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ing with problems common in many societies. The problems of the contemporary world unite what academic disciplines and national political systems tend to keep apart. Substan-tive concerns come first. Methodology and con-cepts should be instrumental in achieving analytic purposes and concepts and theories should be grounded in an awareness of government wie es eigentlich gewesen ist.

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