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Game Theory for Political Scientists

– James D. Morrow 2020-05-05

Game theory is the mathematical

analysis of strategic interaction. In the fifty years since the appearance of von Neumann and Morgenstern's

classic Theory of Games and Economic Behavior (Princeton, 1944), game theory has been widely applied to problems in economics. Until recently, however, its usefulness in political science has been underappreciated, in part because of the technical difficulty of the methods developed by economists. James Morrow's book is the first to provide a standard text adapting contemporary game theory to political analysis. It uses a minimum of mathematics to teach the essentials of game theory and contains problems and their solutions suitable for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in all branches of political science. Morrow begins with classical utility and game theory and ends with current research on repeated games and games of incomplete information. The book focuses on noncooperative game theory and its application to international relations, political economy, and American and comparative

politics. Special attention is given to models of four topics: bargaining, legislative voting rules, voting in mass elections, and deterrence. An appendix reviews relevant mathematical techniques. Brief bibliographic essays at the end of each chapter suggest further readings, graded according to difficulty. This rigorous but accessible introduction to game theory will be of use not only to political scientists but also to psychologists, sociologists, and others in the social sciences. *Game Theory and Related Approaches to Social Behavior* - Martin Shubik 1975

Principles of Conflict Economics -

Charles H. Anderton 2019-04-25
Provides comprehensive, up-to-date coverage of the key themes and principles of conflict economics.

Value Solutions in Cooperative Games

- Roger A McCain 2013-03-07
This book introduces new concepts for

cooperative game theory, and particularly solutions that determine the distribution of a coalitional surplus among the members of the coalition. It also addresses several generalizations of cooperative game theory. Drawing on methods of welfare economics, new value solutions are derived for Non-Transferable Utility games with and without differences of bargaining power among the members of the coalition. Cooperation in intertemporal games is examined, and conditions that permit the reduction of these games to games in coalition function form are outlined. Biform games and games that combine non-cooperative search and matching of coalition members with cooperative solutions (i.e., efficient contracts) within the coalition are considered. Contents: Value Solutions for Superadditive Transferable Utility Games in Coalition Function Form Zeuthen-Nash Bargaining Nontransferable Utility

Games and Games in Partition Function Form A Shapley Value Algorithm for Games in Partition Function Form Extension of the Nucleolus to Nontransferable Utility Games in Partition Function Form A Core Imputation with Variable Bargaining Power Bargaining Power Biform Games Intertemporal Cooperative Games: A Sketch of a Theory A Theory of Enterprise Readership: Graduate students and researchers in the field of game theory. Keywords: Cooperative Games; Value; Imputation; Bargaining Theory Key Features: Proposes a value solution for games of two or more players that: (i) is the Nash bargaining solution in a special case, (ii) allows for unsymmetrical bargaining power, (iii) allows for group-to-group bargaining, and (iv) is always a point in the core of the game if the game is not null Uses methods from mathematical welfare economics to bridge the gap from non-transferable utility to transferable

utility Relying on Biform Games (Brandenburger and Stuart), constructs a model of cooperative value creation in coalitions formed by non-cooperative search and matching

Principles of Automated Negotiation - Shaheen Fatima 2014-11-13

Top researchers investigate the main challenges and state of the art in automated negotiation and discuss potential applications.

Game Theory in Wireless and Communication Networks - Zhu Han 2012

This unified 2001 treatment of game theory focuses on finding state-of-the-art solutions to issues surrounding the next generation of wireless and communications networks. The key results and tools of game theory are covered, as are various real-world technologies and a wide range of techniques for modeling, design and analysis.

Handbook of Computational Social Choice - Felix Brandt 2016-04-25

The rapidly growing field of computational social choice, at the intersection of computer science and economics, deals with the computational aspects of collective decision making. This handbook, written by thirty-six prominent members of the computational social choice community, covers the field comprehensively. Chapters devoted to each of the field's major themes offer detailed introductions. Topics include voting theory (such as the computational complexity of winner determination and manipulation in elections), fair allocation (such as algorithms for dividing divisible and indivisible goods), coalition formation (such as matching and hedonic games), and many more. Graduate students, researchers, and professionals in computer science, economics, mathematics, political science, and philosophy will benefit from this accessible and self-contained book.

Polarized America - Nolan McCarty
2008-01-25

An analysis of how the increasing polarization of American politics has been accompanied and accelerated by greater income inequality, rising immigration, and other social and economic changes.

Games and Politics - Emerson Niou
2013-10-11

A Positive Political Theory Primer is designed to introduce students to the application of game theory to modeling political processes. This accessible text covers the essential aspects of game theory while keeping the reader constantly in touch with why political science as a whole would benefit from considering this method. Examining the very phenomena that power political machineries—elections, legislative and committee processes, and international conflict, the book attempts to answer fundamental questions about their nature and

function in a clear, accessible manner. Included at the end of each chapter is a set of exercises designed to allow students to practice the construction and analysis of political models. Although the text assumes only an elementary-level training in algebra, students who complete a course around this text will be equipped to read nearly all of the professional literature that makes use of game theoretic analysis. Each chapter also contains suggestions for further reading for those students who wish to broaden their learning and expertise.

Game Theory and Its Application to the Social Sciences - United States. Department of State. External Research Staff 1964

Readings in Game Theory and Political Behavior - Martin Shubik 1954

Game Theory and Political Theory -

Peter C. Ordeshook 1986-09-26
Formal political theory seeks to develop formal, mathematical models of political and economic processes. This book attempts to integrate the last twenty years of development in this field. Professor Ordeshook uses the modern developments in the theory of games (decision making with multiple, interactive decision makers) as the basis for the synthesis. Topics covered include models of elections and of committee processes, the demand and supply of public goods, and surveys of game theory and social-choice theory. Game Theory and Political Theory is designed as a textbook for graduate courses in formal political theory and political economy.

Models of Strategic Choice in Politics - Peter C. Ordeshook 1989
Discusses the sophisticated application of game theory to the development of contemporary political theory

Persecution and Rescue - Wolfgang Seibel 2016-06-30
A new look at the politics behind the negotiations that shaped the fate of the Jews in occupied France during World War II

Strategy and Politics - Emerson M. S. Niou 2014-08-26

Strategy and Politics: An Introduction to Game Theory is designed to introduce students to the application of game theory to modeling political processes.

Game Theory - Roger A McCain 2014-04-29

The objective of the third edition of *Game Theory: A Nontechnical Introduction to the Analysis of Strategy* is to introduce the ideas of game theory in a way that is approachable, intuitive, and interdisciplinary. Relying on the Karplus Learning Cycle, the book is intended to teach by example. Noncooperative equilibrium concepts such as Nash equilibrium play the

central role. In this third edition, increased stress is placed on the concept of rationalizable strategies, which has proven in teaching practice to assist students in making the bridge from intuitive to more formal concepts of noncooperative equilibrium. The Instructor Manual and PowerPoint Slides for the book are available upon request for all instructors who adopt this book as a course text. Please send your request to sales@wspc.com.

Game theory and politics - Steven John Brams 1975

The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy - Barry R. Weingast
2008-06-19

Over its lifetime, 'political economy' has had different meanings. This handbook views political economy as a synthesis of the various strands of social science, treating it as the methodology of economics applied to the analysis of political behaviour

and institutions.

Game Theory and Politics - Steven J. Brams 2011-11-24

This illuminating and instructive survey demonstrates both the insights and the pitfalls that result from applying game theoretic models to the analysis of problems in political science. Using real-life examples, it shows how game theory can explain and elucidate complex political situations, from warfare to presidential vetoes. 1975 edition. 24 figures.

Game Theory and Public Policy, SECOND EDITION - Roger A. McCain 2015-11-25

This book provides a critical, selective review of concepts from game theory and their applications in public policy, and further suggests some modifications for some of the models (chiefly in cooperative game theory) to improve their applicability to economics and public policy.

Game Theory and International

Relations - Pierre Allan 1994
This collection explores the fundamental assumptions of game theory modelling. It includes a theory of game pay-off formation, a theory of preference aggregation, discussions of the effects of interdependence between preferences upon various game structures, analyses of the impact of incomplete information upon dynamic games of negotiation, and a study using differential games. Numerous illustrations, case studies and comparative case studies show the relevance of the theoretical debate. The work is organized to develop the fundamentals for those readers with a limited knowledge of game theory.

Game Theory in the Age of Chaos -
Mike Selinker 2018-12-31

Game Theory: A Nontechnical
Introduction To The Analysis Of
Strategy (Fourth Edition) - Roger A
McCain 2023-05-29

As with the previous editions, this fourth edition relies on teaching by example and the Karplus Learning Cycle to convey the ideas of game theory in a way that is approachable, intuitive, and interdisciplinary. Noncooperative equilibrium concepts such as Nash equilibrium, mixed strategy equilibria, and subgame perfect equilibrium are systematically introduced in the first half of the book. Bayesian Nash equilibrium is briefly introduced. The subsequent chapters discuss cooperative solutions with and without side payments, rationalizable strategies and correlated equilibria, and applications to elections, social mechanism design, and larger-scale games. New examples include panic buying, supply-chain shifts in the pandemic, and global warming.

Game Theory and Political Theory -
Peter C. Ordeshook 1986-09-26
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of political and economic processes. This book attempts to integrate the last twenty years of development in this field. Professor Ordeshook uses the modern developments in the theory of games (decision making with multiple, interactive decision makers) as the basis for the synthesis. Topics covered include models of elections and of committee processes, the demand and supply of public goods, and surveys of game theory and social-choice theory. Game Theory and Political Theory is designed as a textbook for graduate courses in formal political theory and political economy.

Decision Making Using Game Theory - Anthony Kelly 2003-03-27

Game theory is a key element in most decision-making processes involving two or more people or organisations. This book explains how game theory can predict the outcome of complex decision-making processes, and how it can help you to improve your own

negotiation and decision-making skills. It is grounded in well-established theory, yet the wide-ranging international examples used to illustrate its application offer a fresh approach to an essential weapon in the armoury of the informed manager. The book is accessibly written, explaining in simple terms the underlying mathematics behind games of skill, before moving on to more sophisticated topics such as zero-sum games, mixed-motive games, and multi-person games, coalitions and power. Clear examples and helpful diagrams are used throughout, and the mathematics is kept to a minimum. It is written for managers, students and decision makers in any field.

Analyzing Electoral Promises with Game Theory - YASUSHI. ASAKO 2022-04
Electoral promises help to win votes and political candidates, or parties should strategically choose what they can deliver to win an election. The book also includes cases to

illustrate real life applications of these theories.

Strategy and Politics - Emerson Niou
2015-05-15

Strategy and Politics: An Introduction to Game Theory is designed to introduce students with no background in formal theory to the application of game theory to modeling political processes. This accessible text covers the essential aspects of game theory while keeping the reader constantly in touch with why political science as a whole would benefit from considering this method. Examining the very phenomena that power political machineries—elections, legislative and committee processes, and international conflict, the book attempts to answer fundamental questions about their nature and function in a clear, accessible manner. Included at the end of each chapter is a set of exercises designed to allow students to

practice the construction and analysis of political models. Although the text assumes only an elementary-level training in algebra, students who complete a course around this text will be equipped to read nearly all of the professional literature that makes use of game theoretic analysis.

Game Theory and Political Science - Peter C. Ordeshook 1978

Formal Models of Domestic Politics - Scott Gehlbach 2021-09-30

An accessible treatment of important formal models of domestic politics, fully updated and now including a chapter on nondemocracy.

Political Game Theory - Nolan McCarty
2007-01-08

Political Game Theory is a self-contained introduction to game theory and its applications to political science. The book presents choice theory, social choice theory, static and dynamic games of complete

information, static and dynamic games of incomplete information, repeated games, bargaining theory, mechanism design and a mathematical appendix covering, logic, real analysis, calculus and probability theory. The methods employed have many applications in various disciplines including comparative politics, international relations and American politics. Political Game Theory is tailored to students without extensive backgrounds in mathematics, and traditional economics, however there are also many special sections that present technical material that will appeal to more advanced students. A large number of exercises are also provided to practice the skills and techniques discussed.

Games, Information, and Politics -

Scott Gates 1997-02-07

DIVExplains how game theory can be used to explain political phenomena
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Games Real Actors Play - Fritz W

Scharpf 2018-03-09

Games Real Actors Play provides a persuasive argument for the use of basic concepts of game theory in understanding public policy conflicts. Fritz Scharpf criticizes public choice theory as too narrow in its examination of actor motives and discursive democracy as too blind to the institutional incentives of political parties. With the nonspecialist in mind, the author presents a coherent actor-centered model of institutional rational choice that integrates a wide variety of theoretical contributions, such as game theory, negotiation theory, transaction cost economics, international relations, and democratic theory. Games Real Actors Play offers a framework for linking positive theory to the normative issues that necessarily arise in policy research and employs many cross-national examples, including a comparative use of game theory to

understand the differing reactions of Great Britain, Sweden, Austria, and the Federal Republic of Germany to the economic stagflation of the 1970s.

Game Theory for the Social Sciences - Herve Moulin 1986-10-01

The second edition of Herve Moulin's highly successful book outlines the fundamental concepts of game theory—one of the most provocative and fruitful applications of mathematics to the human sciences—and demonstrates its uses in economic and political discourse. Thoroughly revised, and now published with an accompanying workbook of 89 exercises, this rigorous yet accessible text explains the uses of game theory in largely nontechnical terms. Moulin carefully discusses the behavioral scenarios underlying the various equilibrium concepts. He provides a self-contained exposition of basic equilibrium concepts for strategic games: perfect

(sophisticated) equilibrium, Nash's noncooperative example, Aumann's strong and correlated example, and several versions of the core. The author is concerned less with mathematical refinements than with helping the reader understand the strategic stories backing these concepts. His examples therefore give a fair account of the current game models used in economics, politics, and sociology. Addressed here are oligopoly theory, the provision of public goods, auctions, voting procedures, and cost allocation problems, as well as the classic prisoner's dilemma, tic-tac-toe, and Marienbad games. Extremely popular in its original French edition and in its first English version, Moulin's excellent introductory text is now, more than ever, the book to answer the essential questions about the application of game theory to the social sciences.

Game Theory - Frank C. Zagare 1984-07

Professor Zagare provides methods for analysing the structure of the game; considers zero and nonzero-sum games and the fundamental 'minimax theorem'; and investigates games with more than two players, including the possibility of coalitions between players.

Nested Games - George Tsebelis

1991-08-12

Clearly written and easily understood by the nonspecialist, *Nested Games* provides a systematic, empirically accurate, and theoretically coherent account of apparently irrational political actions.

Game Theory - Roger B. Myerson

2013-03-01

Eminently suited to classroom use as well as individual study, Roger Myerson's introductory text provides a clear and thorough examination of the models, solution concepts, results, and methodological principles of noncooperative and cooperative game theory. Myerson

introduces, clarifies, and synthesizes the extraordinary advances made in the subject over the past fifteen years, presents an overview of decision theory, and comprehensively reviews the development of the fundamental models: games in extensive form and strategic form, and Bayesian games with incomplete information.

Political Games - Macartan Humphreys
2016-08-05

Political Games uses bold visuals and cases from contemporary politics to present forty-nine of the most compelling insights from game theory, illuminating the common logics underlying political problems. Each game is depicted graphically and accompanied by a concise explanation and technical notes. Collectively, these games reveal profound connections between seemingly disparate social situations, from figuring out when to send troops to the battlefield to strategizing on

how to protect the environment.

Political Bubbles - Nolan McCarty

2013-05-26

Behind every financial crisis lurks a "political bubble"--policy biases that foster market behaviors leading to financial instability. Rather than tilting against risky behavior, political bubbles--arising from a potent combination of beliefs, institutions, and interests--aid, abet, and amplify risk. Demonstrating how political bubbles helped create the real estate-generated financial bubble and the 2008 financial crisis, this book argues that similar government oversights in the aftermath of the crisis undermined Washington's response to the "popped" financial bubble, and shows how such patterns have occurred repeatedly throughout US history. The authors show that just as financial bubbles are an unfortunate mix of mistaken beliefs, market imperfections, and greed, political bubbles are the

product of rigid ideologies, unresponsive and ineffective government institutions, and special interests. Financial market innovations--including adjustable-rate mortgages, mortgage-backed securities, and credit default swaps--become subject to legislated leniency and regulatory failure, increasing hazardous practices. The authors shed important light on the politics that blinds regulators to the economic weaknesses that create the conditions for economic bubbles and recommend simple, focused rules that should help avoid such crises in the future. The first full accounting of how politics produces financial ruptures, *Political Bubbles* offers timely lessons that all sectors would do well to heed.

A Political Theory Primer - Peter C. Ordeshook 2020-09-10

First published in 1992, *A Political Theory Primer* is designed as an introductory course for students in

the application of game theory to modeling political processes. Examining those very phenomena that power political machineries-- elections, legislative and committee processes, and international conflict--the book attempts to answer fundamental questions about their nature and function. Included at the end of each chapter is a set of exercises designed to allow students to practice the construction and analysis of political models. Although the text assumes only training at the basic algebra level, the student who completes a course around this text will be equipped to read nearly all the professional literature that makes use of game-theoretic analysis. Each chapter also contains suggestions for further reading for those students who want to broaden their learning and expertise.

Strategic Transitions - Josep Maria Colomer 2000

A transition agreement is a rational game, with political actors choosing moves that will avoid widespread violence and civil war. As Josep M. Colomer argues, game theory is particularly appropriate to offer a theoretical framework for the study of democratic transitions, since it assumes that collective outcomes result from strategies chosen by self-interested actors. In particular, the cooperative, efficient equilibria of two "mugging" games and the famous "prisoner's dilemma" game point out that opportunities for mutual benefit exist within different models of transition. Strategic Transitions applies game theory to an analysis of Central Europe after the fall of Communism and, in particular, to the transitions in the former Soviet Union and in Poland. The strategic approach adopted by Colomer helps to explain the development of political reforms and democratization, even in

the absence of the "structural preconditions" often postulated in other studies. With its application of game theory to democratic

transitions, Strategic Transitions provides fresh insight into how political actors make the choices that move nations from authoritarian to more democratic regimes.