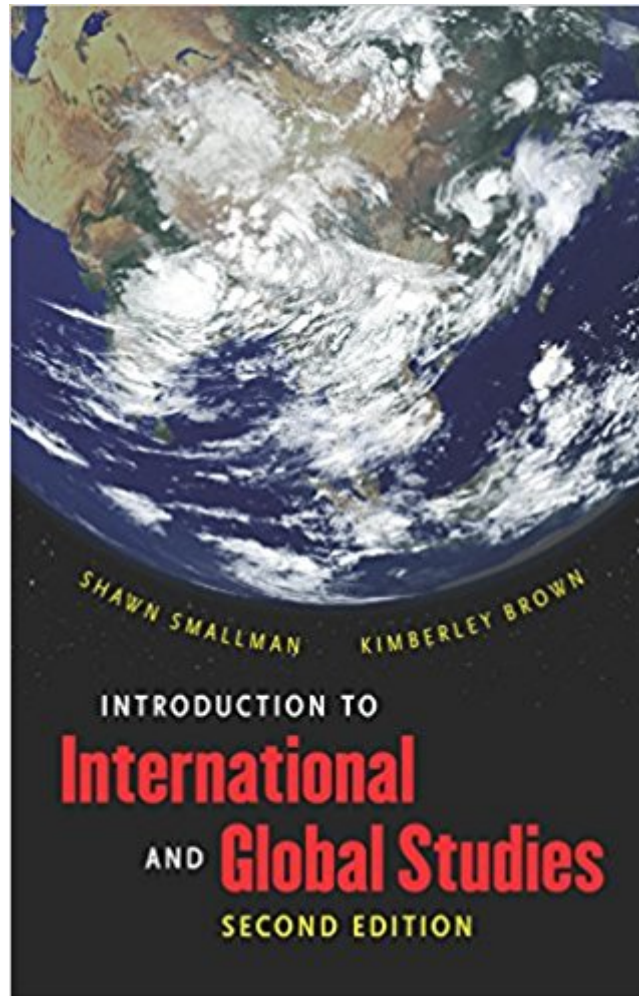




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- * Updated career advice for international studies majors

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This is a book that I would certainly use if I were an educator. It explains concepts in a clear, concise manner and raises numerous important questions for both serious and casual students of the subject matter to consider. Additionally, it includes a section devoted entirely to career advice for those who wish to pursue the study of International Affairs at a higher level. Those who prefer a more Rationalist approach may be disappointed by the fact that the book does not take any amount of time to address logic games or otherwise present a quantitative approach to political science. However, this is a large part of what makes the book accessible and approachable to casual students. Were I teaching an International Relations 101 class to Freshmen at a community college, this would be my first choice to assign my students. I have read this book for fun and it functions as a perfect complement to the textbooks I actually have been assigned as a student of International Relations. Indeed, it even helps function to clarify concepts that other texts intentionally obfuscate. While certain passages of the text make clear the fact that this book was written specifically for students, I would highly recommend it to the casual reader as well.

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Came exactly how it was described

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For my niece's college class.

This book was a required reading for a fully online class at Portland State University (hmm globalization at it's finest?). Fortunately, for that class, I was lucky enough to have the author of the book as my professor. With that being said, this scenario in no way influenced my 100% honest review. The book not only presented a logical flow of information, but also covered a variety of topics and is paramount to a successful beginning knowledge of Global Studies. The book provided a dearth of information while not making it too bland and wordy. I fully recommend this book to other Global Studies students as well as academics and general readers alike.

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