



# From Abenomics to New Capitalism

Tracing the Origins of Economic Policy Ideas in Japan

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Scholars in comparative political economy analyze policy outcomes by examining institutional compositions within Anglo-American, Western European liberal, statist, and neo-corporatist regimes. Recently, attention has shifted to knowledge regimes, emphasizing the role of think tanks and policy experts in shaping ideas within political systems. However, there's a gap in understanding regarding (post-)developmental states, where governments wield significant policymaking power. This presentation aims to fill this gap by incorporating the developmental state into the analysis, focusing on Japan as a prime example. In Japan, there's a growing interest in revitalizing the economy, opening avenues for policy entrepreneurs to advocate new economic programs. Two notable programs, "Abenomics" initiated by Abe Shinzo post-2012, and Kishida Fumio's "new form of capitalism" introduced in 2021, are examined. The presentation investigates the influence of external advisors on Japanese economic policy and highlights the increasing role of think tanks in policymaking. The shift towards embracing alternative policy sources stemmed from institutional changes following the DPJ government's collapse in 2009, emphasizing a more competitive marketplace for economic policy ideas in Japan.

