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### **Democracy Without A Majority?**

The Grand Old Parties of yesterday and the parliamentarism of tomorrow

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## **An earthquake in the political world**

The system of Grand Old Parties which shaped Germany and Austria in the decades after 1945 is gone forever. Once the Cold War ended, new lines of conflict started to divide society, with these lines cutting straight through the heart of the traditional parties. The size difference between the larger and smaller parties is shrinking. Under these circumstances, majorities are harder to organize.

Germany's leading expert on party politics, Michael Koß, sees a formidable challenge in this development. But this is not necessarily catastrophic, despite increasing levels of conflict. Citizens and politicians are now compelled to reshape their understanding of democracy and to learn its new rules.

- This notable book analyzes the lines which no longer separate the Left from the Right and global-minded from nationalist interests
- Michael Koß is one of the "most distinguished experts on contemporary democracies" (*Die Zeit*)
- Various publications by Oxford University Press and Palgrave Macmillan

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