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there are 10 in Europe The existence of micro states raises a number of questions about the nature of statehood the recognition of sovereignty and the ability of such states to maintain a presence in international politics This book establishes the theory of disfunctionality in which a functional account of statehood is proposed It is argued that the state has six functions but the micro states are so small that they contract out some state functions to others in the international system By doing this the micro states ensure their continuing survival in international politics The book which focuses on two case studies Monaco and Luxembourg will be of particular interest to those involved in small state studies including scholars students practitioners and policy makers as well as those researching International Relations and state theory

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Public Administration in Africa Shikha Vyas-Doorgapersad, Lukamba-Muhiya. Tshombe, Ernest Peprah Ababio, 2017-09-25 With contributions from leading regional scholars Public Administration in Africa Performance and Challenges examines the complexities of the art of governance from the unique African perspective The editors bring together a cohesive study of the major issues and regions by taking an analytic approach with the strong problem solution application Regions addressed range from South Africa Congo Uganda Nigeria Ghana Mauritius and Botswana Themes include colonialism reform poverty economy decentralization financing media political structures and more Beginning with an analysis of the relationship of policy design and its destination service delivery the book discusses the historical development of a state that has gone through upheavals in government and explores a decayed political economy that ultimately results in a need for sweeping measures The text examines the issues emerging policy makers in Africa must tackle namely poverty and the denial or lack of resources to keep a dignified human life It highlights how the media can be a catalyst for good governance and provides analytical aspects of implementing good governance reforms The book concludes with an examination of the concepts of decentralization and devolution in measuring service delivery performance and an exploration of Africa s economic success story It also details the African Peer Review Mechanisms in selected African countries and provides a holistic analysis of local government functioning in Africa These features and more make it an interdisciplinary reference for diverse social economic political and administrative issues

World Encyclopedia of Entrepreneurship Leo Paul Dana, 2011-01-01 Topics covered include business angels Chinese clan entrepreneurship criminal entrepreneurship defining the entrepreneur education employee start ups entrepreneurship policy ethics ethnic minority entrepreneurship family business global entrepreneurship and trans nationalism indigenous entrepreneurship international entrepreneurship internationalisation involuntary entrepreneurship Islam and entrepreneurship island entrepreneurship mature age entrepreneurs pastoralism religion as an explanatory variable for entrepreneurship rural entrepreneurship selfefficacy social entrepreneurship and venture capital There are also entries on individuals including Conrad Hilton Howard Hughes and Joseph Schumpeter

Drugged Out Suzette A. Haughton, 2011-05-16 To penetrate the United States and Britain s markets with illicit drugs Jamaican traffickers employed diverse and novel transportation methods and techniques in the post 1990 era that were more sophisticated than the trafficking of the 1980 s This transformation was particularly due to traffickers exploiting global processes to enhance their illegal drug industry In response Jamaica America and Britain have continuously established state oriented actions aimed at curtailing the cross border drug trade thereby reflecting their resilience in combating this problem

This book explores past and present drug trafficking within the context of globalisation and examines state instituted responses to curb this problem. It demystifies the Jamaican, British and American states' roles in the face of global security threats such as drug trafficking, arguing that both developed and developing states pursue their national interests and maximize their goals through the exercise of state power in controlling their territories and protecting their nationals from harm posed by traffickers.

Asia's Free Trade Agreements Masahiro Kawai, Ganeshan Wignaraja, 2011

East Asia is the region of the world that is changing fastest in terms of trade arrangements. Dozens of free trade agreements are signed every year, turning a complex situation into the East Asian noodle bowl of FTAs. This book addresses the crucial question posed by these new agreements: how do they affect business? While many studies have focused on government to government issues, this book gets to the heart of the matter, studying what it means for the firms actually doing the trade and investment. I recommend this book to any serious student of trade, particularly those interested in understanding the rapidly evolving landscape in this most dynamic part of the world.

Richard Baldwin, Professor of International Economics, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland

The pursuit of more than one hundred Free Trade Agreements in East Asia is quietly producing a fundamental change in the global economic architecture. This path-breaking new volume provides an indispensable guide to the practical effect of such agreements on commercial transactions in the region. It is a must-read for businessmen and policymakers who seek to both understand the impact of FTAs in the real world and expand their contributions to economic growth and development.

C. Fred Bergsten, Director, Peterson Institute for International Economics, US

East Asia needs to think about appropriate measures to overcome the Asian FTA noodle bowl in the future. In this vein, the study suggests several practical measures, including encouraging rationalization and flexibility of rules of origin, upgrading origin administration, improving business participation in FTA consultations, and strengthening institutional support systems for SMEs. It is hoped that this study will contribute to strengthening regional trade policies in Asia and compatibilities with global trade rules.

Haruhiko Kuroda, President, Asian Development Bank

This is a valuable contribution in a crowded field. Kawai and Wignaraja have gone beyond familiar arguments about the relative merits of regionalism and multilateralism to ask businesses what it all means to them. Policymakers should take note.

Patrick Low, Chief Economist, WTO

For policymakers in the region, the debate is no longer between regionalism and multilateralism. The real question is how we should create the model for regionalism that will become the building blocks to a multilateral trading system and avoid raising costs of doing business from the noodle bowl effect. Therefore, the comparative and micro-level research found in this book provides valuable insights on the impact of FTAs on businesses. These insights will be relevant input as policymakers forge ahead in implementing regional FTAs, thinking of ways to amend and improve on them, and most importantly, harmonize or consolidate between existing regional FTAs in East Asia.

Mari Pangestu, Minister of Trade, Indonesia

The spread of Asia's free trade agreements (FTAs) has sparked an important debate on the impact of such agreements on business activity. This pioneering

study uses new evidence from surveys of East Asian exporters including Japan the People s Republic of China the Republic of Korea and three ASEAN economies of the Philippines Singapore and Thailand to shed light on the FTA debate Critics are concerned that FTAs erode the multilateral trading process and foster an alarming noodle bowl of overlapping regulations and rules of origin requirements which may be costly to business Asia s Free Trade Agreements makes key recommendations for improving business use of FTA preferences reducing costs of FTAs and creating a region wide FTA This well researched and documented book will appeal to undergraduate and postgraduate students in international business international economics economic development public administration and public policy Academics researchers and members of think tanks around the world will also benefit from this book as will trad *Jamaica: trade, integration and the quest for growth* (Occasional Paper ITD = Documento de Divulgación ITD; n. 30) Anneke Jessen, Christopher Vignoles, 2005 Commerce as Politics Sean M. Maliehe, 2021-01-13 This is the first comprehensive economic history of the Basotho people of Southern Africa in colonial Basutoland then Lesotho and spans from the 1820s to the present day The book documents what the Basotho have done on their own account focusing on their systematic exclusion from trade and their political efforts to insert themselves into their country s commerce Although the colonial and post colonial periods were unfavourable to the Basotho they have before and after colonial rule launched impressive commercial initiatives of their own which bring hope for greater development and freedom in their struggle for economic independence *Small States in Transition* Ganeshan Wignaraja, Marlon Lezama, David Joiner, 2004 *Journal of the parliaments of the Commonwealth* , 2004

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