Judicial Politics Since 1920: A Chronicle

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In this study, John Griffith traces the development of judicial attitudes since 1920, focusing on a series of exemplary episodes: populism in the early 1920s, focusing on traditionality and continuity, the development of legal formalism in the 1920s, the heyday of legal formalism, and the development of judicial attitudes to the exercise of power by such public bodies as Ministers of the Crown. Griffith argues that judicial discretion was quite broad and that often the class of legal reasons suffices to justify a unique outcome. He concludes that the standard chronicle within legal circles as well as in political science, repeated recognized that judicial discretion was quite broad and that often the class of legal reasons suffices to justify a unique outcome.