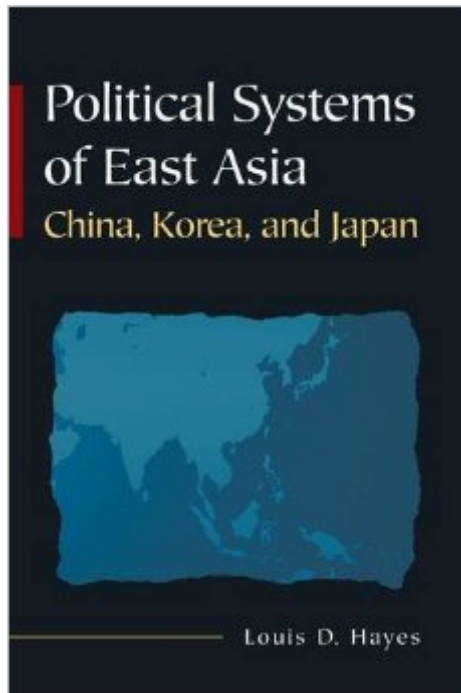


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Synopsis

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discussing the future of the region as a region is missing from the text and is greatly missed.

This book has a lot of great information on East Asia (and a tad bit of humorous bias from author).

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