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Politics a Kit: an Introduction to Political Theory- 1994

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An Introduction to Animals and Political Theory-Alasdair Cochrane 2010-11-15 How should political communities govern their relations with animals? Are animals owed justice? What might justice for animals involve? Alasdair Cochrane introduces the most prominent schools in contemporary political theory utilitarianism, liberalism, communitarianism, Marxism and feminism – and examines their implications for issues such as meat-eating, intensive agriculture, animal experimentation, religious slaughter and hunting. An Introduction to Animals and Political Theory explores the debates and discusses controversies over what makes an entity worthy of justice: is it rationality, the ability to contribute to society, sentience, or something else? It also introduces and engages with debates about what our political obligations to animals might entail: is it simply not to cause them unnecessary suffering, or do we have much more demanding obligations not to kill, own, or even use non-human animals?

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Contemporary Social and Political Theory- 1998 Contemporary Political Theory-Andrew Shorten 2015-11-03 Introducing the major theories, issues and concepts in contemporary political theory, this text is a comprehensive and engaging introduction to the field. The book examines a range of topics to explore questions such as: What kinds of political community best support democracy? Do members of wealthy societies have duties to eradicate global poverty? Who or what should be the authority on human rights? Chapters are carefully organized to enhance learning by first setting out rival perspectives on key political issues which are then compared and analysed through a series of key debates. Discussion boxes are used throughout the book to consider the policy implications of different theoretical perspectives from thinkers including John Rawls, Susan Okin, Isaiah Berlin, Jane Mansbridge and Will Kymlicka. Offering an in-depth survey of the landscape of contemporary political theory and written in an engaging and lively style, this book will equip students with the tools to think through the complex questions whose answers determine our collective political lives.

Introduction to Political Theory (Preliminary Edition)-Elissa Alzate 2015-12-31

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Political Theory and Thought-B. N. Ray 2011
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This revised edition examines a fairly wide range of issues on political theory, identified at the beginning of the new millennium. Elaborating the nature and significance of political theory, the book delves into the concept of ideology, nature and different views on politics and approaches to the study of politics. It is designed to cater to the needs of various Indian universities and competitive examinations including the Civil Services examination.

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