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The formation of "multinational" and "transnational" companies, coupled with the accelerating pace of technology, has changed the way the world practices business. International Business and Trade: Theory, Practice, and Policy addresses the challenges that face large, worldwide businesses today and in the 21st century. This textbook introduces business executives and students to current issues and practices in international business. It analyzes the conceptual nature and operational aspects of multinational enterprise and international trade practices. The book is divided into three parts, each addressing a specific area of international business. The first part discusses the theoretical framework of global commerce, monetary systems, and financial environments. The specifics of international business operations-from legal environments to international trade and foreign investments-are covered in Part II. Part III concentrates on government policies and practices, covering the role of national and international organizations in impacting trade and investments. "For nearly half a century, students, teachers, scholars, managers, and officials have praised our text for insightfully integrating authoritative theory with meaningful practice within the context of rigorous analysis of trends and circumstances in international business (IB). Commanding a sharper sense of the political, legal, technological, competitive, and cultural factors sharpens decision-making and improves performance. The standards of success that inspire our efforts, we believe, make this edition the best yet. Our collective efforts result in a textbook that provides instructors and students a powerful, productive, and meaningful understanding of the dimensions and dynamics that define the world of business"--

The book focuses on the cultural aspect of the author's published PhD thesis entitled "The Role of Multinational Companies in the Middle East: The Case of Saudi Arabia", which he has carried out at the University of Westminster. It explores the success of multinational enterprises doing business in Saudi Arabia vis-à-vis their cultural awareness and responsiveness. The empirical findings discussed in this book reveal that international business success in a strange cultural environment depends partly on the ability of multinational managers to understand the local culture. The cultural subject in this book pertains to Islam in its entirety. The findings may seem strange to many readers who are not familiar with Islamic culture, in its purest form. Many newcomers to Saudi Arabia -- especially non-Muslim foreign investors, businessmen and workers -- often find many things "strange" about the Kingdom, its people and cultural values. Some feel it odd that many Muslims give more importance to prayer than business. Some are disappointed when they find commercial establishments like shopping centres closed as Muslim workers go to the mosques to attend to their daily prayers. Business visitors find strange the fact that in the midst of their meetings with their Saudi or Muslim counterparts, the latter excuse themselves for prayer. They have these "strange" feelings due to their lack of understanding of true Islamic culture. The cultural aspect of this book will help businessmen and concerned institutions worldwide gain understanding of Islam and reconcile their cultural differences with the Muslim world. Through this book, international companies will be able to have a better understanding of authentic Islamic culture, which will help them gain greater competitive advantages in the Saudi marketplace.

The field of international business is dynamic, complex, and challenging, vulnerable to fast-breaking events such as economic shifts, political turmoil, and natural disasters. This concise and affordable textbook will help future international business executives acquire the skills to function effectively under these challenging conditions. "Basics of International Business" incorporates coverage of the ongoing turmoil in the world financial markets. It's designed to familiarize students with the external environments that affect international businesses, to show them how to recognize the processes in identifying potential foreign markets, and to help them understand the functional strategies that can be developed to succeed in this highly competitive environment. The text focuses on 'must-know' core concepts in international business. The concepts, theories, and techniques are organized around seven major topical areas: introduction and overview of international business; environmental variables of culture, politics, and economics; entry strategies for new markets and countries; international trade and foreign direct investments; integration of functional areas; specific functioning areas (marketing, finance, accounting, etc.); global outsourcing and its role in international operations. The text is filled with helpful charts, chapter summaries, exercises, and applied cases. A detailed instructor's manual including course outlines, classroom exercises, and a complete test bank is available to adopters on the MES website.

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