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## **Summary**

The recent financial market- and economic crisis has invigorated debates about a national parliaments' loss of importance. The book reconsiders the conceptual framework of parliamentary powers. By comparing the introduction of stimulus packages in Germany, Great Britain and Sweden, it will be analyzed empirically whether parliaments become insignificant due to crises. National legislation processes are to be traced and compared by the use of veto points.

The Book investigates parliamentary performance in hard times. And, it contributes innovative insights to legislative powers' literature by using qualitative methods. Thus, the book it worth reading for both, parliamentary scholars and students, and parliamentarians who are interested in an analytic view on legislative structures, actors, and processes.