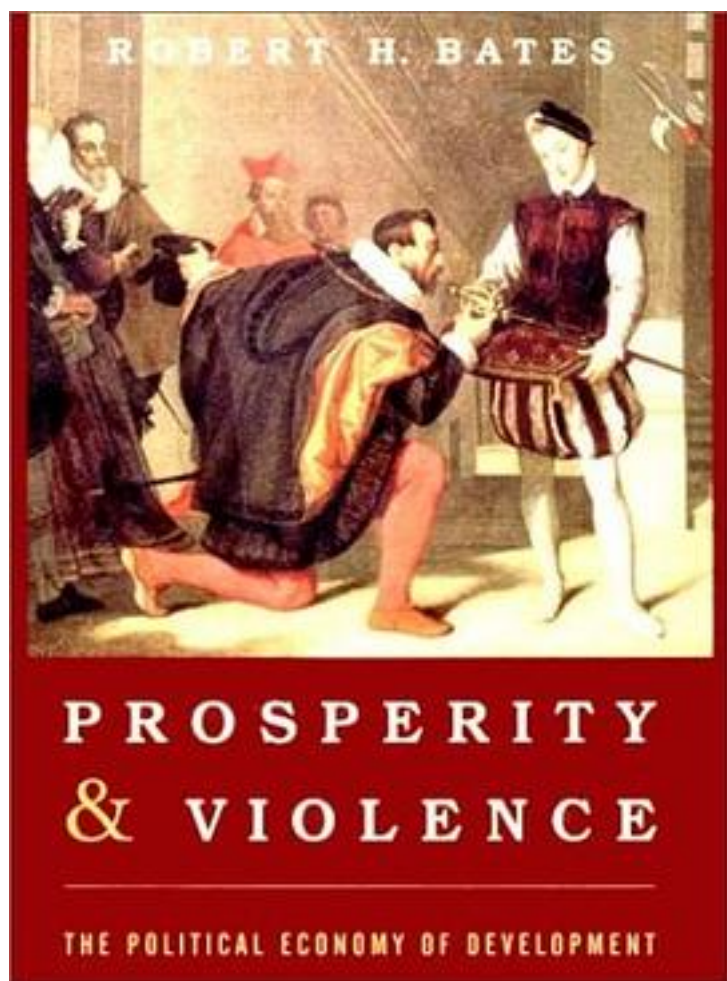


Prosperity and Violence



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A study of the transformation from the violent kinship of clan society to the prosperous politics of the modern state. In his experiences around the globe—among the

miners of Kitwe, Zambia, the guerrilla fighters in Sudan, and the diplomats in Bogota—Robert Bates has studied firsthand the processes of modern political and economic development. In this concise volume, he shows us how, as a culture moves from dispersed agrarian clans to the dense modern metropolis, the nature of its capital evolves, from resources of kinship and family to more material investments. But this tenuous transition can only thrive within the favorable conditions ensured by the institutions of a peaceful modern state. Inspired by his work among diverse cultures, Bates looks back over the history of human civilization and illuminates how the often-violent clash within agrarian clans has developed into the coercive systems of institutions that compose Western statehood. Ultimately, Bates hopes to apply this understanding to building states that use power effectively, and that harness ethnic diversity not for violence and political power but for greater prosperity. 3 maps.

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very good introductory book of political economy, mainly focus on the evolution of modern economy and modern state.

因为是一本思维偏左且有明显马克思、霍布斯等烙印的著作，所以即使有些地方觉得讲得仍然不够透彻倒也还可以接受……其实用两句中国老古话概括的话，大致就是“穷山恶水刁民泼妇”和“天下攘攘皆为利往”。穷也罢富也罢，只要有资源的利用，暴力与冲突都是只能引导而不能避免的事实。

精华是前三章，后面都是充数的。

资本和强制力，良性互动成就了老牌发达国家，以及几个例外国家；不良互动，解释了为何只有欧洲崛起了，而其他地区没崛起，以及战后许多国家发展的不好。很有启发性。

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