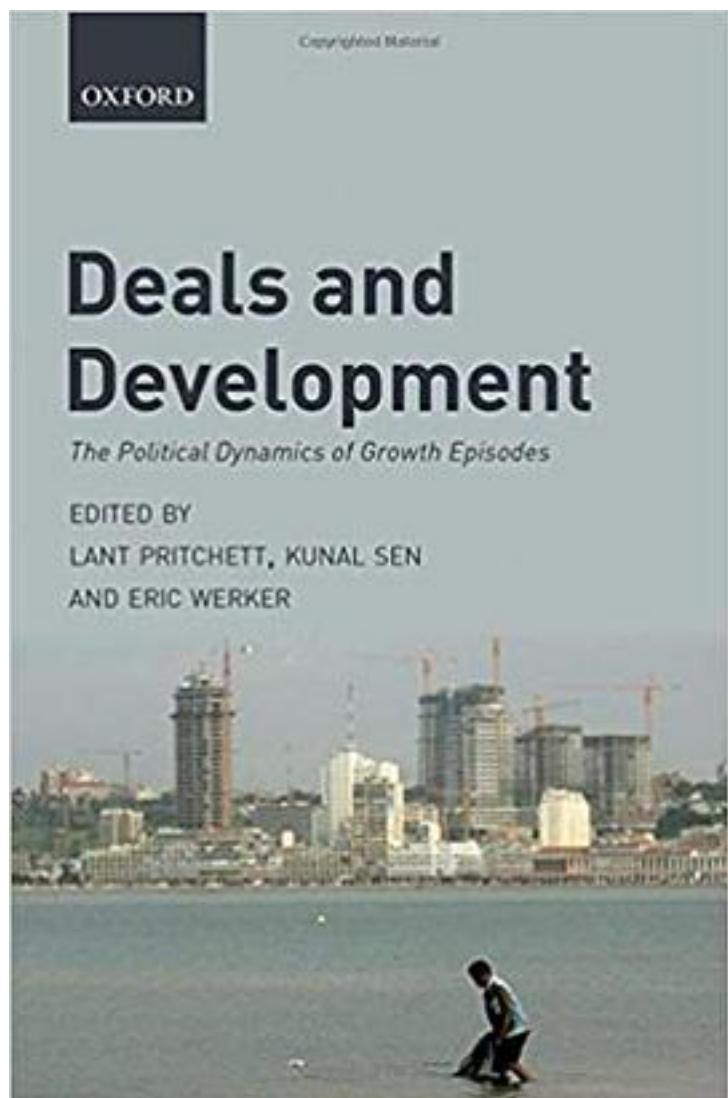


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When are developing countries able to initiate periods of rapid growth and why have so few of these countries been able to sustain growth over decades? *Deals and Development: The Political Dynamics of Growth Episodes* seeks to answer these questions and many more through a novel conceptual framework built from a political economy of business-government relations.

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