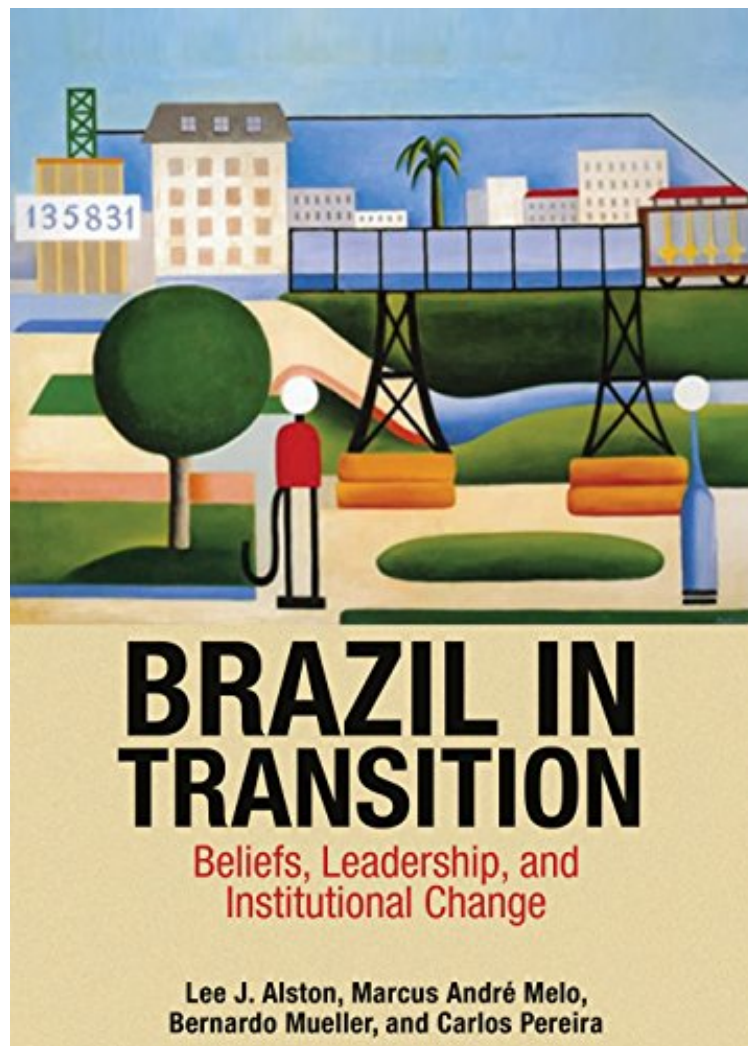


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A book that every Brazilian should read, mainly authorities in the three powers. By Armando Kokitsu I am happy to discover this book that expresses some of my main thoughts among which the primary cause of the difficulties for Brazil to develop faster is of a cultural nature and related to values and

beliefs. I share the opinion of the authors that we have seen coalitions of leaders and democratic institutions act in crisis situations (windows of opportunity) and catalyze a revolutionary process of changing beliefs, values and culture for a more mature and developed nation. Brazil still has very negative indicators, but the book shows that some of the important ones have improved over the past fifty years. "Brazil in Transition" is a book that every Brazilian, but mainly authorities in the three powers should read to better realize this reality and thus compose a strong leadership to accelerate the transition to be a sustainably developed country.

Brazil is the world's sixth-largest economy, and for the first three-quarters of the twentieth century was one of the fastest-growing countries in the world. While the country underwent two decades of unrelenting decline from 1975 to 1994, the economy has rebounded dramatically. How did this nation become an emerging power? Brazil in Transition looks at the factors behind why this particular country has successfully progressed up the economic development ladder. The authors examine the roles of beliefs, leadership, and institutions in the elusive, critical transition to sustainable development. Analyzing the last fifty years of Brazil's history, the authors explain how the nation's beliefs, centered on social inclusion yet bound by orthodox economic policies, led to institutions that altered economic, political, and social outcomes. Brazil's growth and inflation became less variable, the rule of law strengthened, politics became more open and competitive, and poverty and inequality declined. While these changes have led to a remarkable economic transformation, there have also been economic distortions and inefficiencies that the authors argue are part of the development process. Brazil in Transition demonstrates how a dynamic nation seized windows of opportunity to become a more equal, prosperous, and rules-based society.

"Brazil is the world's sixth-largest economy and fifth-largest nation, and its transformation has long piqued the interest of scholars and observers. In this engaging book, Alston and his Brazilian colleagues Melo, Mueller, and Pereira examine this transformation by asking how Brazil became an emerging power during the 20th century. . . . Brazil in Transition is a valuable contribution to the understanding of why nations develop and the struggles they face in the process."--Choice

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"Possibly the biggest thing we don't understand in social science is how and why a society moves from one institutional equilibrium to another. To tackle this you need history, economics, political science, sociology, and psychology. This pathbreaking book on the emergence of a new Brazil incorporates all of these and more."--James Robinson, coauthor of Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty

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"Exploring Brazil's stunning--if incomplete--economic progress of recent decades and the unexpected institutional shifts that underscored it, this book posits a new framework for understanding economic development in the modern era. Firmly grounded in history and sound scholarship, Brazil in Transition does an outstanding job delving into the Brazilian experience from 1964 to today."--Anne G. Hanley, Northern Illinois University

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