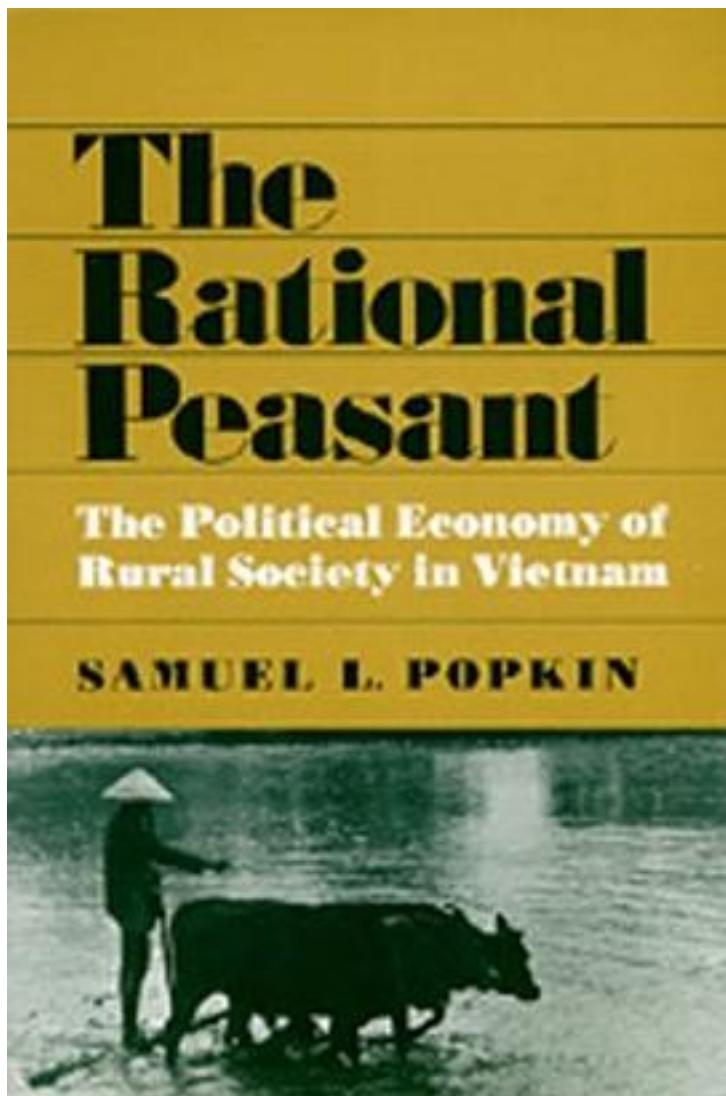


# The Rational Peasant



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Popkin develops a model of rational peasant behavior and shows how village procedures result from the self-interested interactions of peasants. This political economy view of peasant behavior stands in contrast to the model of a distinctive peasant moral economy in which the village community is primarily responsible for ensuring the welfare of its members.

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评论

斯波论战名动一时，但通读可知两人不自觉地讨论了完全不同的问题：斯氏关注殖民时代国家推展市场和现代化时腐蚀村落的生活有机共同体和冲击旧道义纽带而激起怀旧式反抗，形成道义与危机的循环；波氏则描绘前殖民和殖民时代行政村落内形成的不完备风险对抗、福利和公共设施环境所造成的农民个人冲动被共党及地方宗教采为资源，以政治经济手段有组织解决集体行动困境，发起有组织对抗国家体制并构建新民族国家的前瞻革命。两者可比较的顶多是前殖民和殖民时代，后殖民时期由于各地管理手段不一、相对和平与战争条件不同、成型组织间政治军事对抗凸显集体行动问题、国家建构进展等一系列变化，需要关注传统组织破坏与重构方可作比较。波氏顶多可批判道义经济视角的随意推广化，但他自己的个人理性—政治经济视角很难说否定了前者的意义，相互补充完全可能。

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给一本学术著作五星，不代表说的全对，而是有相当的参考价值。波普金完善了舒尔茨的理论，生成了“理性小农”学派的核心观点，为后人进一步研究打下了坚实的基础。在这里不得不再次感叹新古典令人赞叹的自洽性，只要假设对了，全程就是严丝合缝的论证，真是连根针都插不进去hhh；不过还是那句话，假设对吗？我在读舒尔茨时感觉理性小农不等于理性人小农，在这本书中我的感受加深了。可以说，小农是理性的，但新古典理论中的小农是经济理性的，理性与经济理性之间的差距在哪里？谁搞明白了这个问题，谁就抓住了农民问题的金钥匙。

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只读了一遍，村庄如何回应来自外部的制度变化的压力，一些细节非常精彩。

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coherence方面做得没有Scott好 有很多精彩的论点  
但是对于道义经济学的批判还是过于分散了 更像是对前者的补充发展

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