

“Ernst Fraenkel’s Neopluralism and its Importance for Political Science in Germany”

Ernst Fraenkel is probably known best in the USA for his work “The Dual State”, in which he scrutinizes the Law of Nazi Germany. In Germany, Fraenkel is known to be one of the founding fathers of German political science after World War II., influenced by his exile in the USA, where he lived and thought from 1939 on. In 1951, Fraenkel returned to Germany to teach political science. There, he developed a neo-pluralist theory that strongly influenced the idea of a militant democracy. This talk introduces Ernst Fraenkel’s neo-pluralism, and describes the core elements of Fraenkel’s theory. It also presents Fraenkel’s theory in its historical and scientific context and explains the influence the theory had on political science, as well as politics.

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