

# Think tank traditions : policy research and the politics of ideas

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Abstract Think tank traditions is a follow up to the critically acclaimed monograph Think tanks across nations (MUP, 1998), edited by the same authors, which was widely acknowledged as a ground-breaking work in the comparative study of think tanks. The book looks at the historical role and contemporary significance of think tanks in the West, including Europe, the United States and Canada, as well as considering their activities in China, Eastern Europe and Argentina. In so doing, the book provides a broad-based and in-depth analysis of the role of think tanks in the processes of economic liberalisation and democratisation. As well as analysing think tank activities on a country-by-country basis, three new chapters focus on levels of think tank operation and activity above and beyond the nation-state, including the European Union, and, on a more general level, diplomatic relations and foreign policy. By addressing these broad and increasingly important dimensions of think tank activity, the book will have considerable appeal among students of comparative politics, public policy and international affairs.

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His research and teaching interests encompass British political ideas, British public policy, Conservative Party politics and political biography. Administrative Roles. Director, PhD Admissions. Think Tank Traditions: Policy Research and the Politics of Ideas Manchester University Press, Manchester, UK. Denham, a. and garnett, M., 2004. A 'Hollowed Out' Tradition? British Think Tanks in the Twenty First Century. In: STONE, D and DENHAM, A., eds., Think Tank Traditions: Policy Research and the Politics of Ideas Manchester University Press., 232-46. DENHAM, A., 2003. British Think Tanks in the Twenty-first Century. In Think Tank Traditions: Policy Research and the Politics of Ideas , ed. D. Stone, and A. Denham. New York: Manchester University Press. Think Tanks, "Policy Experts" and "Ideas for" Education Policy Making in Australia. The Australian Educational Researcher 43 (1): 15–33. CrossRefGoogle Scholar. McGann, J. 1995. The Competition for Dollars, Scholars, and Influence in Public Policy Research Industry . Lanham, MD: University Press of America. Google Scholar. McGann, J. 2014. 2013 Global Go to Think Tanks Rankings: The Leading Public Policy Research Organizations in the World. Diane Stone, too, promotes a looser definition in Think Tank Traditions: Policy Research and the Politics of Ideas, which holds that think tank is often used to refer to a function or practice rather than an organizational structure.<sup>24</sup> Think Tanks and Governance in the United States. 9. The only consensus in the literature on the definition of think tanks is that there is no consensus. The term is difficult to define because the broad definition encompasses other similar non-think-tank organizations, and any attempt to narrow the definition excludes organizations that are commonly accepted a

By competing in the "market for ideas"™, think tanks promote policy pluralism and stimulate the participation of policy actors and citizens. But does their funding model create risks that think tanks merely become advocates or lobbyists for funders?(11). Think tanks have no natural constituency, thus they have no intrinsic role in a democracy.Â But this can only work if quality continues to be the core goal of think tank work and the prime audience " policymakers " remain in focus. Know yourself and stick to your mission. Think tanks are ideally placed to support approaches which bridge the dilemma between specialisation and the policy need for creative solutions. Think Tank Traditions, Policy Research, and the Politics of Ideas. Manchester, Manchester University Press 2004, pp. 1-16 (pp. 1-2). K. Y. Arin, Think Tanks, DOI 10.1007/978-3-658-02935-7\_1, Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden 2014. 10. Think Tanks, the Brain Trusts of US Foreign Policy.Â Political scientists, in his opinion, have not yet illustrated Washington think tanks and their recent proliferation as a new, important and institutional force in American policy-making. 12 Think tanks deal in soft power (a term coined by Joseph Nye) in forming policy agendas, in questioning the terminology and conventional wisdom of policy debate, and in affecting the thinking of the policy-makers.