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Game Theory and the Transition to Democracy analyses strategic behaviour and political interactions during the key political episodes in the Spanish transition, explaining why it was such a successful process. Emphasising the agenda-setting, bargaining and strategic decision-making roles of central actors, this book uses a rational choice methodology to model the transition to democracy in Spain. This book sheds new light on the process of transition to democracy and will be welcomed by historians and political scientists both as a key contribution to the historical understanding of the period.Â It will serve as the reference book for political scientists and those following their work for years to come. Increasingly, political scientists are using game theory to analyze strategic interactions across many different settings. Each of the sub-fields, to differing degrees, has seen game theoretic concepts enter its vocabulary, and students entering the profession will need to understand the potential and limits of game theory. This course aims to give students an entry-level understanding of the basic concepts of game theory, and how these concepts have been applied to the study of political phenomena. Because an important component of game theory in political science and political economy is the Game Theory for Political Scientists. Daniel Verdier. verdier.2@polisci.osu.edu Office phone: 292-8130 Office hours: Thursdays 3-4, 2068 Derby Hall. More and more, political scientists are using game theory to analyze strategic interactions across many different political settings.Â Although game theory is not a method that is specific to political scienceâ€”it was mostly developed in economicsâ€”this class will focus on a set of tools that are specific to political science institutions and are not mathematically demanding. The institutions we will be examining within this course are.