

PREFACE

When the publisher suggested a second edition of *International Political Economy and Globalization*, I naively assumed that it meant little more than adding new material at the end of each chapter to extend the coverage to include later developments. I committed to an ambitious target date for submission of the revised manuscript and the effort involved was considerably more than initially anticipated. This edition not only updates the previous edition but also includes a basic structural redesign. The initial exercise of minor revisions led to important questions about the structure and organization and, consequently, most of the chapters have been extensively modified and large sections have been completely rewritten. This reflects not only my intellectual maturity and development but also the influence and input of my students at Griffith University. It is to them, that I owe, a collective sense of gratitude. The University supported me by providing teaching relief so I could concentrate on the task of my revised book project. I would like to thank my research assistant, Caitlin Mullins, who provided valuable help in the collection and preparation of the statistical tables and the bibliographic searches. I would also like to thank my editors at World Scientific for cleaning up the final manuscript that was submitted with many formatting errors. Finally, I am grateful to my wife and my two boys for their patience and understanding.

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