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In this book, Quan Li and Rafael Reuveny combine the social scientific approach with a broad, interdisciplinary scope to address some of the most intriguing and important political, economic, and environmental issues of our times. Their book employs formal and statistical methods to study the interactions of economic globalization, democratic governance, income inequality, economic development, military violence, and environmental degradation. In doing so, Li and Reuveny cross multiple disciplinary boundaries, engage various academic debates, bring the insights from compartmentalized bodies of literature into direct dialogue, and uncover policy trade-offs in a growingly interconnected system of polity, economy, and environment. They show that growing interconnectedness in the global system increases the demands on national leaders and their advisors; academicians and policymakers will need to cross disciplinary boundaries if they seek to better understand and address the policy trade-offs of even more complex processes than the ones investigated here.

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