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**Green States and Social Movements:
Environmentalism in the United States,
United Kingdom, Germany & Norway**

Social movements take shape in relation to the kind of state in which they emerge, while over time states are transformed by the movements that they both incorporate and resist. This is a comparative study of the environmental movement's successes and failures in four very different states - the USA, UK, Germany, and Norway. The research I describe documents a green transformation of the state and society on a par with earlier transformations that gave us first the liberal capitalist state and then the welfare state. Such a transformation is now most likely in Germany, and least likely in the United States, which has lost the status of environmental pioneer that it gained in the early 1970s. My analysis explains the role played by social movements in making modern societies more deeply democratic, and yields insights into the strategic choices of environmental movements as they decide on the terms whereby they will engage, enter, or resist the state. Sometimes it makes sense for a movement to act conventionally, as a green party or set of interest groups. But sometimes inclusion can mean co-option, in which case a movement can instead emphasize action in and through civil society.

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