

Economic Statecraft: The Use of Economic Measures to Achieve Political Goals

Economic statecraft is the use of economic measures to achieve political goals. It is a form of statecraft that has been used throughout history, and it continues to be used today. This book provides a comprehensive overview of economic statecraft, including its history, theory, and practice. It also examines the effectiveness of economic statecraft and the challenges that it faces.



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The History of Economic Statecraft

The use of economic measures to achieve political goals has a long history. The ancient Greeks and Romans used economic sanctions to punish their enemies and to encourage them to change their behavior. In the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church used economic sanctions to enforce its authority. And in the modern era, economic sanctions have been used by countries to achieve a wide range of political goals, from promoting democracy to preventing the spread of nuclear weapons.

The Theory of Economic Statecraft

There are a number of different theories of economic statecraft. Some theorists argue that economic sanctions are most effective when they are targeted at specific individuals or groups within a country. Others argue that economic sanctions are most effective when they are applied to entire countries. And still others argue that economic sanctions are only effective when they are combined with other forms of pressure, such as military force or diplomacy.

The Practice of Economic Statecraft

The practice of economic statecraft is complex and challenging. There are a number of factors that can affect the effectiveness of economic sanctions, including the target country's economic resilience, the level of international support for the sanctions, and the willingness of the sanctioning country to enforce the sanctions. In addition, economic sanctions can have unintended consequences, such as harming innocent civilians or damaging the global economy.

The Effectiveness of Economic Statecraft

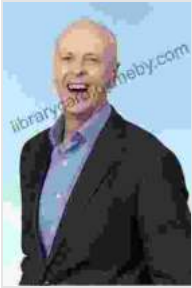
The effectiveness of economic statecraft is a matter of debate. Some studies have shown that economic sanctions can be effective in achieving their political goals. However, other studies have shown that economic sanctions can be ineffective or even counterproductive. The effectiveness of economic sanctions depends on a number of factors, including the target country's economic resilience, the level of international support for the sanctions, and the willingness of the sanctioning country to enforce the sanctions.

The Challenges of Economic Statecraft

There are a number of challenges to the use of economic statecraft. One challenge is the difficulty of designing economic sanctions that are effective and that do not harm innocent civilians. Another challenge is the difficulty of enforcing economic sanctions, especially against countries that have strong economic ties to other countries. And finally, there is the challenge of dealing with the unintended consequences of economic sanctions, such as harming innocent civilians or damaging the global economy.

Economic statecraft is a powerful tool that can be used to achieve a wide range of political goals. However, it is important to use economic statecraft carefully and to be aware of its potential risks. When used wisely, economic statecraft can be a valuable tool for promoting peace and security.

Macro-economic objectives	
1. Economic growth	High and sustainable economic growth.
2. Low Inflation	Low inflation. In UK target CPI 2% (+/- 1%)
3. Low Unemployment	Low unemployment. (less than 3% is often considered 'full employment')
4. Satisfactory balance of payments	Avoid 'large' deficit on the current account balance of payments.
5. Low government borrowing	For example: public sector debt less than 60%. Budget deficit less than 3%.
6. Stable exchange rate	Avoid destabilising devaluations/ appreciations
7. Minimise inequality	Avoid high inequality.
8. Protect environment	Important for very long run economic growth.



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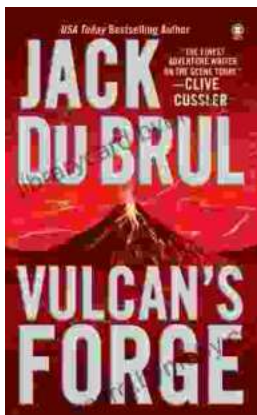
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