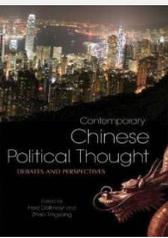
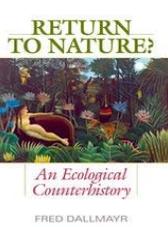
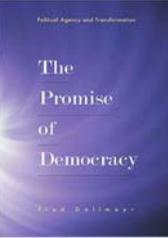
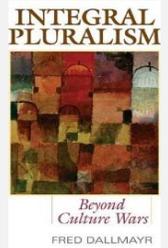
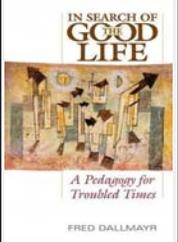
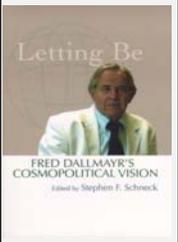
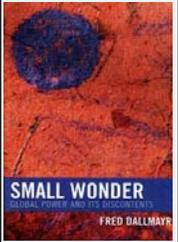
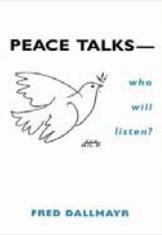
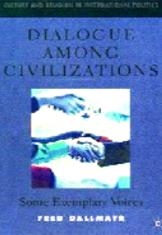
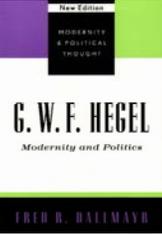
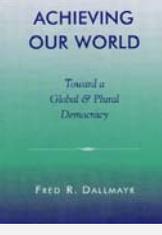
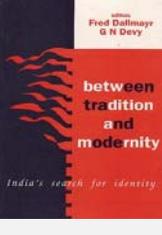
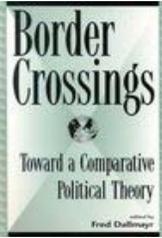
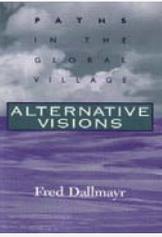
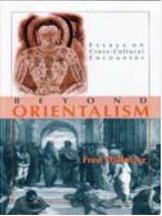
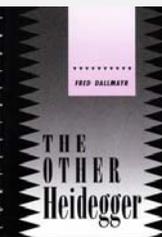
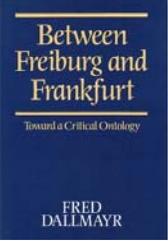
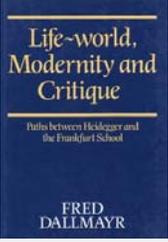
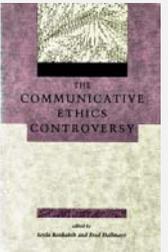


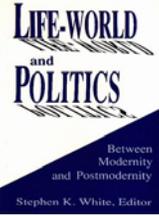
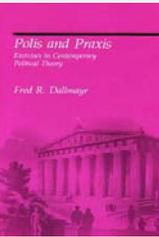
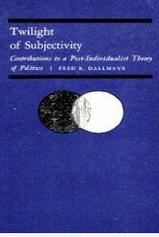
Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
2012	Contemporary Chinese Political Thought: Debates and Perspectives (Asia in the New Millennium)		<p>Westerners seem united in the belief that China has emerged as a major economic power and that this success will most likely continue indefinitely. But they are less certain about the future of China's political system. China's steps toward free market capitalism have led many outsiders to expect increased democratization and a more Western political system. The Chinese, however, have developed their own version of capitalism. Westerners view Chinese politics through the lens of their own ideologies, preventing them from understanding Chinese goals and policies.</p> <p>In Contemporary Chinese Political Thought: Debates and Perspectives, Fred Dallmayr and Zhao Tingyang bring together leading Chinese intellectuals to debate the main political ideas shaping the rapidly changing nation. Investigating such topics as the popular "China Model", the resurgence of Chinese Confucianism and its applications to the modern world, and liberal socialism, the contributors move beyond usual analytical frameworks toward what Dallmayr and Zhao call "a dismantling of ideological straitjackets." Comprising a broad range of opinions and perspectives, Contemporary Chinese Political Thought is the most up-to-date examination in English of modern Chinese political attitudes and discourse.</p>	0813136423
2011	Return to Nature: An Ecological Counterhistory		<p>Sustainability has become a compelling topic of domestic and international debate as the world searches for effective solutions to accumulating ecological problems. This book demonstrates how nature has been marginalized, colonized, and abused in the modern era. Although nature was regarded as a matrix that encompassed all beings in premodern and classical thought, modern Western thinkers tend to disregard this original unity, essentially exiling nature from human life. By means of a philosophical counterhistory leading from Spinoza to Dewey and beyond, the book traces successive efforts to correct this tendency. Grounding the text in a holistic relationism that reconnects humanity with ecology, this book pleads for the reintroduction of nature into contemporary philosophical discussion and sociopolitical practice. This book unites learning, intelligence, sensibility, and moral passion to offer a multifaceted history of philosophy with regard to our place in the natural world. This book's visionary writings provide an informed foundation for environmental policy and represent an impassioned call to reclaim nature in our everyday lives.</p>	9780813134338
2010	The Promise of Democracy: Political Agency and Transformation		<p>A new ethical concept of democracy as the cultivation and practice of civic virtues in a pluralistic setting is presented in this thoughtful and wide-ranging study. Drawing upon such figures as Aristotle, Montesquieu, Hegel, Dewey, Heidegger, Arendt, and Lefort, Fred Dallmayr emphasizes the need for civic education and practical-ethical engagement in all societies aspiring to be democratic. With reference to Middle Eastern societies and especially Iran, Dallmayr explores the possible compatibility between democracy and Islamic faith. In a similar vein, he discusses the strengths of Gandhian and Confucian democracy as possible correctives to current versions of "minimalist" democracy and the cult of laissez-faire liberalism and neoliberalism. Addressing how to instill a democratic ethos in societies where corporations and elites exercise a great deal of power, The Promise of Democracy presents an inspired vision of democracy as popular "self-rule" in which ethical cultivation and self-transformation make possible a nondomineering kind of political agency. Against this background, Dallmayr casts democracy as a "promise," making room for the unlimited horizons opened up by a new understanding of liberty and equality.</p>	1438430396
2010	Integral Pluralism: Beyond Culture Wars		<p>In addition to war, terrorism, and unchecked military violence, modernity is also subject to less visible but no less venomous conflicts. Global in nature, these "culture wars" exacerbate the tensions between tradition and innovation, virtue and freedom. Internationally acclaimed scholar Fred Dallmayr charts a course beyond these persistent but curable dichotomies in Integral Pluralism: Beyond Culture Wars. Consulting diverse fields such as philosophy, literature, political science, and religious studies, Dallmayr equates modern history with a process of steady pluralization. This process, which Dallmayr calls "integral pluralism," requires new connections and creates ethical responsibilities.</p> <p>Dallmayr critically compares integral pluralism against the theories of Carl Schmitt, the Religious Right, international "realism," and so-called political Islam. Drawing on the works of James, Heidegger, Gadamer, and Merleau-Ponty, Integral Pluralism offers sophisticated and carefully researched solutions for the conflicts of the modern world.</p>	0813125715

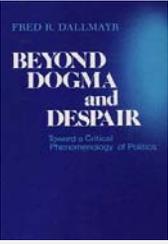
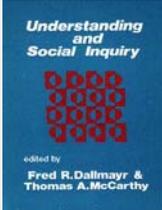
Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
2010	Comparative Political Theory: An Introduction		<p>This book is a textbook designed for teaching a new subfield in political science: the emerging field of "comparative political theory". It is the first such textbook. As taught in American universities, political theory has been traditionally confined to the history of Western political thought from Plato and Aristotle to Hegel and Nietzsche. The editor believes strongly that this limitation is no longer tenable in our globalizing age when different cultures and civilizations are increasingly communicating and interacting with each other. The text focuses on three areas: Islamic civilization, Indian civilization, and Far Eastern civilizations. In each area the text offers an introduction followed by readings dealing with ancient or classical teachings as well as modern and contemporary theoretical developments. In making these selections, the editor has been ably assisted by experts in the respective fields (Roxanne Euben, Anthony Parel, and Theodore deBary). The text is meant mainly for undergraduate classes but can be consulted with benefit also by more advanced students as well as by the general reading public.</p>	0230618634
2007	Civilizational Dialogue and Political Thought: Tehran Papers (Series: Global Encounters: Studies in Comparative Political Theory)		<p>Civilizational Dialogue and Political Thought: Tehran Papers gathers together Islamic and Western scholars to answer the call of Mohammed Khatami, former president of Iran, and the United Nations General Assembly for a "Dialogue of Civilizations," a global dialogue for peace. Based in international relations, comparative politics, political theory, and philosophy, the essays in this collection stand in direct challenge to Samuel Huntington's "clash of civilizations" thesis. They testify to the urgency and the viability of the agenda of civilizational dialogue as a guidepost and ethical paradigm for the global community.</p>	739122363
2007	In Search of the Good Life: A Pedagogy for Troubled Times		<p>To whom should we look for moral guidance during times of global violence, scarcity, and corruption? For two millennia, Aristotle's writings have taught that the ethically "good life" is the highest purpose of human existence. In <i>In Search of the Good Life</i>, renowned philosopher Fred Dallmayr traces the development of this notion, illuminating the connections between Greek philosophy, Judeo-Christian tradition, Eastern religions, and postindustrial social criticism. Dallmayr searches the writings of Bonaventure, Nicolaus of Cusa, Leibniz, Montesquieu, and others, for models of the good life.</p> <p><i>In Search of the Good Life</i>, however, is not merely an academic exercise. Dallmayr's investigations apply directly to a number of contemporary issues: the relevance of the classics, the global spread of democracy, appropriate responses to evil, and the public role of religion in a democracy. Dallmayr reinvigorates the notion of the good life as a hallmark of personal conduct, civic virtue, and political engagement, seeking to roust a complacent and self-indulgent citizenry out of a fog of modern amusements and distractions.</p>	0813124573
2006	Letting Be: Fred Dallmayr's Cosmopolitical Vision		<p>The diversity of contributors to this volume illustrate the broad range of Dallmayr's own theory. His thinking has engaged ideas of Jürgen Habermas and Martin Heidegger, Michel Foucault and Charles Taylor, Jacques Derrida and Abdolkarim Soroush—not to mention those of phenomenology, language philosophy, critical theory, hermeneutics, deconstruction, and a rich collection of non-Western thinkers, both classical and contemporary. Indeed, in the last decade Dallmayr's works have expanded to develop the emerging field of comparative political thought, as his theoretical focus weaves across the old historical and geographical borders of thought, crossing North and South, East and West, ancient and modern. The scholars in this volume are among the first to address the full scope of Dallmayr's contributions to contemporary thought, from his theoretical assessment of Western modernity to his cosmopolitical vision.</p>	0268041245
2005	Small Wonder: Global Power and Its Discontents		<p><i>Small Wonder</i> presents the dangers of the underside of modernity: the unleashing of unlimited lust for (global) power and wealth. Relying on leading critical intellectuals, Dallmayr offers a critique of the self-deceptions of our age, pleading in favor of the cultivation of the small wonder of everyday life.</p>	0742549682

Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
2004	Peace Talks: Who Will Listen?		<p>In his <i>Complaint of Peace</i>, the great sixteenth-century humanist Erasmus allows "Peace" to talk. Peace speaks as a plaintiff, protesting her shabby treatment at the hands of humankind and our ever-ready inclination to launch wars. Against this lure of warfare, Erasmus pits the higher task of peace-building, which can only succeed through the cultivation of justice and respect for all human life.</p> <p>First articulated in 1517, the complaint of peace has echoed through subsequent centuries and down to our age—an age convulsed by world wars, holocausts, and ethnic cleansings. Distinguished political scientist Fred Dallmayr traces this complaint from the writings of Erasmus through the evolution of the "law of nations" to recent and contemporary co-plaintiffs in the West. He also highlights the role of non-Western thinkers and teachings in giving voice to "Peace." In addition to Erasmus, Dallmayr engages major thinkers such as Francisco de Vitoria, Hugo Grotius, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, Martin</p> <p>This timely book urgently pleads for greater attentiveness to peace's complaint as an antidote to the prevailing culture of violence and the escalating danger of nuclear catastrophe. Dallmayr offers not only a compelling historical narrative, but powerful ethical and religious arguments vindicating the primacy of peace over violence and war.</p>	026802569X
2002	Dialogue Among Civilizations: Some Exemplary Voices		<p><i>Dialogue Among Civilizations</i> explores the social, cultural, and philosophical underpinnings of "civilizational dialogue" by asking questions such as: What is the meaning of such dialogue? What are its preconditions? Are there different trajectories for different civilizations? Is there also a dialogue between past and future involving remembrance? Exemplary voices range from Ibn Rushid, Goethe and Hafiz to Soroush, Gadamer, and the Mahatma Gandhi.</p>	1403960593
2002	G.W.F. Hegel		<p>At a time when "modernity" has become a deeply contested notion, G. W. F. Hegel: <i>Modernity and Politics</i> presents Hegel as the quintessential philosopher of modernity, highlighting his political writings that culminated in the <i>Philosophy of Right</i>. Fred R. Dallmayr deftly argues that, for Hegel, modernity resided in the growth of human freedom—a freedom anchored in public responsibility and social justice, the "high road" of modernity. This outlook remains politically relevant in our globalizing age as an antidote to a "predatory" mode of globalization that celebrates economic self-interest. With a new introduction, this revised edition interprets Hegel's "postmodern" legacy not as the move from spirit to matter, nor from holism to particularism, but as the dissemination of the liberating spirit in the capillaries of democratic lifeworlds.</p>	0742521370
2001	Achieving Our World: Toward a Global and Plural Democracy		<p>In an age marked by global hegemony and festering civilization clashes, Fred Dallmayr's <i>Achieving Our World</i> charts a path toward a cosmopolitan democracy respectful of local differences. Dallmayr draws upon and develops insights from a number of fields: political theory, the study of international politics, recent Continental philosophy, and an array of critical cultural disciplines to illustrate and elucidate his thesis. In <i>Achieving Our World</i>, Dallmayr contends that a genuinely global and plural democracy and 'civic culture' is the only viable and promising path for humankind in the new millennium.</p>	0742511847
1999	Between Tradition and Modernity: India's Search for Identity.		<p>The Weberian dichotomy between tradition and modernity has had an enormous impact on the sociological writing in India. In line with this tradition, this book is essentially a reader for persons who wish to understand India's transformation from tradition towards modernity. In India's case, the transition from tradition towards modernity has been superimposed by what the editors call as India's "existential encounter with the West." Circumscribed by these amorphous parameters, the book is divided into two sections. The first section deals with India's responses to colonialism and the second with critiques of modernization.</p>	076199243X

Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
1999	Border Crossings: Toward a Comparative Political Theory		<p>Comparative political theory is at best an embryonic and marginalized endeavor. As practiced in most Western universities, the study of political theory generally involves a rehearsal of the canon of Western political thought from Plato to Marx. Only rarely are practitioners of political thought willing (and professionally encouraged) to transgress the canon -and thereby the cultural boundaries of North America and Europe- in the direction of genuine comparative investigation. "Border Crossings" presents an effort to remedy this situation, fully launching a new era in political theory. Thirteen scholars from around the world examine the various political traditions of West, South, and East Asia and engage in a reflective cross-cultural discussion that belies the assumptions of an Asian "essence" and of an unbridgeable gulf between West and non-West. The denial of essential differences does not, however, amount to an endorsement of essential sameness. As viewed and as practiced by contributors to this ground-breaking volume, comparative political theorizing must steer a course between uniformity and radical separation - this is the path of "border crossings."</p>	0739100432
1998	Alternative Visions		<p>Globalization is often seen as a process of universal standardization under the auspices of market economics, technology, and hegemonic power. Resisting this process without endorsing parochial self-enclosure, Fred Dallmayr explores alternative visions that are rooted in distinct vernacular traditions and facilitate cross-cultural learning in an open-ended global arena.</p>	0847687686
1996	Beyond Orientalism: Essays on Cross-Cultural Encounter		<p>Beyond Orientalism explores the confluence of contemporary Western (especially Continental) philosophy, with its focus on otherness and difference, and the ongoing process of globalization or the emergence of the "global village." The basic question raised in the book is: What will be the prevailing life-form or discourse of the global village? Will it be the discourse of Western science, industry, and metaphysics which, under the banner of modernization and development, seeks to homogenize the world in its image? In Said's work, this strategy was labeled "Orientalism." Or will it be possible to move "beyond Orientalism" in the direction neither of global uniformity nor radical fragmentation?</p> <p>After discussing the broad range of possible "modes of cross-cultural encounter" in a historical perspective, the book develops as a preferred option the notion of a deconstructive dialogue or a "hermeneutics of difference" which respects otherness beyond assimilation. This hermeneutics is illustrated in chapters examining several bridge-builders between cultures, primarily the Indian philosophers Radhakrishnan and J. L. Mehta and the Indologist Halbfass. The remaining chapters are devoted to more concrete social-political problems, including issues of modernization, multiculturalism, and the prospects of a globalized democracy which bids farewell to Orientalism and Eurocentrism.</p>	0791430707
1993	The Other Heidegger (Contestations)		<p>Martin Heidegger's political views have provoked heated debate and intense polemics. A string of recent publications has delivered the verdict that his entire philosophy is tainted or permeated by his Nazi commitments after 1933. In this book Fred Dallmayr delineates the contours of an alternative political perspective in Heidegger's thought, showing a different assessment of Heidegger the philosopher while trying neither to excuse nor to condemn the man. Shifting the focus from ideological partisanship to a different level of inquiry, Dallmayr identifies a Heidegger progressively estranged from immediate political contexts and exposed to the dislocations of otherness—what he calls the "other Heidegger."</p> <p>After outlining in broad strokes the itineraries of Heidegger's intellectual and political journeys, Dallmayr turns to a number of his possible "contributions" in the area of political thought. His discussions examine such topics as the status and role of political agency, the character of political community, Heidegger's relation to democracy, and his views on ethics and justice in a public-political setting. Dallmayr highlights Heidegger's emphasis on estrangement as a precondition for "homecoming" or the discovery of personal and cultural identity, his critique of the steady ascendancy of science and technical knowledge over life-world experience, and his hopes for an alternative future.</p>	0801429099

Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
1991	Between Freiburg and Frankfurt: Toward a Critical Ontology		<p>In an age marked by profound rifts and tensions on both political and philosophical levels, a fundamental debate affecting virtually the whole of Western intellectual culture is currently taking place. In one camp are those who would defend traditional metaphysics and its ties to the rise of modernity; in the other camp, those who reject the possibility of foundational thought and argue for the emergence of a postmodern order. Can we still defend the notion of critical reason? How should we grasp the significance of the embeddedness of language and thought in specific historical contexts? Can we rationally defend the possibility of human freedom?</p> <p>In this book, Fred Dallmayr goes beyond conventional discussion of these issues by tracing them back to their origins. Drawing on his unrivaled knowledge of Continental philosophy, he explores the underlying connections between the phenomenologists of the Freiburg School and the critical theorists of the Frankfurt School, thus steering a course toward a "critical ontology" that bridges reason and the world.</p> <p>This book will be essential reading for sociologists, philosophers, and political theorists.</p> <p>"Dallmayr has already distinguished himself as a political theorist with a sensitive and comprehensive understanding of contemporary trends in Anglo-American and Continental thinking. Although sharply critical of Heidegger's Nazi involvement, he nevertheless argues that Heidegger's ontological thinking . . . is one of the most fertile sources for probing and understanding our contemporary situation. At the same time, Dallmayr is deeply sympathetic with the Frankfurt tradition of critical theory, especially the writings of Adorno. Dallmayr writes with enormous hermeneutical sensitivity. His critical analyses are always thought provoking." — Richard J. Bernstein, Vera List Professor of Philosophy, New School for Social Research.</p>	0870237640
1991	Life-world, modernity, and critique: Paths between Heidegger and the Frankfurt School		<p>Western philosophical discourse, Dallmayr argues, revolves around a struggle between two impulses, a critical rationality that examines the basis of knowledge and an ontological being-in-the-world that would disclose the life-world, grounding the cogito the "I think" that grounds one's existence. He tries to bridge these impulses through a critical ontology that he derives from an examination of the Kantian and Hegelian foundations of the Freiburg School of Husserl and Heidegger, and the Frankfurt School of Horkheimer, Adorno, and later Habermas. In addition, he takes this reconciliation forward by looking at the debate on hermeneutics between Habermas and Gadamer and the role of Freud in Adorno, Marcuse, and Lacan. An important book, marked both by its clarity and cogency.</p>	0745608191
1990	The Communicative Ethics Controversy (Studies in Contemporary German Social Thought)		<p>This timely reader in moral philosophy addresses a controversy that strongly affected recent European reflections on the relevance of ethics for theories of democratic institutions and democratic legitimacy. The debate centers around the idea of a communicative ethics as articulated by Jürgen Habermas and Karl-Otto Apel, and it is representative both of recent attempts to bridge the gap between Continental and Anglo-American philosophy and of the turn to language that has characterized much of recent philosophy.</p> <p>The Communicative Ethics Controversy illustrates philosophical dialogue in action, moving from theses to counterarguments to rejoinders. Theoretical statements by Habermas, Apel, and two of their leading students, Dietrich Böhlen and Robert Alexy, are followed by a series of five arguments by their leading critics, who represent viewpoints ranging from Kantian idealism to Wittgensteinian ordinary-language theory. Fred Dallmayr's introduction and Seyla Benhabib's incisive conclusion place the debate in perspective, bringing it up to date and relating it to the Anglo-American context.</p>	0262521520
1989	Margins of Political Discourse		<p>"Margins of political discourse" are those border zones where paradigms intersect and where issues of order and disorder, meaning and non-meaning must be continually renegotiated.</p> <p>Our age is marked by multiple dislocations, by political as well as philosophical paradigm shifts. Politically, a Europe-centered world order has given way to a decentered arena of global power struggles. Philosophically, traditional metaphysics — itself a European legacy — is making room for diverse modes of anti-foundationalism. In this situation, philosophy and political theory are bound to be decentered themselves, occupying a peculiar border zone in which traditional boundaries are blurred without being erased. This is the locus of Dallmayr's book.</p> <p>Located at the intersection of Continental and Anglo-American thought as well as at the border of philosophy and politics, Margins of Political Discourse explores the zone between polis and cosmopolis, between modernity and postmodernity, between reason and contingency, between immanence and transcendence</p>	0791400352

Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
1989	Life-World and Politics Between Modernity and Postmodernity Essays in Honor of Fred Dallmayr		<p>One of the most dramatic insights of philosophy in our century has been the discovery, as Fred Dallmayr puts it, "of the unthought within our thought, the unreason of our reason, the unconscious of our conscious." These original essays explore this discovery from its appearance in Edmund Husserl's notion of the "life-world" to contemporary efforts clustering around the topic of postmodernism. The contributors, while making a clear connection between their concerns and Dallmayr's, elucidates the implications of postmodern debates and the phenomenological tradition for contemporary ethics and political theory.</p> <p>Two themes predominate among the contributors. First, there is the conviction that discussions of modernity's "others" must be directed in ways that speak more cogently to the concerns of ethical and political life. Secondly, there is a reluctance to be satisfied with comfortable positions on either side of the debates between defenders of modernity and celebrators of postmodernity; the essays here illustrate that the most fertile ground for contemporary thought lies between these two schools.</p> <p>Stephen K. White is Associate Professor of Political Science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and author of <i>The Recent Work of Jurgen Habermas: Reason: Justice and Modernity</i>.</p>	026801289X
1989	Critical Encounters: Between Philosophy and Politics		<p>Fred Dallmayr has the extraordinary ability to engage in sympathetic critical dialogue with thinkers who are shaping a new understanding of that region between philosophy and politics. In these essays, he draws out the political consequences of such thinkers as Nietzsche, Heidegger, Gadamer, Ricoeur, Derrida, Habermas, Apel, Luhmann, MacIntyre, and Giddens. Dallmayr's own journey toward a post-individualist and post-subjectivist political theory becomes more sharply defined in and through these critical encounters. —Richard J. Bernstein, T. Wistar Brown Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College</p>	0268007748
1987	Polis and Praxis: Exercises in Contemporary Political Theory		<p>This provocative collection of essays seeks to clarify and redefine mainstream political and social concepts whose meaning is problematic. Their touchstone is the relation between polis and praxis - the public-political space and the political action that maintains and is conditioned by that space. The result is a stimulating and original contribution to current political discourse that explores and advocates the manifold possible levels of active political life below and above the level of the state.</p> <p>In an open philosophical inquiry, the author conducts a dialogue with many of this century's seminal thinkers as he takes up such topics as the plausibility of friendship as a model for political relations, the relation between political praxis and "experience," Heidegger's ontology of freedom, Foucault's treatment of power, and the merits and disadvantages of Habermasian critical theory.</p>	0262540487
1984	Language and Politics: Why Does Language Matter to Political Philosophy		<p>We are presently confronted with a Babel of theories about language. As these proliferate, our need for an overview becomes acute. Linking linguistic and political man in <i>Language and Politics</i>, Dallmayr provides a perspective from which to assess the contemporary confusion of approaches.</p> <p>Among Anglo-American trends Dallmayr discusses logical empiricism, linguistic behaviorism, generative grammar, ordinary-language analysis, and speech-act theory; in the Continental setting he covers transcendental phenomenology, transcendental hermeneutics, universal pragmatics, and language ontology.</p> <p>The "language" these schools- consider varies. While some theories conflict, others hardly talk about the same thing. Imagine Russell and Ricoeur in the same room together — or a proponent of Cartesian linguistics trying to come to grips with the "ideal speech situation."</p> <p>Yet Russell and Ricoeur, Chomsky and Habermas are together in <i>Language and Politics</i>. The merit of Dallmayr's work lies in its placing their theories within a comprehensive overview.</p>	0268012709
1981	Twilight of Subjectivity: Contributions to a Post-Individualist Theory Politics		<p>Since the Renaissance, with its assumptions about the extent to which nature can be dominated by technology and human effort, the ideal of "individualism" has been the cornerstone of modern political philosophy. This extraordinarily wide-ranging analysis outlines a "post-individualist theory of politics," which does not simply reject individualism but seeks to divest it of its anthropocentric, "egological," and "possessive" connotations.</p> <p>In the process, the author argues that the idea of individualism and the effort to transcend it encompass the discussions of intentionality and being in phenomenology, the distinction between nature and culture that appears in the work of Levi-Strauss and others, the search for rules of discourse that preoccupies modern linguistics, and the theories of rational autonomy postulated by Habermas and other Marxists using critical theory.</p>	0870233149

Date	Title	Picture	Synopsis	ISBN
1981	Beyond Dogma and Despair: Toward a Critical Phenomenology of Politics		<p>Contemporary political science is in a state of ferment. In contrast to past decades when the discipline was dominated solidly by positivist thinking and methodology, the present "post-behavioralist era" is characterized by the search for new diverse avenues to the study of politics. Beyond Dogma and Despair combines and reconciles two currents that are frequently seen as standing in opposition: phenomenology and hermeneutics on the one hand, and critical theory as developed by the "Frankfurt School" on the other.</p> <p>In the introduction Professor Dallmayr gives an overview of the main arguments of his approach. The framework is then developed in greater detail in the three parts of the book.</p> <p>The first part deals with the contemporary state of political science and tries to show how the understanding of the "human condition" implicit in the critical-phenomenology perspective affects political thought and research. The author sketches alternatives to behavioralism; analyzes systemic, exchange, and conflict types of political theories; and reviews the influence of the philosophical</p> <p>The second section focuses on the background of contemporary phenomenology and hermeneutics and outlines their impact on social-political inquiry, with special attention to the work of Thomas Hobbes, Peter Winch, Karl-Otto Apel, Giambattista Vico, and Enzo Paci.</p> <p>The last section discusses Lukacs' theory of social change and critically examines the arguments put forth by Jurgen Habermas and Karl-Otto Apel, chief contemporary spokesmen of the Frankfurt School of critical theory.</p>	026800661X
1978	From Contract to Community: Political Theory at the Cross Roads edited by Fred Dallmayr		<p>This book is about the strengths and weaknesses of liberal individualism and the prospect of a more community-oriented political life. The essays collected herein explore the tensions, promises, dangers, and predicaments inherent in contemporary Western political theory, torn as it now is between traditional doctrines that see political institutions as the outgrowth of self-interested contractual agreements and newer (or newly revived) modes of thinking that stress the need for communication, social institutions, and less egocentric interactions. The book delineates a situation fraught with uncertainty and hope: political life lodged at the crossroads between contract and community, hovering between past and future, unable to stand still and yet apprehensive of what lies ahead.</p> <p>The authors direct themselves to this topic without offering ready-made solutions. Several of the essays concentrate on the historical antecedents of the present dilemma, while others investigate roads leading beyond industrial and post-industrial society, to community-oriented life forms. Three of the essays examine the normative dimension of the contract-community controversy, giving special attention to the issue of social injustice and to the meta-ethical justification of social norms. The concluding chapter probes avenues leading to peace and community in a global context.</p> <p>From Contract to Community: Political Theory at the Crossroads is set apart from the few other books on this topic by its range of perspectives and the prestige of its contributors, whose nationalities span the United States, Canada, West Germany, and Yugoslavia. This book will be read and used by political scientists specializing in political theory. In addition, all social scientists and educated laymen concerned with contemporary social thought will want to familiarize themselves with these writings. The book can be used on the undergraduate and graduate levels as a text or supplement in courses on contemporary political (or social) theory, modern individualism, or contemporary normative thought.</p>	0824766806
1978	Understanding and Social Inquiry		<p>As the philosophical and methodological foundations of the social sciences have come under scrutiny in recent years, the need to correlate the research procedures and types of argumentation of the historical-hermeneutic disciplines and the empirical sciences has become apparent. The role and nature of verstehen, or interpretive understanding, in social research is a central issue in this discussion, one in which methodological arguments are often closely tied to philosophical concerns, bringing key points surrounding the status of social inquiry clearly into focus.</p> <p>This anthology is the first in which the major schools of thought on interpretive understanding—empiricism, language philosophy, phenomenology, and hermeneutics and critical theory—are represented and brought into dialogue. Included are recognized classics by Weber, Parsons, Winch, Schutz, Abel, Garfinkel, Rudner, Taylor, Ricoeur and Habermas (the latter translated especially for this volume).</p> <p>In addition to portraying a major intellectual position, each chapter contains critical rejoinders, objections, and replies relevant to that position. Moreover, the sequence of chapters constitutes a series of challenges and responses, setting up a continuous discourse throughout the book and providing a comprehensive overview of this important debate.</p>	0268019134