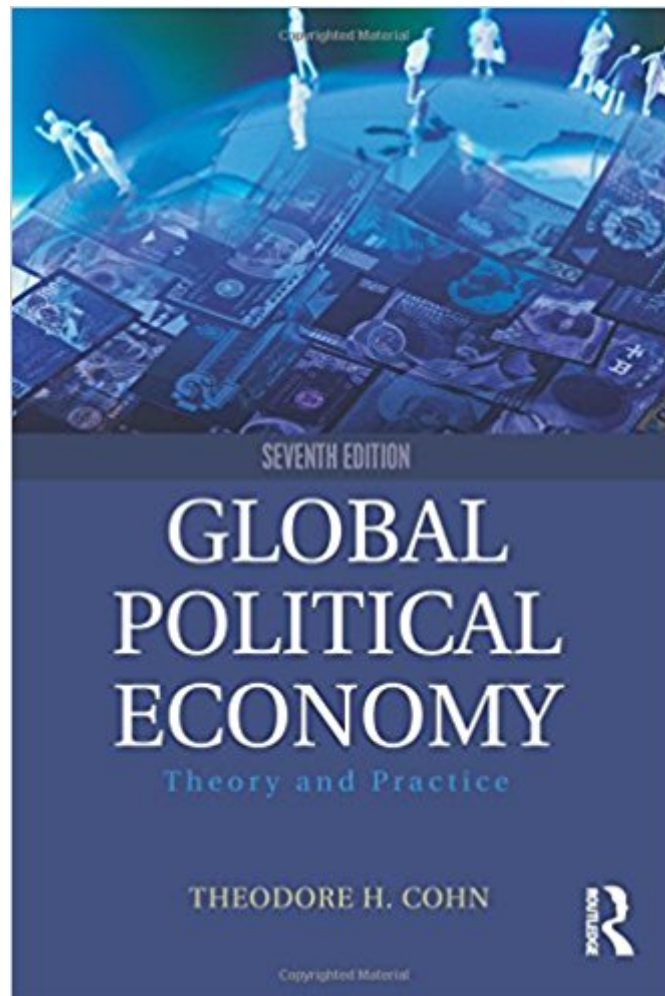




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Praised for its authoritative coverage, Global Political Economy places the study of international political economy (IPE) in its broadest theoretical context now updated to cover the continuing global economic crisis and regional relationships and impacts. This text not only helps students understand the fundamentals of how the global economy works but also encourages them to use theory to more fully grasp the connections between key issue areas like trade and development. Written by a leading IPE scholar, this text equally emphasizes theory and practice to provide a framework for analyzing current events and long-term developments in the global economy. New to the Seventh Edition Focuses on the ongoing global economic crisis and the continuing European sovereign debt crisis, along with other regional economic issues, including their implications for relationships in the global economy. Offers fuller and updated discussions of critical perspectives like feminism and environmentalism, and includes new material differentiating among the terms neomercantilism, realism, mercantilism, and economic nationalism. Updated, author-written Test Bank is provided to professors as an e-Resource on the book's Webpage.

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PRAISE FOR THE SEVENTH EDITION I have been using this wonderful text for the last few years for my upper division undergraduate course on Politics of the World Economy. This new edition brings all of the burning issues right up to date: the weight of China in the IPE, the immigration crisis in Africa and the Middle East, and the shift from multilateral to regional trade schemes. Global

Political Economy gracefully weaves together theory and practice, and it strikes a perfect balance between institutions, interests and actors. I look forward to assigning this next edition. -- Carol Wise, University of Southern California

With this new edition, Ted Cohn reaffirms his book's place among the very best texts available in the field of international political economy -- well organized, articulate, and certainly up to date. Students will find it both enlightening and refreshing. -- Benjamin J. Cohen, University of California, Santa Barbara

Cohn continues to produce an excellent textbook; I wouldn't think of using another. Among textbook authors, only Cohn consistently returns to the theories in each empirical chapter, driving home how the lenses we use shape our understanding of the global political economy. -- Kathleen J. Hancock, Colorado School of Mines

The seventh edition of *Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice* is a fully updated, comprehensive textbook that builds on the strengths of the earlier editions but has been updated with a discussion of the ongoing global economic crisis. It contains both an excellent discussion of theoretical debates as well as the main issue areas. Issues are explained in plain language for an easy understanding for university students. This book is an excellent text for courses on international political economy and the like. -- Amy Verdun, University of Victoria

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Cost efficient means for reference material and it doesn't add to my bookshelf.

For people who live or lived in Latinamerica, and know first hand how economics "work over there". might have second thoughts , after reading the book.

A great reference and introduction to the topic for students unfamiliar with the terrain (like me). Despite it's heavy title this text simply and clearly introduces you to the global players and what they do. It then provides an overview of how they are seen by realists (the right), liberals (the free trade proponents), and historical structuralists (the left). It then provides an invaluable overview of major themes in the world economy and offers an impressively unbiased analysis of how people with different perspectives and organizations with different agendas view and respond to these themes. If you really want to start to understand how global trade is facilitated (and hindered), and are willing to exert the energy to take a deeper look, then use this book to learn about the World Bank, UN (United Nations), IMF (International Monetary Fund), MNCs (Multinational Companies), Foreign Debt, International Development, Capital Flows and Controls, etc. Though filled with

acronyms and the topics are heavy the book is a surprisingly friendly read. Readers are properly introduced to the international actors and agencies before they are discussed. There is even a glossary at the back in case you forget that SPARTECA is the South Pacific Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement. =)While obviously not a casual read, it is a surprisingly captivating read if you have any desire to learn about globalization and the shepparding of the world economy (the shepards still have A LOT to learn).As with any good book, after reading this book you will be attracted to articles you never even looked at before. Even more amazingly, you will completely understand them.

Theodore H. Cohn's "Global Political Economy: Theory and Practice" is an excellent primer to the study of international political economy (IPE). This text covers the main theoretical approaches to IPE and provides fairly detailed accounts of several issues such as "International Monetary Relations", debt, trade, regionalism, MNC's, international development and a brief section on globalization. I used this book for an undergrad. IPE course about a year ago and I find myself constantly referring back to it, mostly for an overview of a subject. The most valuable component of this book is the reference section at the end of each chapter. Cohn has excellent sources that are invaluable for those who wish to pursue a certain theoretical perspective as well as a specific issue. These citations were particularly helpful when writing research papers. Overall, this is an outstanding beginners text in the subject of IPE.

I have used this book over the past few years in an introductory course on International Politics. The organization of the book is quite ideal for this purpose as the paradigms used in IR (Realism, Liberalism, and Structuralism) are used in the presentation of ways to approach the study of International Political Economy. In addition, there is a useful overview of the Bretton Woods Institutions (IMF, IBRD, etc.) and chapters on IPE topics, such as currency exchange and debt. The only concern that I have had with this text is its growing wordiness, as each edition (now in its 3rd) is released. Undergraduates rarely have the patience for wading through pages of text, particularly on topics such as economics! With that caveat (for which I have only a limited sympathy) I would say the book is one of the best available on the subject.

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