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Local Government Today provides a comprehensive analysis of the structure, finance, management, and democratic framework for local government in Britain. This new edition includes the changes made by Tony Blair's government and an evaluation in a comparative context of the value and effectiveness of the system. A new feature is a running commentary that puts the British system in comparative context and provides basic information on how local government operates in the European Union and the United States. This volume represents a unique study of contemporary politics and policy-making in the five nation-states and three Home Rule territories of the Nordic region. Written in a lively and readable style by an expert in the field, its approach is systematically thematic and comparative. Chapters deal with current political science issues such as nation-building and state-building, party system change, semi-presidentialism and post-corporatism, as well as addressing intrinsically important regional questions such as whether or not there is a Nordic model of government, a distinctively Scandinavian form of parliamentarianism and a superior welfare system. There is also detailed discussion of the Nordic states in their strategic external environment, focusing on the post-war security configuration in northern Europe and the impact of European integration on Scandinavia. This text provides a comprehensive account of the most salient political issues in world politics and explains their significance in a way that is accessible to students and non-specialists alike. The end of the Cold War led to a widespread feeling of relief and talk of a new world order. Optimism however was short-lived and a whole range of difficult new issues, including ethnic conflict, refugees, terrorism and world security, have come to the fore. A number of ethical and moral issues such as poverty, human rights and religion has moved up the agenda of world politics. A new set of problems--involving the environment, technology, and health care--has impacted on the policy systems of states and international organizations. The contributors to this collection provide a basis for understanding emerging issues on the global stage. Over the last thirty-five years British politics has undergone something of a revolution: the collapse of strong class allegiance to parties; the recovery of an economy once perceived to be in terminal decline; the near twenty-year rule of the Tories; and the extraordinary emergence and establishment of the Blairite New Labour Party. Together with these changes we have also seen: the reshaping of the civil service; the establishment of devolved assemblies; the reform of the Lords; the decline of ideology; the apparent crushing of the Conservative Party; and the ubiquity of media management as a tool of political persuasion. This text outlines and contextualizes these major changes, and more. "Evidence Based Teaching presents a coherent, evidence based view of teaching and learning and presents some radical new methods that are known to greatly improve achievement. Evidence Based Teaching will help practically demonstrate how we should teach from the following sources: 1. School

effectiveness and school improvement research 2. Best practice in University teaching 3. Best practice in FE teaching 4. Effect size studies carried out mainly in schools 5. Teaching Thinking skills 6. Multiple representations 7. Constructivism. Together these strategies, ideas and advice provide us with both general principles for teaching, and very specific methods, all of which can substantially improve teaching and few of which are in common use. This new, revised edition includes a variety of improvements to the text, as well as a fresh new design in line with its companion title, Teaching Today 4th edn."--Publisher's website. This concise book is a broad and highly motivational introduction for first-year engineering students to the exciting field of chemical engineering. The material in the text is meant to precede the traditional second-year topics. It provides students with, 1) materials to assist them in deciding whether to major in chemical engineering; and 2) help for future chemical engineering majors to recognize in later courses the connections between advanced topics and relationships to the whole discipline. This text, or portions of it, may be useful for the chemical engineering portion of a broader freshman level introduction to engineering course that examines multiple engineering fields. The edition has been updated to become more PGCE focused. In particular, it now includes signposting for coverage of the FENTO standards and further coverage of key areas such as interactive whiteboard training. Media Today uses convergence as a lens that puts students at the center of the profound changes in the 21st century media world. Through the convergence lens they learn to think critically about the role of media today and what these changes mean for their lives presently and in the future. The book's media systems approach helps students to look carefully at how media is created, distributed, and exhibited in the new world that the digital revolution has created. In this way, Media Today goes beyond the traditional mass communication textbook's focus on consuming media, to give students an in. This is an excellent complementary text to the standard texts on American politics providing vital background in the form of historical and statistical information that enables students to see present day American politics in context. This text examines parliamentary government in theory and practice, drawing widely on academic research and making extensive use of Parliament's own records. Themes and concepts are illustrated by historical, recent and contemporary examples. Where appropriate, comparisons are made with practice in other countries. Boxes set out themes and concepts, figures illustrate the physical layout and tables provide detailed information on Parliament's operation. This new edition of "Elections USA" offers a thorough account of the electoral process at all levels and in all branches of American government, placing the issues in context. The book also provides details of other related themes including the history and nature of American political parties. An up-to-date look at the British Home Civil Service. The book considers the Service at the end of a period of reform which began in the 1980s, asking questions concerning the degree of politicization within it during the Next Steps and other reform programmes. From Diane Abbott to George Young via Keynesianism and Thatcherism, from Major to Millbank and from New Labour to Norman Tebbit, this book is the ultimate student reference guide to British politics. With over one thousand entries, the book covers the personalities, policies and institutions that have shaped British politics, with special emphasis on developments since the beginning of the twentieth century. This is the ideal instant reference book on British politics, providing readers with short, authoritative explanations and definitions of key terms, institutions, offices of state, political events, processes and policies as well as biographies of well known politicians, political thinkers, movements and theorists. Any student unsure of a term, an event, the details of the life of a prominent politician, or the inner workings of an institution can turn to this book for immediate assistance. Now in its fifth edition, Teaching Today is a comprehensive and readable introduction to teaching. Focusing on practical methods, techniques and strategies, it has been one of the best-selling teacher training textbooks for the past 20 years. Retaining its practical and user-friendly approach, the fifth edition updates include new chapters on differentiation, equality, inclusion and working with stakeholders. Table of contents This revised edition provides an introduction to British trade unionism and key debates

about its role in politics in the 1990s. It explores the political background to union activities, the industrial relations scene, the arguments for and against controversial aspects of union practice and the state of the unions in the face of the sustained challenge of the Conservative years. This is the first truly comparative volume to be written about the problems faced by the former East European bloc countries during the first 6 years of their transition. The author has lived and worked in the region throughout this whole period. Examines the tenets of liberalism, socialism, conservatism, Marxism, anarchism, and fascism. This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. There is an urgent need for a book of this nature which provides students with all the essential information required and a full definition of terms. A perfect companion to European politics today, written by the same authors, this book presents past events, prominent personalities, important dates, organisations and electoral information in an accessible, easy-to-read format. The book is split into five sections for ease of use: a dictionary of significant political events, a chronology of major events in Europe since 1945, a biographical dictionary, a dictionary of political organisations and electoral data. In addition to being a comprehensive reference tool, this book is intended to provide a sound historical background to the development of Western European politics. A comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of devolved government in Britain today. A very accessible introductory text, offering an exceptionally broad coverage of the politics of the Russian Federation. Anyone interested in learning about geographic concepts will appreciate this concise book that highlights the most important concepts. The fifth edition presents authoritative content, currency, and outstanding cartography. It continues to build on its strength for understanding maps with the help of additional question types. New coauthor Jan Nijman also helps provide a current view of the field. With its up-to-date information and accessible introduction, this book is engaging for any reader. This is the eBook of the printed book and may not include any media, website access codes, or print supplements that may come packaged with the bound book. For courses in Technical Communication. Fully centralizes the computer in the technical workplace, presenting how writers use computers throughout their communication process. The networked computer, from smartphone to mainframe, has become the central hub of written, spoken, and visual communication in today's scientific and technical workplace. Firmly rooted in core rhetorical principles, Technical Communication Today presents computers as thinking tools that powerfully influence how we develop, produce, design, and deliver technical documents and presentations. This popular text helps communicators draft and design documents, prepare material for print and web publication, and make oral presentations. Speaking to today's readers, the narrative is "chunked," so that readable portions of text are combined with graphics and can be "raided" by readers seeking the information they need. Retaining these features, the 6th Edition of Technical Communication Today also marks an important shift to drawing readers' attention to the centralization of innovation and entrepreneurship in the technical workplace. Revised chapters, new case studies, and new exercises and projects demonstrate that those who know how to write clearly, speak persuasively, and design functional and attractive texts will be the most likely to succeed in today's innovation-based and entrepreneurial workplace. Technical Communication Today, 6th Edition is also available via Revel™, an interactive learning environment that enables students to read, practice, and study in one continuous experience. Learn more. In comparison to many other areas of European political studies, contemporary Spain has received less attention than it deserves. This book aims to fill this gap in at least two important respects. It not only describes and analyzes the institutions of government on the Spanish political landscape, but also explores the distinctive traits of its policy processes at regional, national and European levels. Many of the issues which have dominated Spanish political agendas in the 1980s and 1990s are discussed throughout this book. This text presents a survey of the German political system. It gives an overview of the historical background to the present-day political system and an analysis of the institutions of political participation and the institutions of government. A number of important changes have occurred since the first edition, and these are covered fully in the book. They include the introduction of the Euro, the reform of the Commission, the Amsterdam Treaty, the elections of 1999 and Agenda 2000. This comprehensive account of a crucial but rather neglected aspect of British government examines the

role and significance of the prime minister and cabinet today. This volume offers a broad introduction to US government. As well as looking at institutions such as the Presidency, Congress and the Supreme Court, the book looks at the social and cultural context within which political issues are discussed. It also surveys controversies and arguments. Should, for example, the institutions created in the US constitution be seen as too weak or too strong? Can the US still be seen as a federal nation, or are all significant decisions taken in Washington, DC? Is the American law-making process in the grip of lobbyists. The book also includes ways of taking the subject further by listing follow-up reading, identifying useful Internet sites and providing a guide to relevant cinema films. 'French Politics Today' explains and sets in context all aspects of French politics, taking into account recent developments as well as the background and structure of the French political system. This new edition has been revised and updated to include coverage of the 1997 general election, the creation of a new coalition of Fianna Fail, and the Progressive Democrats under Bertie Ahern. Reflecting on current developments in Irish politics, the authors also examine other crucial issues such as the implications of a written constitution, changes in the party system, the power of major special interest groups, the role of the civil service, the position of the media, and membership in the European Union. In this new textbook Geoffrey Roberts and Patricia Hogwood provide an up-to-date introduction to the political system and processes of Western Europe. They show that political decisions are not made in a vacuum, but in the context of specific historical developments, geographical constraints and social demands. In the aftermath of the Scott Report and the Nolan Committee this new study looks at the declining accountability of government in Britain, and the growth of quangos and agencies as well as the Monarchy and House of Lords are examined. The contents focus directly on the dynamics of political argument in order to reveal how rival politicians and political scientists practice their persuasive art. Each contributor explores a disputed viewpoint, showing how differences of attitude and ideology structure the contemporary debate. Students should learn how an argument is constructed and develop the skills necessary for separating rhetoric from political reality. Further guidance is provided by summary boxes and suggested additional reading. This book provides an accessible and indispensable introduction to British general election, the results, the voting patterns and the implications for our understanding of British politics. This important new book, one of the first to reflect the 1997 election result and its effects, reassesses the major political parties in Britain--their ideals, organizations, finances, electoral prospects and the effect they have upon British society. The authors begin by clarifying the functions of political parties, before examining their policies and the extent to which there is a consensus in modern British politics. The shifting nature of Britain's party system is then dissected, before a much closer look is taken at the structure, leadership and membership of Britain's three major parties. A separate chapter also inspects the parties of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, offering a fresh perspective on their priorities and internal organization. Although the book has a strong historical content, it also takes a sharp look at British politics under the new Labor government, while considering the state of the Tory party under William Hague. The likely effect of a more intrusive European Union is also embraced. Politicians still call themselves socialists, conservatives and liberals, but among these groups exist very different understandings of what these terms represent. This new book provides a clear, comprehensive and up-to-date introduction to the ideas and doctrines that have shaped, and will continue to shape, British politics. The first section of the book looks at different aspects of the wider context, the nature of political doctrines or ideologies and the role they play in politics in general. The main section of the book examines individual ideologies, broadly grouped into two categories of "mainstream" ideologies--conservatism, socialism, liberalism, and nationalism--and the "fringe"--namely the Greens, the far left and the far right. British democracy, economic policy and consensus, the nature of ideological thinking and its place in politics are also considered. Finally, a short section considers the future: what forces, such as globalization and postmodernity, will shape the further development of those doctrines which are part of British politics today? Duncan Watts looks at the development and role of the press and television in Britain as he explores the relationship between politicians and the media in this new study of modern political communication.

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