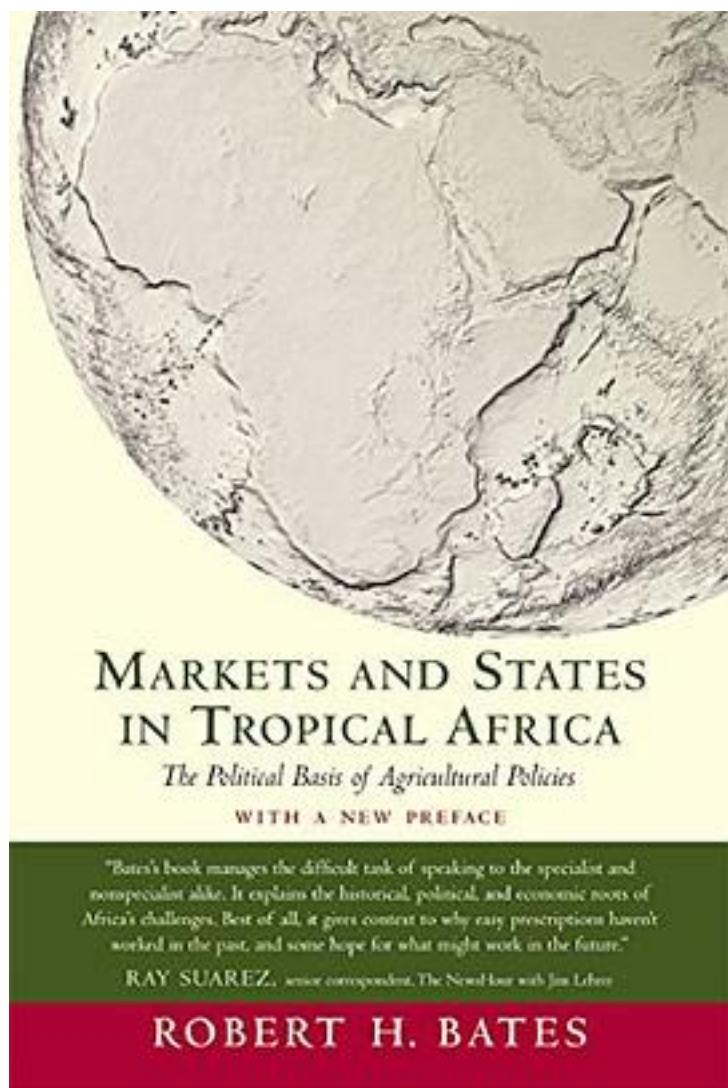


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Most Africans live in rural areas and derive their incomes from farming; but because African governments follow policies that are adverse to most farmers' interests, these countries fail to produce enough food to feed their populations. Markets and States in Tropical Africa analyzes these and other paradoxical features of development in modern Africa and explores how governments have intervened and diverted resources from farmers to other sectors of society. A classic of the field since its publication in 1981, this edition includes a new preface by the author.

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评论

在讲非洲农业政策与失败故事的同时涉及政治经济学许多基本问题和方法，尤其重视政治势力在经济分赃问题上的博弈，可看成国家失败大命题的一个注脚。非洲各地面临典型发展中国家问题：快速工业化的欲望和相对落后的农业部门难以产出足够原料和资金供使用。不同于东亚国家双管齐下、工农皆补贴，非洲在出口经济作物、本地加工业、初生工业和农工管理官僚等强大利益集团影响下，以杀鸡取卵政策，压低食用谷物价格保证城市居民和工人供应，中间剪刀差或收归国有、或为官僚自肥，生产规划和技术补贴政策只惠及少部分人，货币故意升值以鼓励购买进口资本品，暴力镇压和分化实惠瓦解普通农民的反抗，以此维持一种脆弱的政治经济平衡。然食品不足终将推高食品价格、农业被压榨见底、工业停滞，压迫者反抗、受惠者不满，国家陷入混乱，最典型的非洲故事。

故事很简单，就是非洲国家怎样按发展理论所说剥夺农业发展工业，而政府干预怎样一项项失败的。集体行动的逻辑农村组织不起反抗，政府更偏好项目制而非农产品价格的调整来获得更多的政治支持。写得倒是干净利落堪为典范，只是不免怀疑有将复杂性简单化的趋向。不过不失为政治过程和发展各种互动的好作品

如果是因为书名而放弃它，看官你就亏大了...

你居然不cite我？？？——心碎的Olson

非洲国家为什么会采取这种违背大多数农民的利益的政策？因为要推行工业化，同时也满足城市工人的需要压低食品价格，所以要牺牲农民的利益。为什么违背大多数的利益这种政策却依旧能推行？因为国家有强制力，因为小农组织集体行动成本高且有更好的应对措施，因为国家可以通过让渡剩余管理权来获取部分人的服从。

继续补评 2019Fall 阅读 " Owners and workers in industrial firms, economic and political elites, privileged farmers and the managers of public bureaucracies, constitute the development coalition in contemporary Africa." (121) urban bias, short term interests, harmful to farmers and collective as well

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