

## 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

The idea of think tanks connecting researchers and decision makers resonates throughout the mission statements of numerous organisations. The Anglo-American tradition regards think tanks as relatively autonomous organizations with separate legal identity that engage in the analysis of policy issues independently of government, political parties and pressure groups. Increasingly, therefore, "think tank" is conceived in terms of a policy research function and a set of analytic or policy advisory practices, rather than a specific legal organizational structure as a non-governmental, non-partisan or independent civil society entity. Many institutes are routinely engaged in advocacy and the marketing of ideas whether in simplified policy relevant form or in sound bites for the media.

IDEAS, THINK-TANKS AND GOVERNMENTS Away from the Power Elite, Back to the People by Edwin J. Feulner, Jr. I am going to talk about ideas, think-tanks and governments, but I think you will see that what I am really talking about is change--innovation. Neoconservatives tend to stress the importance of tradition, institutional stability and the rule of law. They are staunchly anti-Communist, but their view of free enterprise ranges from mildly supportive to overtly hostile. Policy politics is concerned with what happens between the election, the gradual changes. Policy politics is watching your elected officials perform in committee and on the floor of Congress or Parliament. It is holding them accountable and trying to influence them.