

distinction entre le pouvoir juridictionnel et le pouvoir politique. Dans certains Etats l'auteur montre comment le pouvoir juridictionnel est inféodé par le pouvoir politique à tel point que l'opposition va se mettre à décrier les méfaits de la justice qui reste totalement inactive face aux dérapages de la mouvance au pouvoir. Cet ouvrage nous fait comprendre la difficile cohabitation dans un Etat du pouvoir politique et du pouvoir juridictionnel qu'il a nommés des contre-pouvoirs.

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In Latin America, constitutions have developed on a unique trajectory. Historically, the region has been quick to raze and replace constitutions, each country having had an average of almost six separate constitutions since 1900. While this trend can in part be explained by a tumultuous transition to democracy in many countries in the region, regime change does not, in fact, tell the whole story. As Negretto explains in this book, not only do democratic transitions not always result in a new constitution, but there are also many cases of ruling parties with a great deal of security in their power launching efforts to supplant the existing constitution. The outsized number of constitutional replacements is, in reality, due to a wide range of institutional factors. Negretto employs a two-level theory of constitutional choice to scrutinize the particular trends in Latin America, and uses empirical evidence as well as a series of case studies to illustrate the tendencies of constitutional and institutional reform in the region. His analysis is informative and comprehensive, taking pains to consider the trends on national, regional, and international scales.

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