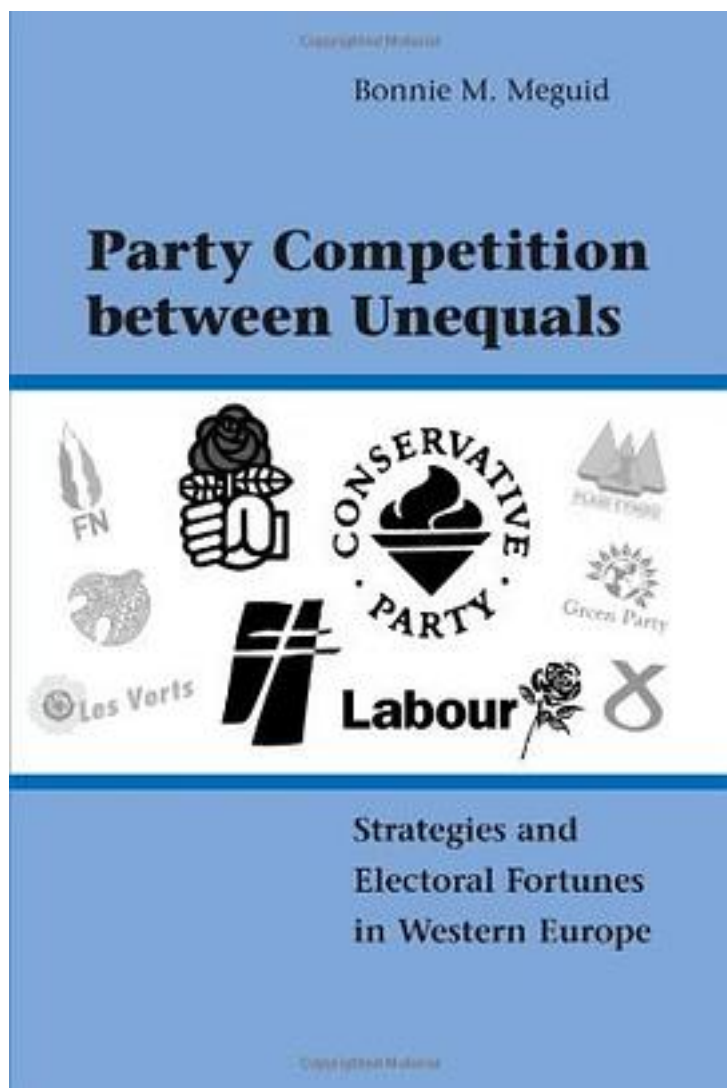


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Why do some political parties flourish, while others flounder? In this 2008 book, Meguid examines variation in the electoral trajectories of the new set of single-issue parties: green, radical right, and ethnoterritorial parties. Instead of being dictated by electoral institutions or the socioeconomic climate, as the dominant theories contend, the fortunes of these niche parties, she argues, are shaped by the strategic responses of mainstream parties. She advances a theory of party competition in which mainstream parties facing unequal competitors have access to a wider and more effective set of strategies than posited by standard spatial models. Combining statistical analyses with in-depth case studies from Western Europe, the book explores how and why established parties undermine niche parties or turn them into weapons against their mainstream party opponents. This study of competition between unequals thus provides broader insights into the nature and outcome of competition between political equals.

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评论

写的相当不错的一部著作，的确感觉非常受启发。日本政治的研究，长期以来政党政治深受美国政治研究政党模型的影响。具体来说，这主要和学者们的关注重点都在自民党身上有关。但是论及政党之间的竞争，自然人们还是要从欧洲的多党制的历史中寻找启发。这部著作最大的启发点就在于，主流政党之间的竞争，对于“外来者”的小政党的命运有何影响。虽然日本并没有所谓的种族政党或者绿党。但是宗教政党和地方政治势力的大阪维新会和参议院的一些会派的确是深受在野党和自民党政治竞争关系影响的。例如，当在野党和自民党发现打宗教牌是有利可图的时候，公明党就成了反民主的宗教集团，而公明党成为执政联盟中的一员的时候，公明党就摇身一变成了他们口里稳健，清廉和负责任的合法政党了。同样的理论框架，换个故事来说，照样可以写出不错的论文来

真的是特别好的一本书。从直觉来说，谁都明白政治争点是易于操纵的，然而如何操纵，为什么要操纵。并不是易于回答的一个问题。作者的研究，理论非常明快，虽然有讨论的余地。就实证而言，他的理论和故事还是基本一致的。欧洲真是政党研究的宝库啊~~

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