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- 1994 M.A., Political Science, University of California, San Diego
- 1991 Master's in Pacific International Affairs / Comparative Public Policy
Graduate School of International Relations/Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego
- 1989 B.A., Political Economy of Industrial Societies and Japan Studies, University of California, Berkeley

BOOK

Rosenbluth, Frances McCall, and Michael F. Thies. 2010. *Japan Transformed: Political Change and Economic Restructuring*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS/EDITED VOLUMES

1. Scheiner, Ethan, Steven R. Reed, and Michael F. Thies. Forthcoming, Summer 2012. "The End of LDP Dominance and the Rise of Party-Oriented Politics in Japan." *Journal of Japanese Studies* 38(2).
2. Giannetti, Daniela, and Michael F. Thies. 2011. "Electoral Reform and Factional Politics in Italy and Japan." In Daniela Giannetti and Bernard Grofman, eds. *A Natural Experiment on Electoral Law Reform: Evaluating the Long Run Consequences of 1990s Electoral Reform in Italy and Japan*. New York: Springer, 75-94.
3. Proksch, Sven-Oliver, Jonathan Slapin, and Michael F. Thies. 2011. "Party System Dynamics in Post-war Japan: A Quantitative Content Analysis of Electoral Pledges." *Electoral Studies* 30: 114-124.
4. Rosenbluth, Frances, Rob Salmond, and Michael F. Thies. 2006. "Welfare Works: Explaining Female Legislative Representation." *Politics & Gender* 2(2): 165-192.
5. Druckman, James N., Lanny W. Martin, and Michael F. Thies. 2005. "Influence Without Confidence: Upper Chambers and Government Formation." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 30(4): 529-548.
6. Bawn, Kathleen, and Michael F. Thies. 2003. "A Comparative Theory of Electoral Incentives: Representing the Unorganized Under PR, Plurality, and Mixed-Member Electoral Systems." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 15(1): 5-32.
7. Druckman, James N., and Michael F. Thies. 2002. "The Importance of Concurrence: The Impact of Bicameralism on Government Formation and Duration." *American Journal of Political Science* 46(4): 760-771.
8. Rosenbluth, Frances M., and Michael F. Thies. 2002. "The Political Economy of Japanese Pollution Regulation." *The American Asian Review* 20(1):1-32.

9. Thies, Michael F. 2002. "Changing How the Japanese Vote: The Promise and Pitfalls of the 1994 Electoral Reform." In John Fuh-sheng Hsieh and David Newman, eds., *How Asia Votes*. New York: Chatham House, 92-117.
10. Thies, Michael F. 2001. "Keeping Tabs on Partners: The Logic of Delegation in Coalition Governments." *American Journal of Political Science* 45(3): 580-598.
11. Rosenbluth, Frances M., and Michael F. Thies. 2001. "The Electoral Foundations of Japan's Financial Politics: The Case of *Jusen*." *Policy Studies Journal* 29(1):23-37.
12. Reed, Steven R., and Michael F. Thies. 2001. "The Causes of Electoral Reform in Japan." In Matthew Soberg Shugart and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* New York: Oxford University Press, 152-172.
13. Reed, Steven R., and Michael F. Thies. 2001. "The Consequences of Electoral Reform in Japan." In Matthew Soberg Shugart and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems: The Best of Both Worlds?* New York: Oxford University Press, 380-403.
14. Thies, Michael F. 2000. "On the Primacy of Party in Government: Why Legislative Parties Can Survive Party Decline in the Electorate." In Russell J. Dalton and Martin P. Wattenberg, eds. *Parties Without Partisans*. New York: Oxford University Press, 238-257.
15. Cox, Gary W., and Michael F. Thies. 2000. "How Much Does Money Matter? 'Buying Votes' in Japan, 1967-1990." *Comparative Political Studies* 33(1):37-57.
16. Cox, Gary W., Frances M. Rosenbluth, and Michael F. Thies. 2000. "Electoral Rules, Career Ambitions and Party Structure: Comparing Factions in Japan's Upper and Lower Houses." *American Journal of Political Science* 44(1):115-122.
17. Cox, Gary W., Frances M. Rosenbluth, and Michael F. Thies. 1999. "Electoral Reform and the Fate of Factions: The Case of Japan's LDP." *British Journal of Political Science* 29(1):33-56.
18. Thies, Michael F. 1998. "When Will Pork Leave the Farm? Institutional Bias in Japan and the United States." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 23(4):467-492.
19. Cox, Gary W., and Michael F. Thies. 1998. "The Cost of Intraparty Competition: The Single, Non-Transferable Vote and Money Politics in Japan." *Comparative Political Studies* 31(3):267-291.
20. Cox, Gary W., Frances M. Rosenbluth, and Michael F. Thies. 1998. "Mobilization, Social Networks, and Turnout: Evidence from Japan." *World Politics* 50(3):447-474.
21. McCubbins, Mathew D., and Michael F. Thies. 1997. "As a Matter of Factions: The Budgetary Implications of Shifting Factional Control in Japan's LDP." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 22(3):293-328.
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22. McCubbins, Mathew D., and Michael F. Thies. 1996. "Gourisei to jisshou shugi seiji riron no kiso [Rationality and the Foundations of Positive Political Theory]." *Rebaisan [Leviathan]* 19(Autumn):7-32.

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- 2009. Updated 9th Edition, 304-353.
- 2007. 9th Edition, 308-357.
- 2005. Updated 8th Edition, 314-362.
- 2003. 8th Edition, 316-364.
- 2002. Updated 7th Edition, 331-374.
- 2000. 7th Edition, 327-370.

2. McCubbins, Mathew D., and Michael F. Thies. 1993. "The Politics of Japanese Budgeting: A Case Study of Policy Change," in *Policy-Making Processes: Case Studies*. La Jolla, Calif.: Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, U.C. San Diego, 59-83.

RESEARCH NOTES

1. Reed, Steven R., Ethan Scheiner, and Michael F. Thies. 2009. "New ballgame in politics: party-centered, more volatile." *Oriental Economist* 77(10): 8-9.
2. Thies, Michael F. 2002. "The General Election in Japan, June 2000." *Electoral Studies* 21(1):147-154.
3. Thies, Michael F. 1995. "The Japanese House of Councillors Election of 1995." *Electoral Studies* 14(4):464-470.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Thies, Michael F. 2010. Review of Krauss, Ellis S., and Robert J. Pekkanen. 2010. *The Rise and Fall of Japan's LDP: Political Party Organizations as Historical Institutions*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. *Party Politics*.
2. Thies, Michael F. 2004. Review of Huber, John D., and Charles R. Shipan. 2002. *Deliberate Discretion? The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. New York: Cambridge University Press. *Journal of Politics* 66(4): 1315-1317.
3. Thies, Michael F. 2003. Review of Huber, John D., and Charles R. Shipan. 2002. *Deliberate Discretion? The Institutional Foundations of Bureaucratic Autonomy*. New York: Cambridge University Press. *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 4(1): 157-159.
4. Thies, Michael F. 2001. Review of Sasaki Takeshi, Shinichi Yoshida, Masaki Taniguchi, and Shuji Yamamoto, eds. 1999. *Daigishi to kane: Seiji shikin zenkoku chosa hokoku [Diet Members and Money: A National Investigative Report on Political Finance]*. *Social Science Japan Journal* 4(1): 124-127.
5. Thies, Michael F. 1999. Review of Schoppa, Leonard J. 1997. *Bargaining with Japan: What American Pressure Can and Cannot Do*. New York: Columbia University Press. *American Political Science Review* 93(1):242-243.
6. Thies, Michael F. 1998. Review of Parikh, Sunita. 1997. *The Politics of Preference: Democratic Institutions and Affirmative Action in the United States and India*. University of Michigan Press, *Political Science Quarterly* 113(3):550-551.
7. Thies, Michael F. 1998. Review of Kohno, Masaru. 1997. *Japan's Postwar Party Politics*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. *Journal of Politics* 60(2): 567-569.

CONFERENCE/COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

MZES Marie Curie Project. "Institutional Foundations of Legislative Speech," July 2011, Mannheim, Germany.

- "Divided Government in a Parliamentary System: Japanese Lawmaking since 1989 (with Yuki Yanai)"

American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, September 2009, Toronto, Canada.

- "The Dynamics of the Party System in Postwar Japan: A Quantitative Content Analysis of Electoral Pledges (with Sven-Oliver Proksch and Jonathan B. Slapin)"

American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, August 2008, Boston, MA.

- "Globalization and Domestic Markets: The Demise of Japan, Inc., in Comparative Perspective." (with Frances Rosenbluth)

Liberty Fund, September 2005, Park City, UT

- Colloquium on "Xenophon's *The Education of Cyrus*."

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004, Chicago, IL.

- "Explaining Female Legislative Representation: Welfare to Work?" (with Frances Rosenbluth and Rob Salmond)

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, IL.

and Department of Political Science, Washington University, April 2003, St. Louis, MO

and Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, June 2003, Davis, CA

and Western Political Science Association, March 2004, Portland, OR

- "Influence Without Confidence: Upper Chambers and Parliamentary Government Formation" (with James N. Druckman and Lanny W. Martin)

Liberty Fund, September 2003, Seattle, WA

- Colloquium on "Political and Social Institutions of Liberty in American Political Life."

Liberty Fund, May 2003, Portland, OR

- Colloquium on "Imagining the Possibilities of Liberty with the Discovery of the New World."

American Political Science Association, September 2001, San Francisco, CA

and Public Choice Society and Economic Science Association, March 2002, San Diego CA

and Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 2002, Chicago, Ill.,

- "A Comparative Theory of Electoral Incentives: Representing the Unorganized Under PR, Plurality, and Mixed-Member Electoral Systems" (with Kathleen Bawn)

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 2001, Chicago, Ill.,

and Department of Political Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, November 2001,

and Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, January 2002

and Public Choice Society and Economic Science Association, March 2002, San Diego CA

- "The Importance of Concurrence: The Impact of Bicameralism on Government Formation and Duration" (with James N. Druckman)

Association of Asian Studies, March 2000, San Diego, CA

- Roundtable on "The Changing Nature of Electoral Competition in Japan."

Liberty Fund, February 2000, Half Moon Bay, CA

- Colloquium on "Federal Institutions, Self Government, and Liberty."

American Political Science Association, September 1999, Atlanta, GA

and Hoover Institution, Stanford University, March 2000.

- "The Political Economy of Japanese Pollution Regulation" (with Frances Rosenbluth).

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1999, Chicago, Ill.
and Political Economy Seminar, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, November 9, 1999
and "Encounters with Authors" colloquium, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, Harvard University,
June 15, 2001

- "Keeping Tabs on Partners: The Logic of Delegation in Coalition Governments."

Conference on The Political Economy of the Japanese Financial Crisis, February 1999, UCLA,
and American Political Science Association, August 1998, Boston Massachusetts.

- "Electoral Rules and Particularistic Policies in Japan: The Politics of the *Jusen* Bailout" (with Frances Rosenbluth).

Liberty Fund, June 1998, Gleneden Beach, Oregon

- Colloquium on "Power, Public Choice, and Liberty."

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1998, Chicago Ill. and Western Political Science Association Meetings, March 1998, Los Angeles, CA.

- "Electoral Rules, Career Ambitions and Party Structure: Conservative Factions in Japan's Upper House" (with Gary W. Cox and Frances Rosenbluth)

Conference on 'Unthinkable Democracy: Partisan Change in Advanced Industrial Democracies.' March 13-14, 1998, Newport Beach, CA. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine.

- "On the Primacy of Party in Government: Why Legislative Parties Can Survive Party Decline in the Electorate."

American Political Science Association, August 1997, Washington, DC.

- "Rational Choice Without Apology" (with Mathew D. McCubbins).
- "Electoral Reform and the Fate of Factions: The Case of Japan's LDP" (with Gary W. Cox and Frances Rosenbluth).

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1997.

- "How Much Does Money Matter: 'Buying Votes' in Japan, 1967-1990" (with Gary W. Cox).
- "Democratic Responsiveness Delayed: Political Institutions and the Persistence of Pro-Rural Policy Bias in the U.S. and Japan."

Western Political Science Association Meetings, March 1997, Tucson, Arizona.

- "The Cost of Intraparty Competition: SNTV and Money Politics in Japan" (with Gary W. Cox)

Conference on Democratic Institutions in East Asia, November 1996, Duke University
and Hoover Institution, Stanford University, May 1996.

- "The Cost of Intraparty Competition: SNTV and Money Politics in Japan" (with Gary W. Cox)
- "Money Matters: 'Buying' Votes in Japan" (with Gary W. Cox)

Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 1995, Chicago, Illinois, and
Public Choice, March 1995, Long Beach California.

- "Intraparty Politics and Policy Change: The Fiscal Implications of Factional Control and Agenda Setting in Japan's LDP"

Public Choice, April 1994, Austin, Texas.

- "Parties, Leaders, and the Structure of Parliamentary Decision Making: The LDP's Response to Urbanization in Postwar Japan" (with Mathew D. McCubbins).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA for "Japan's Twisted Diet."
- 2009 International Institute, UCLA, Faculty Grant for *Workshop on Japan's Post-Bubble Political Economy*.
- 2009 Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA, Nikkei Bruin Fund Faculty Grant for *Workshop on Japan's Post-Bubble Political Economy*.
- 2008 Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, UCLA, Faculty Grant for "Partisan Change in Postwar Japan: How and Why do Parties Adapt their Ideological Appeal for Electoral Advantage?"
- 2007 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA for "Measuring Party System Change in Postwar Japan"
- 2006 Jewell-Loewenberg Award for Best Article Published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2005 (with James N. Druckman and Lanny W. Martin)
- 2004 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Explaining Female Parliamentary Representation"
- 2003 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Bicameralism and Minority Government"
- 2002 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "The Determinants of Internal Party Organization: Rule-Based Convergence or Goal-Based Divergence?"
- 2001 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "The Impact of Bicameralism on Coalition Formation: Are Politicians Policy Seekers or Office Seekers?"
- 2000 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "A Theory of Hybrid Electoral Systems: More than Just Splitting the Difference?"
- 1999 National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
- 1998 Cattell Fellow, Department of Political Science, UCLA
- 1998 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Keeping Tabs on Your Partners: The Logic of Delegation in Coalition Formation"
- 1997 Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA, for "The Electoral Determinants of Legislative Organization"
- 1997 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "SNTV and Money Politics in Japan"
- 1996 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Campaign Finance, Turnout, and Vote Choice in Japan: Does Money Really Matter?"
- 1995 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Delaying Democratic Responsiveness: Political Institutions and the Persistence of Pro-Rural Policy Bias in the U.S. and Japan"
- 1994 Committee on Research, Academic Senate, UCLA, for "Exploring the Link Between SNTV and Factions: Evidence from Japan's Upper House"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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American Political Science Association

2011-12 Chair, Gabriel Almond Prize Committee for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics

2007 Member of Best Paper Prize Committee, Section on Political Economy

2006 Member of Section on Political Economy's Award Committee for Best Paper at 2006 Conference

2001-03 Member of the Executive Committee, Organized Section on Political Economy

Midwest Political Science Association

2004-05 Program Chair, Asian Politics Section, for the April 2005 Annual Meetings in Chicago

University of California, Los Angeles

2010-present Chair, International Institute Undergraduate Area Studies Interdepartmental Programs (East Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle East & North African Studies, Southeast Asian Studies)

2007-10 Director, Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies

Member, Executive Committee, International Institute

Member (Chair, 2010-2011), Executive Committee, Asia Institute

Member, Search Committee for Terasaki Endowed Chair in Contemporary Japan

2006-07 Member, Undergraduate Council; Member, Curriculum Committee, Co-Chair of Review Team for Dep't of Computer Science 8-yr Review

2005-06 Member, Undergraduate Council

2005 Member, Pacific Rim Fellowship Nominating Committee

2000-2002 Member, Wagatsuma Fellowship Committee

1996, 1997 Interviewed and Evaluated Student Applicants for Education Abroad Program, Japan

1996, 2003 Interviewed and Evaluated Student Applicants for Fulbright Fellowships

1994-present Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Japanese Studies, and Member, various Center Grant and Fellowship Committees

Department of Political Science, UCLA

2011-12 Graduate Placement Coordinator

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2010-11 Chair, Comparative Politics Field and Member, Graduate Studies Committee

Member, Merit Review Committee

2009-10 Reader, Graduate Admissions Committee

2008-09 Reader, Graduate Admissions Committee

2007-08 Graduate Placement Coordinator

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Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Departmental 8-yr Review

2005-06 Graduate Placement Coordinator

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- 2004-05 Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Departmental 8-yr Review
- 2004-05 Graduate Placement Coordinator
- 2004-05 Member, Executive Committee
- 2004-05 Member, Merit Review Committee
- 2004-05 Co-Chair, Graduate Outreach Committee
- 2004-05 Co-Chair, Public Lectures Committee
- 2003-04 Chair, Comparative Politics Field and Member, Graduate Studies Committee
- 2003-04 Member, Merit Review Committee
- 2003-04 Co-Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Nominating Committee
- 2002-03 Chair, Comparative Politics Field and Member, Graduate Studies Committee
- 2002-03 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2002-03 Co-Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Nominating Committee
- 2001-02 Co-Chair, Public Lectures Committee
- 2000-01 Member, Graduate Reform Committee;
- 2000-01 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee
- 1999-00 Member, Graduate Reform Committee
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- 1997-98 Chair, Comparative Politics Field and Member, Graduate Studies Committee
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- 1994-95 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee

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- 1996-1997 UCLA Representative of the Political Science/International Relations Faculty Consultative Committee, University of California Education Abroad Program.

Conference Organizer

Co-organizer of *Southern California Consortium on Political Institutions*, September 16, 2011.

Principal Organizer of *UCLA Workshop on Japan's Post-Bubble Political Economy*, September 11-12, 2009.

Principal Organizer (with Susanne Lohmann) of *Conference on The Political Economy of the Japanese Financial Crisis*, February 1999, UCLA.

Authored (with Mathew D. McCubbins) three Op-Ed Articles on Reforming the California Constitution: "With Too Many Checks and Balances, the Buck Stops Nowhere," "The Case for Strengthening Local Governments' Role," and "The Straightjacket Called 'Initiative,'" (*San Diego Union Tribune*, Dec. 25, 26, 27, 1994).

ARTICLES, BOOKS, AND GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

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TEACHING/ADVISING

- Chair/Co-Chair of 3 PhD committees for Political Science Graduate Students (M. Asano 2004, R. Schaap 2002; J Asunka 2011)
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Courses

- PS 19/191D Playing Politics
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- PS 160 Government and Politics of Japan
- PS 166/169 Comparative Analysis of Government Institutions
- PS 191H Political Science Honors Thesis: Research Design Seminar
- PS 240A/B Comparative Politics Field Seminar
- PS C243 Japanese Politics in Comparative and Theoretical Perspective
- PS 254B Political Institutions, Delegation, and Policy Making
- PS 259 Dissertation Prospectus Workshop
- PS 292A Hypothesis Testing and Research Design