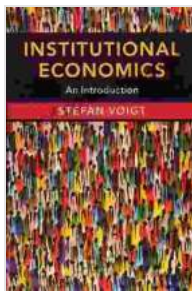


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Institutional economics is a branch of economics that focuses on the role of institutions in economic development. Institutions are the formal and informal rules that govern how people interact with each other and with the economy. They include laws, regulations, customs, and traditions.

Institutions can have a profound impact on economic development. They can create incentives for people to invest, save, and innovate. They can also protect property rights and enforce contracts. As a result, institutions can play a key role in promoting economic growth and reducing poverty.

The key concepts of institutional economics include:



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- **Institutions:** Institutions are the formal and informal rules that govern how people interact with each other and with the economy.

- **Transaction costs:** Transaction costs are the costs of doing business, such as the costs of negotiating and enforcing contracts.
- **Property rights:** Property rights are the rights that people have to own and use property.
- **Contracts:** Contracts are agreements between two or more parties that are legally enforceable.
- **Enforcement:** Enforcement is the process of ensuring that contracts are fulfilled and that property rights are protected.

There are a number of different theories of institutional economics. Some of the most important theories include:

- **The new institutional economics:** The new institutional economics is a school of thought that emphasizes the role of institutions in reducing transaction costs.
- **The old institutional economics:** The old institutional economics is a school of thought that emphasizes the role of institutions in shaping economic development.
- **The historical institutionalism:** Historical institutionalism is a school of thought that emphasizes the role of institutions in shaping economic history.

Institutional economics has a wide range of applications in the real world. Some of the most important applications include:

- **Economic development:** Institutional economics can help to identify the institutional reforms that are needed to promote economic

development.

- **Public policy:** Institutional economics can help to design public policies that are more effective and efficient.
- **Business strategy:** Institutional economics can help businesses to understand the institutional environment in which they operate and to develop strategies that are more likely to succeed.

Institutional economics is a complex and challenging field of study, but it is also a rewarding one. Institutional economics can help us to understand how institutions shape economic development and how we can use institutions to promote economic growth and reduce poverty.

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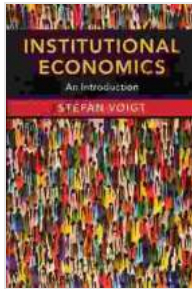
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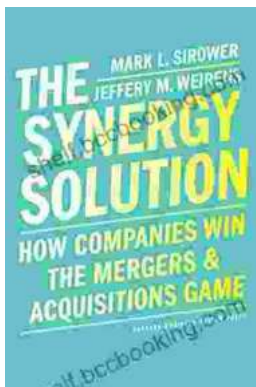
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