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upturning the typical view of turkey s democratic trajectory as a product of authoritarian assault or unfortunate circumstances this book argues that the akp first elected in 2002 has consistently advanced a narrative of democracy as the work of an elite working for the national will beginning with an analysis of the historical processes that led to the akp s rise at the beginning of the 21st century the book then focuses on the akp since 2002 though turkey s democratic transition was originally characterised by western co operation the author outlines the gradual deterioration of these relations since the 2010s as well as the decline of political rights freedom of expression and the rule of law however bringing in theoretical perspectives of democracy it is argued that the akp has adopted an alternative definition based on the national will throughout its rule resistant to the western essentialist view as such the akp s story highlights that the root of this crisis lies within democracy itself the book will appeal to historians and analysts of turkish politics as well as to political scientists interested in theories of democracy moreover for those interested in the global contemporary crisis of democracy the book provides an important case study

western democracy is being questioned around the world at the same time western aid groups are quick to say that they are not trying to impose a particular style of democracy on others and that they are open to supporting local alternative forms of democracy this book examines what it is about western democracy that non westerners are reacting negatively to and whether the critics often are equating a dislike for certain western social or economic features with an aversion to of western political systems it also explores the current state of debate about alternative forms of democratic practice in different regions asia africa the middle east and latin america and then puts forward ideas about how western actors engaged in democracy support can do a better job of incorporating new thinking about alternative democratic forms into their efforts

excerpt from the powers and aims of western democracy the following pages were in type before the recent treaty of versailles was completed and signed in consequence of this there are of necessity occasional verbal ineptitudes not fitting the moment of publication and for these the author asks friendly consideration but what he began to write before the period of the great war and has completed within it is his deliberate opinion that democracy is in its essence conservative that the drift toward socialism is an attack on its very life that the democratic nation is the best form of human association so far devised and that neither democracy nor nationality insures enduring peace it is a tremendous gain that the concept both of lasting peace and a republic of mankind is

at last considered a working hypothesis even if fulfilment be postponed about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks.com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

by the turn of the 1990s western democracy appeared destined to become the universal governmental norm however as we move into the new millennium there are growing signs that extremism is far from dead in recent years the extreme right has gathered notable support in many western countries such as austria france and italy racist violence initially aimed at immigrants is on the rise and in the us and increasingly in europe the state itself has become a major target this book considers the varying trajectories of the extreme right and populist parties and focuses on the problems of responses to these trends an issue which has hitherto been neglected in academic literature

includes pictures includes a bibliography for further reading in today s modern world every political regime even the most authoritarian or repressive describes itself as democracy or a democratic people s republic the concept of rule by the people on behalf of the people has come to be accepted as the norm and very few would overtly espouse the cause of dictatorship absolute monarchy or oligarchy as the most desirable political system upon which to base the government of any country it is also generally accepted that democracy as a political ideology began in greece specifically in athens in the 7th century bce and reached its zenith in the 5th century under the leadership of pericles dating an exact starting point is impossible but at the beginning of the 7th century bce solon inaugurated a series of reforms that began the movement away from rule by individuals or tyrants and by the end of that century the reforms of cleisthenes provided the basis of the athenian democratic system that culminated in the radical institutions introduced by ephialtes and pericles in the 5th century the result was the first and possibly only truly participative democratic state of course not every inhabitant of athens enjoyed the right to vote only full citizens could do that and they represented approximately 30 of athens s male population numbering between 30 000 and 60 000 during athens golden age and

declining rapidly throughout the peoloponnesian war the remainder was made up of metics and slaves who vastly outnumbered free citizens and indeed almost all other slave populations in hellas a fact which the athenians often conveniently chose to forget when singing the praises of their democracy there is a very strong indication that foreign chattel slaves were an utter necessity to athens economy and though they did not serve as fleet rowers as they would have done in rome they still carried out the myriad of unpleasant and demeaning jobs which allowed athenian citizens the free time to actively participate in the city s politics in many ways without slaves there would have been no democracy in athens the greeks and romans would not have recognized or accepted any of today s modern versions of democracy as being truly democratic a rejection of dictatorships masquerading as democracies would be understandable but the ancients would have been equally scathing of western style representative democracies that they would undoubtedly have seen as anti democratic the key to democracy as far as the greeks and romans were concerned was active participation by the citizen body in all political aspects of life while the french revolution tried and ultimately failed to bring about an almost fully democratic system the fledgling united states of america managed to bring about one of the most enduring forms of democratic government in the 1780s the constitution of the united states was not the first written expression of the democratic ideal but it certainly was the most perfect in the context of the times in the entire history of the british empire only two territories would attempt a unilateral declaration of independence the first was the united states and the second 189 years later was the rebel territory of southern rhodesia in the constellation of british african territories the sheer audacity in 1776 of a subject territory of the british crown declaring itself independent sent shockwaves through the imperial establishment setting into motion a reevaluation of british overseas policy and beginning the boldest experiment in democracy to date the seeds of the american revolution could be found in the fundamental distrust of distant government held by a local population of an independent character confronting a continent almost infinite in its scope

democracy is often associated with western liberal values such as free markets individual rights and secularism some scholars assert that liberal democracy is the end of history disputing such claims this work presents the concept of universal democracy to think beyond the values of western democracy a theory of universal democracy empowers cultures and communities across the world to custom design democracy in consonance with their traditional values for example the book makes concrete proposals for muslim countries to democratize their constitutions without accepting western values and without violating the principles of islamic law

more importantly universal democracy further develops the idea of free state which the author first presented in his previous book the extinction of nation states the proposed fusion of universal democracy and free state is designed to revolutionize the classical theory of government and to offer a new paradigm that accommodates both universality and uniqueness

intellectual interest in the growth and study of democracy is not a post cold war phenomenon but its intensified interest is recently new questions have been asked such as whether the widespread democratization process will yield similar end products in different parts of the world which are endowed with vastly different heritages and history or whether we will see the emergence of variants in democratic models in the same way the growth of the capitalist system and practice of a free market in some situations lead the state to play a role not anticipated in the traditional free market observed to be distinct from those in the industrialized west and most certainly different from that of the united states it has been the growing concern of many academics and policy makers that in the post cold war era these differing perspective and practices of democracy and the free market could become the substance of the new ideological debate in the coming decade between countries in east asia and the west led by united states the four essays published in this volume were presented as keynote papers defining the major themes of the conference asian and american perspectives on capitalism and democracy organized by the asia society the institute of policy studies the singapore international foundation and the institute of southeast asian studies held in singapore 28 30 january 1993 the essays serve as useful contributions to the current rigorous and ongoing debate

a major new history of how democracy became the dominant political force in europe in the second half of the twentieth century what happened in the years following world war ii to create a democratic revolution in the western half of europe in western europe s democratic age martin conway provides an innovative new account of how a stable durable and remarkably uniform model of parliamentary democracy emerged in western europe and how this democratic ascendancy held fast until the latter decades of the twentieth century drawing on a wide range of sources conway describes how western europe s postwar democratic order was built by elite intellectual and popular forces much more than the consequence of the defeat of fascism and the rejection of communism this democratic order rested on universal male and female suffrage but also on new forms of state authority and new political forces primarily christian and social democratic that espoused democratic values above all it gained the support of the people for whom

democracy provided a new model of citizenship that reflected the aspirations of a more prosperous society this democratic order did not however endure its hierarchies of class gender and race which initially gave it its strength as well as the strains of decolonization and social change led to an explosion of demands for greater democratic freedoms in the 1960s and to the much more contested democratic politics of europe in the late twentieth century western europe s democratic age is a compelling history that sheds new light not only on the past of european democracy but also on the unresolved question of its future

this is the first comprehensive study of the transition to democracy in eastern europe which includes the processes in party formation political culture building institution building and economic transformation and to differentiate between areas and countries east and southeastern europe are included as well as the republics of the former soviet union the theories of transformation to democracy developed in former transitions such as 1919 1945 and the 1970s are tested in the case of eastern europe in many areas the picture developed by the author is not very optimistic he feels that anocracy a mixture between democracy and authoritarian regimes is likely to develop in many countries

are islam and democracy on a collision course do islamic movements seek to hijack democracy how have governments in the muslim world responded to the many challenges of islam and democracy today a global religious resurgence and calls for greater political participation have been major forces in the post cold war period across the muslim world governments and islamic movements grapple with issues of democratization and civil society islam and democracy explores the islamic sources beliefs and institutions relevant to the current debate over greater political participation and democratization esposito and voll use six case studies algeria egypt iran malaysia pakistan and sudan to look at the diversity of muslim experiences and experiments at one end of the spectrum iran and sudan represent two cases of militant revolutionary islam establishing political systems in pakistan and malaysia however the new movements have been recognized and made part of the political process egypt and algeria reveal the coexistence of both extremist and moderate islamic activism and demonstrate the complex challenges confronting ruling elites these case studies prove that despite commonalities differing national contexts and identities give rise to a multiplicity of agendas and strategies this broad spectrum of case studies reflecting the multifaceted relationship of islam and democracy provides important insight into the powerful forces of religious resurgence and democratization which will inevitably impact global politics in the

twenty first century

is democracy in decline is a short book that takes up the fascinating question on whether this once revolutionary form of government the bedrock of western liberalism is fast disappearing has the growth of corporate capitalism mass economic inequality and endemic corruption reversed the spread of democracy worldwide in this incisive collection leading thinkers address this disturbing and critically important issue published as part of the national endowment for democracy s 25th anniversary and drawn from articles forthcoming in the journal of democracy this collection includes seven essays from a stellar group of democracy scholars francis fukuyama robert kagan thomas carothers marc plattner larry diamond philippe schmitter steven levitsky ivan krastev and lucan way written in a thought provoking style from seven different perspectives this book provides an eye opening look at how the very foundation of western political culture may be imperiled

china s dramatic economic growth in the last two decades of the last century and the prospect of its rise as a great power in this new one have greatly increased its weight and importance in world affairs consequently the progress or lack of progress of china s transition to democracy has become a central concern of the international community this timely collection brings together many well known scholars to systematically explore china s current government and assess that transition toward democracy the contributors seek to bridge the gap between normative theories of democracy and empirical studies of china s political development by providing a comprehensive overview of china s domestic history economy and public political ideologies overall the volume contends that chinese culture and confucianism are not the obstacles to democratic transition that some scholars have said they are and that the success of market reforms has eroded authoritarian rule this weakening does not guarantee a successful transition however and the contributors show that there are many reasons to be skeptical about the short term prospects for democracy in china including historical failures the underdevelopment of civil society political apathy and competing social values though china s political culture is essentially neither anti democratic nor pro democratic it must still overcome many obstacles in order to achieve democracy

during the first world war conflicts between the people s sacrifices and their political participation led to crises of parliamentary

legitimacy this volume compares british german swedish and finnish debates on revolution rule by the people democracy and parliamentarism and their transnational links the british reform although more about winning the war than advancing democracy restored parliamentary legitimacy unlike in germany where allied demands for democratisation made reform appear treasonous and fostered native german solutions sweden only adopted western political models after major confrontations but reforms saw it embark on its path to social democracy in finland competing russian revolutionary discourses and german and swedish inspired appeals to legality brought about the deterioration of parliamentary legitimacy and a civil war only a republican compromise imposed by the entente following a royalist initiative in 1918 led to the construction of a viable polity

this book examines western efforts at democracy promotion reactions by illiberal challengers and regional powers and political and societal conditions in target states it is argued that western powers are not unequivocally committed to the promotion of democracy and human rights while non democratic regional powers cannot simply be described as autocracy supporters this volume examines in detail the challenges by three illiberal regional powers china russia and saudi arabia to western us and eu efforts at democracy promotion the contributions specifically analyze their actions in ethiopia and angola in the case of china georgia and ukraine in the case of russia and tunisia in the case of saudi arabia democratic powers such as the us or the eu usually prefer stability over human rights and democracy if democratic movements threaten stability in a region neither the us nor the eu supports them as to illiberal powers they are generally not that different from their democratic counterparts they also prefer stability over turmoil neither russia nor china nor saudi arabia explicitly promote autocracy instead they seek to suppress democratic movements in their periphery the minute these groups threaten their security interests or are perceived to endanger their regime survival this was previously published as a special issue of democratization

this text explains the different models of democracy and the varied approaches taken by a number of international actors to promote or impose democratic and economic reform

with contributions by more than thirty of the world s leading scholars of democracy this volume presents the most comprehensive assessment available of the state of democracy in the world at the beginning of the new millennium

this book offers a systematic exploration of the role of religion and religiosity in electoral politics across western europe and in the united states the chapters approach the relationship between religion religiosity and electoral behaviour from a variety of different angles and on the basis of a range of comparative datasets

international aid and democracy promotion investigates the link between foreign aid and the promotion of democracy using theory statistical tests and illustrative case studies this book challenges the field of development to recognize that democracy promotion is unlike other development goals with a goal like economic development the interests of the recipient and the donor coincide whereas with democratization authoritarian recipients have strong reasons to oppose what donors seek the different motivations of donors and recipients must be considered if democracy aid is to be effective the author examines how donors exercise their leverage over aid recipients and more importantly why using selectorate theory to understand the incentives of both aid donors and recipients international aid and democracy promotion will be of great interest to academics and students of development and democratization as well as policy makers with authority over foreign aid allocation the open access version of this book available at taylorfrancis.com/books/e/9781003050438 has been made available under a creative commons attribution non commercial no derivatives 4.0 license open access for this book is generously supported by the ashoka university

in a radical reflection john young contends that the us model of democracy has failed the global south because its emphasis on the supremacy of market capitalism entails a loss of national sovereignty and a truncated notion of human rights that leaves little room for citizens engagement or socioeconomic justice the global south needs democracy but the us model does not address issues of national oppression or economic injustices by raising living standards and ensuring national sovereignty however the us international liberal order is increasing being challenged and a multipolar world is emerging that provides opportunities for people in the global south to construct systems of democracy that meet their needs rather than those of the us

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