

# *Comparative Political Economy: States, Markets and Global Capitalism* (Palgrave, 2014) Ben Clift

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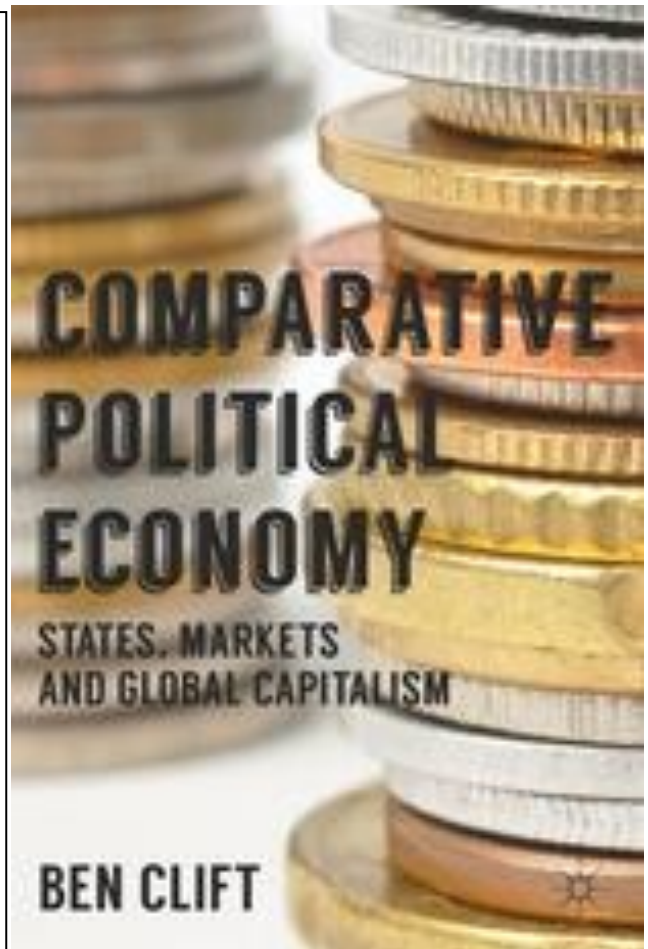
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Ben Clift’s *Comparative Political Economy: States, Markets and Global Capitalism* is a wonderfully readable book that provides a clear, concise, and illuminating introduction to comparative political economy, from the theoretical origins to the contemporary realities. Through its insightful analysis of conceptual debates, empirical applications, and methodological approaches, this book fills a very big gap in the comparative political economy literature, providing a text that ‘says it all’ in ways that students will find not just accessible but also enjoyable to read, and which scholars will cite. Moreover, by emphasizing the central role of ideas while showing how states and markets are intertwined and how comparative political economy and international political economy are interrelated, the book offers a refreshingly innovative and up-to-date way of understanding comparative political economy today.

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“Every so often, a book comes along that both demands inclusion on student reading lists and takes scholarly debate forward. *Comparative Political Economy* is one of those rare volumes. Ben Clift writes with clarity, passion and erudition in defence of a political economy that is methodologically pluralist, historically sensitive and wide ranging in its source literature. The result is a masterpiece of exegesis that will gain countless adherents in the classroom. It will also force us, as scholars, to think very seriously about the substance of our field in general and the supposed boundaries between comparative and international political economy in particular.”

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