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Synopsis

Broadly viewing the global economy as a political competition that produces winners and losers, International Political Economy holistically and accessibly introduces the field of IPE to students with limited background in political theory, history, and economics. This text surveys major interests and institutions and examines how state and non-state actors pursue wealth and power. Emphasizing fundamental economic concepts as well as the interplay between domestic and international politics, International Political Economy not only explains how the global economy works; it also encourages students to think critically about how economic policy is made in the context of globalization.

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While the book is very informative on issues of trade and political economy theory, it is deeply lacking in the area of international monetary markets. The book's explanation of the collapse of Bretton Woods, while correct in the general points, is so convoluted that I disregarded it completely in favor of my macroeconomics textbook. Deficits and surpluses in the balance of payments overall is used interchangeably with the imbalances in specific accounts such that it is nearly impossible to keep track of what the author is trying to say. The book does a good job of uniting economics with political science but readers would do well to seek a rigorous understanding of the actual economics elsewhere and simply accept facts concerning economics in the book at face value.

This is a good book, I had to rent it for my econ class and have found it to be very helpful. Oatley doesn't really use difficult terms or language and tries to make everything as simple as possible. At times I have found the book to be one-sided so you should be careful of that, but I think it is a good book for beginners to economics. You should also be happy that your professor chose such an easy-to-understand book as your textbook.

It's a book.

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