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ABKÜRZUNGEN

ACAS	Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service
ACP	Advisory Committee on Policy (and Political Education)
APEX	Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff
APuZ	Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte. Beilage zur Wochenzeitung Das Parlament
BLPES	British Library of Political and Economic Science
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
Col.	Column
CPA	Conservative Party Archive
CPS	Centre for Policy Studies
CRD	Conservative Research Department
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Security
EG	Europäische Gemeinschaft(en)
EWG	Europäische Wirtschaftsgemeinschaft
FAZ	Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung
GE	General Election
HZ	Historische Zeitschrift
IEA	Institute of Economic Affairs
IMF/IWF	International Monetary Fund/Internationaler Währungsfond
IRA	Irish Republican Army
LCC	Leader's Consultative Committee
LSC	Leader's Steering Committee
LSE	London School of Economics
MP	Member of Parliament
MPSA	Mont Pèlerin Society Archives
NAFF	National Association for Freedom
NEC	National Executive Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NIER	National Institute Economic Review
PLP	Parliamentary Labour Party
PR	Proportional Representation
TGWU	Transport and General Workers' Union
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UCS	Upper Clyde Shipbuilders
UK	United Kingdom
VfZ	Vierteljahreshefte für Zeitgeschichte

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- ACP: Advisory Committee on Policy (and Political Education)
- CRD: Conservative Research Department
- LCC: Leader's Consultative Committee
- LSC: Leader's Steering Committee
- 1922 Committee

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ABSTRACT

Even today opinions about Margaret Thatcher are still divided. Those who admire her compare her to Charles de Gaulle and Winston Churchill, or regard her, quite simply, as the greatest politician of the 20th century. Her opponents accuse her of having transformed Britain into a country dominated by egoism and greed. Dominik Geppert looks at a period so far largely neglected by scholars, Thatcher's years as leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, from her surprising election as Conservative Party leader in February 1975 until she became Prime Minister in May 1979. These were not only the years that moulded her as a politician, but also the formative phase of that political and ideological phenomenon to which she gave her name.

The study analyses the early years of Thatcherism against the backdrop of Britain's intensifying politico-economic crisis, growing economic liberalism, and the emergence of the British „New Right“. It asks what concept of the individual, of the state, and of society Thatcher's actions were based on. It examines the Tory leader's radically populist and confrontational political style, her intellectual milieu, the discussion circles and communication networks from which she drew her inspiration and ideas. Were there any opposing forces in society? What was the reason for their opposition? How did Thatcher and her supporters react to these obstacles?

Geppert's study shows a society in transition – from Labour domination to Tory rule, from faith in the state to faith in the market, from consensus to conflict.

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