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Ideas, Interests and Institutions in the Analysis of Welfare State Realignment: Towards a Political Analysis of Institutional Change

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【Abstract】

In this paper, I propose the comparative frameworks to analyze the welfare state realignment in terms of Constitutive-Strategic Approach. So, I propose the new theory of institutional change. This approach pays attention to the interaction of structure and agency through idea. So, It focuses on not only the economic-social base of the welfare state, but also the political base. First, I review the discussion about the theory of welfare state (especially Power Resource Theory, Cross-Class Alliance Theory, Varieties of Capitalism Theory, New Politics of Welfare State Theory, and Ideational Approach). I argue that these theories have some theoretical problems which is concerned with the model of institutional change. So, we need new theoretical model to analyze the political dynamism of institutional change. Second, I review the discussion about the new institutionalism in political science. In particularly, I consider the theoretical innovation of Historical Institutionalism and Rational Choice Institutionalism and the rise of the fourth new institutionalism which

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focus on ideational factor. I argue that these have some limitations to analyze the political dynamism of institutional change. Finally, I propose the new theory of institutional change which focuses on the role of ideas in political science. This model assumes that there are two stages on the process of institutional change (① ideas make actor's interests and ② political actors use some ideas to attain their goal). So, it can consider the political dynamism of institutional change. I consider the implications of new theory of institutional change for the analysis of welfare state realignment.