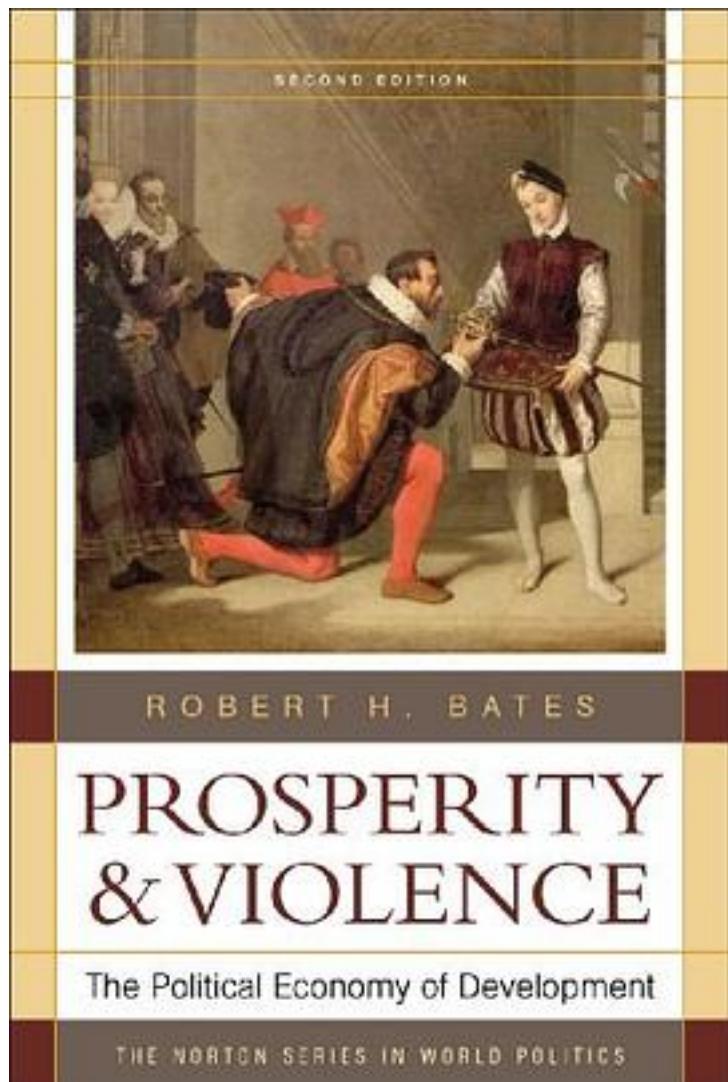


# Prosperity & Violence



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In his new edition of *Prosperity and Violence* , Robert Bates continues to investigate the relationship between political order and economic growth. As power and politics play a role in every society, rich or poor, Bates argues it is the reorganization of coercion--not its extinction--that underpins the security needed for investment. Although history makes clear that political structures can be used for destructive ends, it also demonstrates their importance in ensuring the peace needed for prosperity. In this revised edition, Bates strengthens his critique of development studies and development agencies, basing it on his analysis of the nature of states that emerged following WWII.

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## 评论

前半大致描述了前现代国家的兴起与当地经济发展的紧密联系：即国家逐渐不通过掠夺而敛财，而通过促进本地经济发展进而从税收中创收。在此过程中，国家公权也得以长足发展。不过作者在交代国家如何从以亲属关系为基础的农业社会中脱胎而出时略有语焉不详之处；后半更多关注国际背景，描述了二战后各属性的国家政权如何在多样的国际政治经济背景下被催生。

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从书名看来像是一本发展政治经济学，作者着重讨论了繁荣的政治（暴力）基础，认为发展有两大根源，不仅关乎投资（investment），而且也与组织（organization）密切相关。政治上，发展包括着驯服暴力以及将权力授予那些将其用于生产性活动的那些人。（第13页）但总体感觉太单薄。

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