
The Comparative Study of Local Government and Politics There is a large and growing literature on Turkish politics in general, and the AKP in particular. However, local government and party organization, although very important topics, are strikingly understudied. This book compares local politics in two Central Anatolian cities, Konya and Eskişehir, ruled by different governmental parties, the AKP in Konya and the CHP in Eskişehir. It analyzes how national political parties adapt to local contexts (‘culture of everyday politics’) and how they seek to influence local culture (‘politics of everyday culture’). By examining how municipal politics is practiced on a daily basis, it illuminates more fundamental aspects of Turkish politics such as political mobilization, establishing links between voters and politicians, various practices of decision-making and the role of civil society. All of this has been critical for the AKP’s continuous electoral success since 2002. The findings are based on over 1.5 years of fieldwork in the two cities, as well as over 50 interviews with national and local political actors. The main fields of research are mayoral biographies, municipal practices, particularly with regard to welfare and service provision, the cooperation with other municipal actors as political parties or civil society organizations; urban planning activities and cultural policy. The study helps to comprehend more fundamental aspects of Turkish politics such as political mobilization, the establishing of links between voters, municipalities and parties as well as decision-making processes. Municipal Politics in Turkey fills a gap in existing literature by illuminating the fundamental aspects of Turkish politics, such as political mobilization, the establishing of links between voters, municipalities and parties as well as decision-making processes. It will be a valuable resource for students and scholars interested in Turkish Politics and political parties, municipal/local politics and comparative politics.
Local Elections and the Politics of Small-Scale Democracy

This volume is the authoritative Handbook guide to the development of Greek politics, economy, and society from the period of the fall of the Colonels' Regime (1974) to the present day, including the causes and consequences of the crisis in Greece and the aftermath of the crisis, in comparative and historical perspective.

State and Local Government

You have probably heard the adage, "all politics is local." It suggests that most of us are motivated politically by what is going on in our lives, in our actual neighborhoods and communalities. The reality is that not only does local government have the most influence in your life, but also provides the opportunity for you to make the biggest difference. In her book, "Make a Difference: Navigating the Maze of Local Government," Cynthia Northrup White offers a veritable guidebook for understanding the way local government operates and how you can make the biggest impact. This book is not only for the neighborhood citizen who wants to change the way the city picks up trash or the way tax rates are established, but also for the college student preparing for a life in the political arena. "If citizens are knowledgeable about how government works and how different levels of government interact they will be more successful in finding solutions to issues important to them." Many people desire to make a difference in their community, but they have no idea where to begin or how to proceed. It might begin with casting your vote, but that is certainly not all that can be done. In her book, "Making a Difference," Carolyn Northrop White peals away the layers of government so we can see how they function and work together. You will be amazed at how much you can do for your neighborhood and community by simply understanding how to be involved. "I believe those who read her book will not only gain new insight on how local governments work, they will also be inspired. I highly recommend her both as an author and as a speaker." Sheri Groves, Chief Administrator for Ron Marchant, Denton County Commissioner "I believe people who read this book will gain insight and inspiration on how they can make a difference in their communities through local government and community participation." Bobbie Mitchell - Denton County Commissioner I hope many will read "Making a Difference" and learn basic mechanics of local government that will equip them with information, and glean from her insights into how they can participate more effectively so that our rights and privileges may continue, and pass them on to our children and grandchildren" Eric Kaszynski Community Activist

Cynthia has been active in many areas of the community serving two terms on the Lewisville, Texas, City Council. She also served as a Denton County Commissioner for two terms. Cynthia's passion for educating people on how local government works and why it is important to be involved has remained a consistent theme in all her undertakings. Her hobbies include health and fitness, and music. Actively training clients today, Cynthia has been a lifetime advocate of health and fitness, becoming a Group Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer. A self-taught keyboard player, her musical outlets include singing and songwriting. She has produced five CD's of mostly original tunes, plays in a band, and sings and plays keyboard on the worship team in her home church.

Local Government and the States: Autonomy, Politics and Policy

A study of local government policy formulation, drawing on developments in economics - such as new institutional economics - and advances in the theories of social capital and leadership. The authors also examine rival minimalist and activist approaches to local government reform.

The Politics of Local Government

The best learning requires access to textbooks that match both student and instructor expectations. At one time, state and local
government courses were a required aspect of political science (or government or public affairs) undergraduate education. With the exception of a few states, which still require such a course, classes on state and local government have become elective in most colleges and universities. Times are changing rather dramatically in this area, however. It is broadly felt now among public policy scholars that while many areas of governmental responsibility are indeed shaped by federal government policies and mandates, many emerging issues of import for local and state government are related to the sustainability of quality of life in states and local communities across the country. This concern for sustainability represents a critical topic of study tied directly to local customs, natural resources, social institutions and cultural values. It follows that both student and instructor expectations in the area of state and local government center upon the extent of and nature of the discussion of sustainability themes featured in a textbook being considered for course adoption. The major goal of this book is to provide an accessible overview and guide to state and local government for students with little to no previous exposure (and possibly limited interest) in order to encourage and facilitate lifelong civic engagement. In an attempt to achieve this principal purpose, we present state and local government in a contemporary context by examining the many forces that either promote or threaten social, economic, institutional and environmental sustainability. The book makes note of where students can go to find additional information on their own and on other state and local governments, and how citizens can follow the developments of - and even become actively involved in - the unfolding of state and local governance issues that affect their own daily lives in many ways.

The Oxford Handbook of Political Networks This book is an explanation of the long-standing interrelationship between local government and political parties. It examines and outlines the differences between the political party outside the council and the political party group of councillors within the council. It explores the impact that the party groups have on the conduct of council business, decision-making and policy development and the impact they have on local representation. It addresses two questions that are fundamental to local representative democracy--who or what is it that the councillor represents, and are councillors elected to govern or to serve.

Theoretical Foundations and Discussions on the Reformation Process in Local Governments The partisan and ideological polarization associated with federal government plagues states and localities too, bringing with it significant implications for public policy and intergovernmental relations. The trusted and proven Governing States and Localities guides students through these issues and continues its focus on the role economic and budget pressures play. With their engaging journalistic writing and crisp storytelling, Kevin B. Smith and Alan Greenblatt employ a comparative approach to explain how and why states and localities are both similar and different in institutional structure, culture, history, economy, geography, and demographics. A great blend of high-quality academic analysis and the latest scholarship, the Sixth Edition is thoroughly updated to account for such major developments as state vs. federal conflicts over immigration reform, gun control, and voter rights; health and education reforms aimed at improving the effectiveness of state and local government service delivery; and the lingering effects of the Great Recession.

Local Politics Matters This book offers an overview of the legal, political, and broad intergovernmental environment in which relations between local and state units of government take place, the historical roots of the conflict among them, and an analysis of contemporary problems concerning local authority, local
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revenues, state interventions and takeovers, and the restructuring of local governments. The author pays special attention to local governmental autonomy and the goals and activities of local officials as they seek to secure resources, fend off regulations and interventions, and fight for survival as independent units. He looks at the intergovernmental struggle from the bottom up, but in the process examines a variety of political activities at the state level and the development and effects of several state policies. Berman finds considerable reason to be concerned about the viability and future of meaningful local government.

Local Government and Politics in China: Challenges from below Local government can be defined as a public entity acting as the sub-unit of a state or of a region, charged with the task of enforcing public policies. There have been many reforms of local government in recent years from the grassroots-led movement that took root in the 90\'s to the overarching effects of globalization and decentralization. Local governments must adapt their practices in order to most effectively provide for their constituents. Theoretical Foundations and Discussions on the Reformation Process in Local Government addresses the effects of recent reforms in the political-administrative system of local governments and politics as well as future outlooks. It reviews the challenges, innovations, and lessons from local governments while providing theoretical perspectives on methods for positive reform. This book is a critical reference source for policy makers, government organizations, professionals, and actors in both local and international politics.

The Politics of State and Local Government A lively written, thought-provoking book which uses a clear, accessible approach to political conflict in American states and communities. It explores the what and the why behind current issues including illegal immigration, term limits, the fight against tobacco, campaign finance, sexual harassment, welfare reform, crime in the states, police and law enforcement, state correctional policies, the death penalty, abortion, affirmative action and more. This book compares the public policy and government management strategies of state and local governments, while focusing on the sources and nature of conflict. Coverage demonstrates how communities and states in America play an important role in the political life of the nation. For anyone wanting to learn more about State, Local, State and Local Government and Urban Politics.

The Politics of Local Government in Russia State and Local Politics The Routledge Handbook of International Local Government conducts a rigorous, innovative and distinctive analysis of local government within a comparative, international context. Examining the subject matter with unrivalled breadth and depth, this handbook shows how different cultures and countries develop different institutions, structures and processes over time, yet that all have some features in common – the most obvious of which is the recognition that some decisions are better made, some services better delivered, and some engagement with the state better organised if there is structured organisational expression of the importance of the local dimension of all these factors. Thematically organised, it includes contributions from international experts with reference to the wider context in terms of geographies, local government modes, recent developments and possible further lines of research. It has a wide academic appeal internationally and will steer a course between the two dimensions of mono-jurisdictional studies and ‘cataloguing’ forms of comparison. The Routledge Handbook of International
Local Government will be essential reading and an authoritative reference for scholars, students, researchers and practitioners involved in, and actively concerned about, research on local government.

Municipal Politics in Turkey Democrats have largely ceded control of state governments to the GOP, allowing them to rig our political system and undermine democracy itself. After the 2016 election, Republicans had their largest majority in the states since 1928, controlling legislative chambers in thirty-two states and governor offices in thirty-three. They also held both chambers of Congress and the presidency despite losing the popular vote. What happened? Meaghan Winter shows how the Democratic Party and left-leaning political establishment have spent the past several decades betting it all on the very risky and increasingly foolhardy strategy of abandoning the states to focus on federal races. For the American public, the fallout has been catastrophic. At the behest of their corporate patrons, Republican lawmakers have diminished employee protections and healthcare access and thwarted action on climate change. Voting rights are being dismantled, and even the mildest gun safety measures are being blocked. Taking us to three key battlegrounds—in Missouri, Florida, and Colorado—Winter reveals that robust state and local politics are the lifeblood of democracy and the only lasting building block of political power.

Governing States and Localities This theoretically and experientially grounded reference provides a complete overview of the principles and applications of government administration and management practices in the local public sector. Written by over 25 distinguished academics and professionals with substantial experience as practitioners and consultants of administrative operations to local governments, the book covers the effects of environmental conditions on local administrators and management techniques to administration in different types of local government. It helps readers reduce research time by presenting advanced materials on local government administration and management in a single source.

Local Governance in Western Europe It feels like politics counts more today than it ever has. At the same time, people are frustrated by “the mess in Washington” or think “I can’t make a difference.” Local Politics Matters shows a way out: a chance for everyday people to feed their hunger for political action while having a positive impact. Richard Meagher, a professor of political science, takes the knowledge that scholars have gathered from half a century of studying local politics, and translates it into clear action steps for citizens. In a time where people are seeing how important their state and local governments are on matters of policing, public health, and housing, Local Politics Matters is a book for readers who want to make a difference. Local Politics Matters: • Explains local government. There are over 90,000 local governments in America. Do you have a “strong mayor” or “council-mayor” system of government? Who sits on your “board of supervisors”? What the heck is a “selectman”?! • Shows why you should care. Local politics offers access—officials are literally the people in your neighborhood—and impact: you can make a difference. • Lays out what to do. In local politics, sometimes there are right answers. The book explores six issues where only one path makes sense, and then follows up with specific steps to get involved.

Politics in States and Communities

The Routledge Handbook of International Local Government This new edition takes into account new developments in local government and is aimed at
students, local government officers, prospective councillors and those on extra-
mural courses. The author presents the material within an historical and
academic framework.

All Politics Is Local Politics is intuitively about relationships, but until recently
the network perspective has not been a dominant part of the methodological
paradigm that political scientists use to study politics. This volume is a
foundational statement about networks in the study of politics.

Hometown Inequality According to the Constitution of the Russian Federation,
adopted in 1993, local autonomy is one of the fundamental principles of the
constitutional system. The Politics of Local Government in Russia aims to
provide a dedicated and comprehensive discussion of the pursuit of local self-
government in contemporary Russia where "local" refers to the third tier of
government beyond federal and regional governments. Some of the ablest
scholars in the field focus on the existing institutional and social climate for
municipal and district level government in Russia while placing recent reforms
in a comparative and historical perspective.

The Second Tier of Local Government in Europe After over a decade of
administrative and economic reform in mainland China, the center has become
increasingly remote and less important for many localities. In many ways, the
mobilization capacity of the central government has been weakened. Central
government policies are often ignored and local officials are often more
interested in personal projects than in centrally directed economic plans. In this
study of local government and politics in China, the author explores when and
why local government officials comply with policy directives from above. Drawing
on interviews with government officials in various municipalities and a review of
county records and other government documents, he provides the first in-depth
look at policy implementation at the county and township levels in the PRC. The
book examines the impact of the Chinese cadre system on the behavior of local
officials, local party and government structure, relationships among various
levels of Chinese local government, policy supervision mechanisms at local
levels, village governance of China, and more.

Handbook of Local Government Administration This book is the first of its kind
to take concepts directly from the most commonly used textbooks in state and
local politics and apply them directly to current events. It presents twelve
chapters of case studies, richly detailing key topics ranging from how the
comparative method can be used to understand the similarities and differences
between diverse places, to a look at how state governments have taken the lead
on COVID-19, environmental policy, civil rights, gun control, college tuition
regulation, cybersecurity and elections, sex offenders, and many more subjects of
contemporary interest. It devotes a complete chapter to local-level politics in
Nevada, Florida, and Iowa, and wraps up with a unique chapter on regional
governance bridging between states and localities. This detailed and highly
readable book is designed to complement traditional state and local textbooks. It
is also of interest to students of public administration, public policy, urban
politics, and intro to American politics.

Local Government and Urban Politics The 10th edition of STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT provides comprehensive and completely updated coverage of
institutions, political behavior, and policy-making at the state and local level.
This bestselling text’s theme of increased capacity and responsiveness of state
and local government conveys excitement about politics at the grassroots level
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Local Politics: A Practical Guide to Governing at the Grassroots The book combines a review of scholarly sources as well as the experiences of an elected government official to examine the politics behind local government. Conflicts that take place at the local level as well as opportunities to make meaningful change are addressed.

The Politics of Local Government Looking at the future of local government, this book examines the different changes, such as community charge and other financial changes, housing reforms, education reforms services, local democracy and other problems within the local government.

The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government `Its strength lies in combining theoretical insights with an impressive range of empirical material. The analysis is subtle and multi-layered. This is a timely and important book' - Political Studies `Local governance have gained massive attention among scholars and practitioners during the past several years. Peter John's book fills a void in the literature by tracing the historical roots of local governance and by placing his findings in a comparative perspective' - Professor Jon Pierre, University of Gothenburg, Sweden `Peter John has produced a fascinating and stimulating book in which he assesses current developments in urban politics and local government in Europe and suggests how these changes are leading to different patterns of sub-national territorial politics in the EU today. What he has to say is of important interest to all students of local government; comparative politics and of territorial politics more generally' - Michael Goldsmith, University of Salford `this book offers a fascinating comparative analysis themes such as New Public Management, globalisation, regionalism and privatisation will be relevant to numerous courses in government, politics, public administration and public policy' - West European Politics This text provides a comprehensive introduction to local government and urban politics in contemporary Western Europe. It is the first book to map and explain the change in local political systems and to place these in comparative context. The book introduces students to the traditional structures and institutions of local government and shows how these have been transformed in response to increased economic and political competition, new ideas, institutional reform and the Europeanization of public policy. At the book's core is the perceived transition from local government to local governance. The book traces this key development thematically across a wide range of West European states including: Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Local Government and the States The book provides a review of the state of the art as regards local government studies, with an emphasis on contributions by political scientists. Particular attention is paid to the development of the research agenda in the field. At the end, a future research agenda is outlined. The first chapter of the book outlines the development of the research agenda of the field of local government studies; while community power studies were central topics from the 1930s and into the 1950s and 60s, policy-oriented research became increasingly popular in the 1970s. Institutional issues have always been important concerns to the scholars in this field. The next chapter raises a question of increasing relevance in a globalizing world: Will local government have any meaningful role in such a world? Various answers, mostly
in the affirmative, are suggested. Local government studies face specific methodological challenges; these are reviewed in a separate chapter; the role of local government studies as a laboratory for the social sciences is highlighted. The book also provides a global overview of the infra-structure of research in the field (research institutes and groups, data bases, etc). Finally, ideas regarding a research agenda for the future are presented and a Laswellian platform for collaborative and comparative research is elaborated.

The Future of Local Government The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government covers the main areas of study in subnational politics by exploring the central contributions to the comparative study of institutions, behaviour, and policy in the American context.

Party Politics and Local Government

The Oxford Handbook of Modern Greek Politics Analysing democratic theory and its relevance to local politics, this book looks at the dynamics of council chamber politics and the approaches taken by the main parties. The author suggests that, in order for councils to become politically meaningful, they must radically change the way in which they conduct local politics and decision making.

How Local Politics Shape Federal Policy Focusing on five Los Angeles environmental policy debates between 1920 and 1950, Sarah Elkind investigates how practices in American municipal government gave business groups political legitimacy at the local level as well as unanticipated influence over federal politics. Los Angeles's struggles with oil drilling, air pollution, flooding, and water and power supplies expose the clout business has had over government. Revealing the huge disparities between big business groups and individual community members in power, influence, and the ability to participate in policy debates, Elkind shows that business groups secured their political power by providing Los Angeles authorities with much-needed services, including studying emerging problems and framing public debates. As a result, government officials came to view business interests as the public interest. When federal agencies looked to local powerbrokers for project ideas and political support, local business interests influenced federal policy, too. Los Angeles, with its many environmental problems and its dependence upon the federal government, provides a distillation of national urban trends, Elkind argues, and is thus an ideal jumping-off point for understanding environmental politics and the power of business in the middle of the twentieth century.

Local Politics Challenges to Local Government offers a timely discussion of how local governments have implemented public policies during the last decade. Concentrating on Britain and the United States (but with essays on Scandinavia, France and Canada) the authors document, explain and analyze the implications of these policies for local autonomy, focusing especially upon local economic initiatives.

The Political Economy of Local Government This book takes a comparative approach to local government across 14 European countries, looking at processes of decentralisation, regionalisation and reforms of local government. Examining second levels of government, such as UK Counties, French Départements, Italian and Spanish Provinces, and German Landkreise, this book reveals both the specific characteristics of particular countries, and also similarities across Europe. As the first book focussing on the second level of local governments, this monograph combines comparative analysis of
institutional trends and reforms of local government with examination of country-
specific features to provide an original and insightful evaluation of European
governance. Organised along common thematic lines, leading experts in their
field outline the historical development of local government, and analyse recent
or current reform debates. The book argues democratic quality and effectiveness
of this territorial level of government is in the focus of on-going debates about
the rescaling of statehood and a shift from 'government to governance'. The
Second Tier of Local Government in Europe will be of interest to students and
scholars studying local government, public administration and multi-level
governance.

The Theory and Practice of Local Government Reform This book offers an
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historical roots of the conflict among them, and an analysis of contemporary
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activities at the state level and the development and effects of several state
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and future of meaningful local government.

Party Politics and Local Government The comprehensively revised second edition
of this successful text provides an up-to-date analysis of the changing world of
local politics in Britain. Substantial new sections have been added on local
political parties, hung councils, the politics of non-elected local government,
recent developments in privatisation, and the politics of the poll tax. The book
now provides a systematic treatment of the Thatcher legacy in local politics, the
philosophy and strategy which underpinned it and likely futures in the post-
Thatcher era. Reviews of the 1st edition: 'should be read by anyone seeking to
understand local government and its possible futures.' George Jones, Local
Government Chronicle 'an excellent and stimulating introductory text.' Peter
McLaverty, Sociological Review

State and Local Government and Politics Local government is the hidden
leviathan of American politics: it accounts for nearly a tenth of gross domestic
product, it collects nearly as much in taxes as the federal government, and its
decisions have an enormous impact on Americans' daily lives. Yet political
scientists have few explanations for how people vote in local elections,
particularly in the smaller cities, towns, and suburbs where most Americans live.
Drawing on a wide variety of data sources and case studies, this book offers the
first comprehensive analysis of electoral politics in America's municipalities.
Arguing that current explanations of voting behavior are ill suited for most local
contests, Eric Oliver puts forward a new theory that highlights the crucial
differences between local, state, and national democracies. Being small in size,
limited in power, and largely unbiased in distributing their resources, local
governments are "managerial democracies" with a distinct style of electoral
politics. Instead of hinging on the partisanship, ideology, and group appeals that
define national and state elections, local elections are based on the custodial
performance of civic-oriented leaders and on their personal connections to
voters with similarly deep community ties. Explaining not only the dynamics of
local elections, Oliver's findings also upend many long-held assumptions about
community power and local governance, including the importance of voter
turnout and the possibilities for grassroots political change.

Local Government at the Millenium This volume with contributions by
internationally renowned authors provides a comparative survey of problems in
local politics and administration in Europe, Australasia and North-America.

Making a Difference Unlike most competing texts that are densely written and
heavily theoretical, with little flavor of political life, this book is a readable,
jargon-free introduction to real-life local politics for today's students. While it
encompasses local government and politics in cities and towns across America,
"Local Politics: A Practical Guide to Governing at the Grassroots" gives special
attention to the politics of suburbia, where many students live, and encourages
them to become engaged in their own communities. The book is also
distinguished by its strong emphasis on nuts-and-bolts practical politics. It
provides focused discussion of institutions, roles, and personalities as well as the
dynamic environment of local politics (demographics, immigration,
globalization, etc.) and major policy issues (budgets, land use, transportation,
education, etc.). Other texts treat communities as abstractions and readers as
passive observers. "Local Politics: A Practical Guide to Governing at the
Grassroots" is designed to inspire civic engagement as well as understanding. It
features "In Your Community" research projects for students in every chapter
along with informative tables, clear charts, essential terms, and guides to useful
websites.

The Politics of Local Government 'Structural reform has been one of the most
important, and yet one of the most neglected, aspects of modern local
government. This book represents the first attempt, since the early seventies, at
providing a comprehensive account of both the theory and practice of structural
reform in local government in developed countries. Using recent policy
experience from seven different countries, the authors present seminal
theoretical perspectives on structural reforms in local governance and the policy
implications deriving from them. Written by well-known scholars of local
government from around the world, this volume is a "must-read" for all
academics, practitioners, students and policymakers.' - Giorgio Brosio,
University of Turin, Italy

State and Local Government The book combines a review of scholarly sources as
well as the experiences of an elected government official to examine the politics
behind local government. Conflicts that take place at the local level as well as
opportunities to make meaningful change are addressed.

Challenges to Local Government Local governments play a central role in
American democracy, providing essential services such as policing, water, and
sanitation. Moreover, Americans express great confidence in their municipal
governments. But is this confidence warranted? Using big data and a
representative sample of American communities, this book provides the first
systematic examination of racial and class inequalities in local politics. We find
that non-whites and less-affluent residents are consistent losers in local
democracy. Residents of color and those with lower incomes receive less
representation from local elected officials than do whites and the affluent.
Additionally, they are much less likely than privileged community members to
have their preferences reflected in local government policy. Contrary to the
popular assumption that governments that are "closest" govern best, we find
that inequalities in representation are most severe in suburbs and small towns.
Typical reforms do not seem to improve the situation, and we recommend new approaches.

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