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Theorizing on democratization and the sustainability of democracies has been carried out for Asian countries. However, the relationship between coalition politics and the consolidation of democracy, particularly in the context of developing and multi-ethnic Asian countries characterized by evolving parties and alliances, has not been explored much.

The key question posed in this pioneering volume is whether and how coalition politics conduces to the consolidation of, and improvement in the quality of, democracy. Leading scholars from four Asian countries—India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Japan—examine this issue by undertaking a study of the nature of parties, party systems, coalition politics, and democracy or democratization in their countries. They suggest that coalition politics conduces to power-sharing and hence to the consolidation of democracy, under certain conditions, depending on whether inclusive parties and coalitions get institutionalized and whether coalitions are formed within or across ethnic and other cleavages.

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The findings in these country cases will prove beneficial to students and scholars of comparative politics, Indian, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and East Asian studies. Those studying the politics of the individual countries discussed in this volume, as well as diplomats, journalists, and the serious reading public will find it useful.

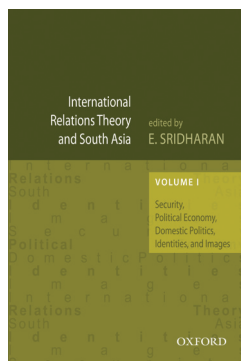
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