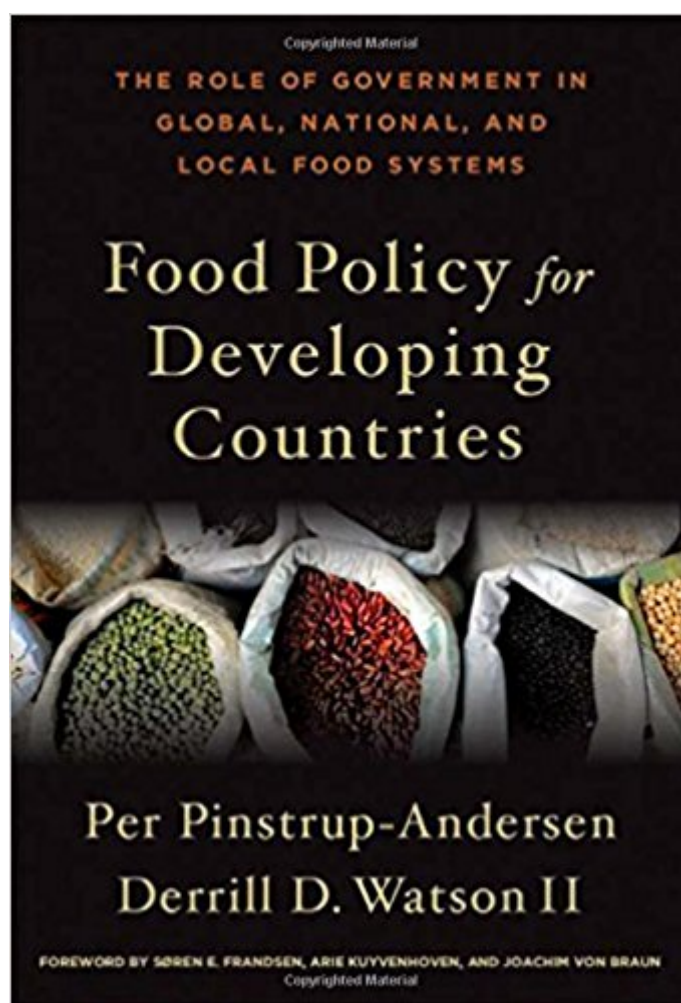


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# Food Policy For Developing Countries: The Role Of Government In Global, National, And Local Food Systems



## Synopsis

Despite technological advances in agriculture, nearly a billion people around the world still suffer from hunger and poor nutrition while a billion are overweight or obese. This imbalance highlights the need not only to focus on food production but also to implement successful food policies. In this new textbook intended to be used with the three volumes of Case Studies in Food Policy for Developing Countries (also from Cornell), the 2001 World Food Prize laureate Per Pinstrup-Andersen and his colleague Derrill D. Watson II analyze international food policies and discuss how such policies can and must address the many complex challenges that lie ahead in view of continued poverty, globalization, climate change, food price volatility, natural resource degradation, demographic and dietary transitions, and increasing interests in local and organic food production. Food Policy for Developing Countries offers a "social entrepreneurship" approach to food policy analysis. Calling on a wide variety of disciplines including economics, nutrition, sociology, anthropology, environmental science, medicine, and geography, the authors show how all elements in the food system function together.

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Food Policy for Developing Countries is a comprehensive and deeply insightful guide that will be of great

practical value to policymakers, analysts, and students of food policy. It is a worthy capstone contribution that reflects the wealth of knowledge built up over the senior author's long and eminent career, and it should serve as the seminal work on this topic for years to come." — Benjamin Senauer, University of Minnesota, coauthor of *Ending Hunger in Our Lifetime: Food Security and Globalization*

"Per Pinstrup-Andersen and Derrill D. Watson II serve up a rich multidisciplinary diet of insights into the incidence, causes, and cures for hunger in developing countries. The exceptional insights dished out by these authors known for their long practical and scholarly experience needs to be savored and digested by every student of food policy for the poor." — Luther Tweeten, Emeritus Chaired Professor, The Ohio State University

"Per Pinstrup-Andersen and Derrill D. Watson II give us a comprehensive road map for understanding how governments and markets are shaping food outcomes in the developing world. The book provides food policy analysts with a sound political-economy foundation, international data on everything from sustainable farming to consumer food safety, and a complete set of recent and vivid stakeholder-based case studies. I have used the case studies to great advantage in my own classroom. At a moment when interest in global food policy is peaking, this is the book to read." — Robert Paarlberg, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

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It is pretty much a textbook for food security, nothing life changing, but a good overview. Touches on markets, assistance programs, poverty and drought, amongst other issues. Definitely needs to be supplemented with case studies and real world examples.

Great book, much easier to understand than similar books which conceptualize ideas and theories. But I believe there could be more math and statistic work shown it since it is a book about development economics.

Excellent collection of a great analyst's experience over a lifetime of achievement in this domain

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