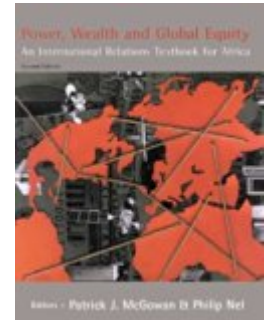


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This is the third edition of a textbook that is aimed primarily at students, both in and of Africa, taking introductory courses in international relations. It has been widely used for this purpose; hence this revised and updated edition. It examines the global system from the perspective of sub-Saharan Africa, thus challenging northern stereotypes of the South.

Compared with the first edition, it has undergone substantial reworking; like the second edition, it is divided into two parts. Part 1 provides an introduction to the study of international relations, covering a variety of aspects including theories, actors, political economy, and ethics, among others. Africa's role therein comprises the second part of the work. The latter has changed significantly in comparison to the 2002 edition, resulting in a marked improvement in the quality of this textbook. Noteworthy are the two new chapters on the regional subsystems in both East and West Africa, which provide an important complement to the chapter on southern Africa.

Like its predecessors, this is a very useful introductory guide to the subject, written from a

southern perspective, notwithstanding that both the editors and the majority of contributors are based in or are associated with academic institutions in South Africa.

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