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### Book review: Joanna Marszałek-Kawa, Danuta Plecka (Eds.), *The Dictionary of Political Knowledge*, Adam Marszałek Publishing House, Toruń 2019, pp. 509

It is a significant challenge to write a concise handbook which would explore various aspects of a given scientific discipline. The task is demanding, time-consuming, and risky. *Dictionary of Political Knowledge*, edited by Joanna Marszałek-Kawa and Danuta Plecka, is a successful example of such an attempt. The editors managed to create a very interesting publication which could be recommended to readers interested in politics.

The high pace of political and social changes requires continuous improvement of knowledge. A multitude of processes and phenomena makes scholars look for dispersed information. As a consequence, one can observe a rising need for handbooks and lexicons. It is therefore a good idea to gather the most important entries on political science in a single volume.

The book under review is dedicated to terms related to the contemporary political science. Written by leading Polish scholars, the dictionary includes more than 200 entries from Abdication to Zionism. 40 authors presented their original definitions of key concepts associated with political systems, political theory, theory of the state and law, political institutions, parties and party systems, political thought, international relations, and security. The selection of key terms is well-reasoned and results from the adopted assumptions. As a consequence, the book may serve as a reference point for further studies. Readers are provided with definitions and short descriptions of the most important terms related to the political science.

The entries are presented in alphabetical order. Most of them take half page and are very concise and informative. In addition, many entries are followed by short bibliographies, which readers may find very helpful. The terms are multidimensional in both content and methodology. They help to correctly understand, interpret, and explain various phenomena and processes related to political science.

The information is up-to-date and is based on the latest findings. In addition, the book is well-edited and carefully worded. In my opinion, the publication should be periodically updated and expanded with new entries.

The authors offer a clear and detailed overview of all selected terms. The book, undoubtedly, can be very helpful and useful. I recommend *Dictionary of Political Knowledge* to scholars, students, practitioners, and other people interested in political science. It is well-designed and disseminates proven knowledge related to the contemporary political science.