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The Search for Arab Democracy—Lahri Sadiqi 2004 Lahri Sadiqi deploys the conceptual tools of contemporary Western political philosophy and theory to articulate some provocative theses. Her book challenges Eurocentric conceptions of democracy that frequently display a lack of concern for specificity and context; analyzes and interrogates Orientalist and Occidentalist discourses on democracy; and considers justifications for democracy in the global arena, giving space for self-representation by women and Islamists, among others.

Rethinking the Value of Democracy—Renéke Doreen 2018-07-21 This book is the first comprehensive analysis of the instrumental value of democracy in a comparative perspective. Based on extensive analyses of quantitative studies from different disciplines, it explores both the expected beneficial and harmful impact of democracy. Democracy’s reputation as delivering peace and development while controlling corruption is an important source of its own legitimacy. Yet, as this book acutely demonstrates, the arguments tend to be normatively driven interventions in ideologically charged policy debates. The book argues that we need neither a utopian framing of democracy as delivering all ‘good things’ in politics nor a cynical one that emphasizes only the ‘dangerous underbelly’ of this form of government. The author also raises critical questions about the study of the value of democracy: the choices for particular concepts and measures, the uneven mechanisms, and the narrow focus on specific instrumental values. This volume will be necessary reading for anyone interested in debates on democracy in the contemporary global context.

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Transitions to Democracy—Lisa Anderson 1995-09-22 Are the factors that initiate democratization the same as those that maintain a democracy already established? The scholarly and policy debates over this question have never been more urgent. In 1976, Dankwart A. Rustow’s clairvoyant article “Transitions to Democracy: Toward a Dynamic Model” questioned the conflation of the primary causes and sustaining conditions of democracy and democratization. Now this collection of essays by distinguished scholars responds to and extends Rustow’s classic work, Transitions to Democracy—which originated as a special issue of the journal Comparative Politics and contains three new articles written especially for this volume—represents much of the current state of the large and growing literature on democratization in American political science. The essays simultaneously illustrate the remarkable range of Research articles across a range of disciplines and reveal what the intervening years have taught us. In light of the enormous opportunities of the post-Cold War world for the promotion of democratic government in parts of the world once thought hopelessly lost of authoritarian and totalitarian regimes, this timely collection constitutes and important contribution to the debates and efforts to promote the more open, responsive, and accountable government we associate with democracy.

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Conferences, legal advisor of the Swiss Foreign Affairs Ministry, counsel, registrar, arbitrator and judge. This collection work is divided into three main sections. The first section examines questions concerning human rights and international humanitarian law. The second section is devoted to the international law of spaces, including matters regarding the law of the sea, international waterways, Antarctica, and boundary and territorial issues. The third section addresses issues related to the peaceful settlement of disputes, both generally and with regard to any particular means of settlement. The contributions are in both English and French.

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