

Prefatory (unfinished)

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This book is, as members of the United States Congress might say, a revision and extension of my remarks. One of the defining problems for the series is posed by a continuing concern of the late Julian J. Rothbaum, in whose honor the series is named. Simply put, there was the continuing concern about how the people participate in their own government.<sup>1</sup> People who seek to participate in their own government will do so the more they focus on the essentials of power, which depend so much upon administration.

I join thus two subjects that have been less attended to than I think would be useful. They are public administration and political power. Power is contingent on administration. Administration is power in practice.

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<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>. This is stated in the introduction by Gary Copeland, at the first lecture, as is recorded on the videotape of the lecture, a copy of which is in my possession. Presumably a copy is also in the archives of the Carl Albert Center at the University of Oklahoma.

While the data upon which one draws are primarily from the United States, the working suppositions do not depend upon American exceptionalism, so as upon a fundamental conception of politics as human activity, public and private, contemporaneous and historical.

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