



The Role of the State in Economic Change

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Abstract

The role of the state has occupied centre stage in the development of economics as an independent discipline and is one of the most contentious issues addressed by contemporary economists and political economists. The immediate post-war years saw a swing in economic theory towards interventionism, motivated by the urgent need for reconstruction in advanced capitalist countries, the establishment of socialism in parts of Asia and Eastern Europe, and the liberation of many developing nations from colonialism. After a quarter of a century of interventionist policies, a vigorous backlash against state intervention began with the discrediting of welfare statism in advanced capitalist countries, grew through the spread of liberalisation programmes among developing nations during the 1980s, and culminated in the dismantling of socialist central planning since 1989. In this volume, ten distinguished contributors examine patterns of interventionism and anti-interventionism in a wide variety of historical, political and institutional contexts and within different theoretical traditions. Their primary focus is on the internal factors which shape the role of the state and determine its effectiveness in promoting economic change. They explain the growing disenchantment with the Neo-Liberal, anti-interventionist programme--even in Eastern Europe and the former USSR, where the initial optimism in the efficacy of the free market is fading fast. The overall conclusion of the empirical and theoretical analysis is that the simplistic notion of politics fundamental to Neo-Liberal arguments makes them at best misleading and at worst deceitful. Although one can talk of certain general principles, there is no hard and fast rule to determine the optimal degree and the desirable areas of state intervention, which can only be determined in the concrete historical, institutional, and geographical context. The challenge is to form a new synthesis in which the valid insights of Neo-Liberalism are stripped of their ideological baggage and integrated into a wider and more objective intellectual framework.

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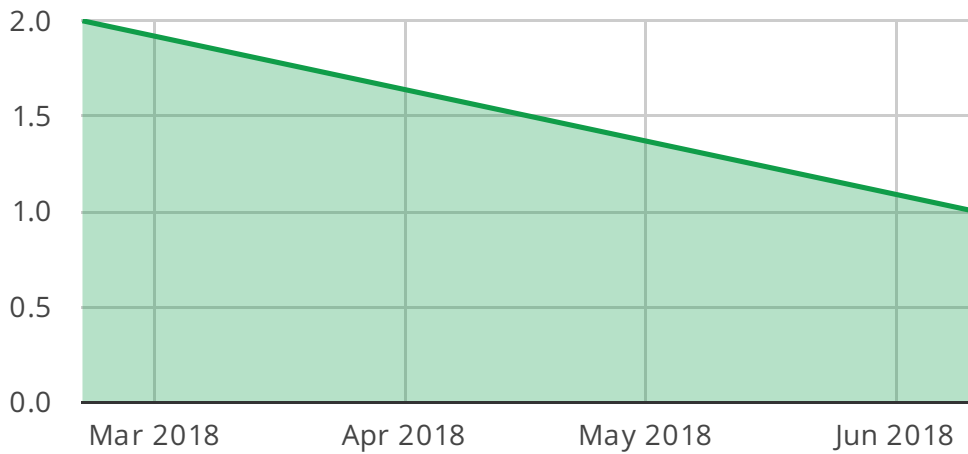
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The role of a state in the process of economic security building is of a great significance under the terms of market economy. The market relationship building, the ownership pattern change, the methods of public administration, the openness of national and regional economies define the necessity of economy sustainable development ensuring and permanent monitoring over social-economic processes. Economic security characterizes the state of national economy which provides protection of national interests as well as interests of both certain citizens of a country and the society in whole. A stat... While much has been written about the economic changes that must take place for centrally planned countries to become market economies, less has been written about how the economic role of the state must change. In "shock therapy," advocated by some economists at the start of the transition, the main ingredients for success were assumed to be price liberalization, macroeconomic stabilization, and privatization. Little was said about the role of the government in the new environment. A complete transformation of the economy, the institutions, and economic processes requires, in additi The acceleration of change. "Jobs change, skills change, and whole industries change at an unimaginable pace. For states, it is important to encourage radical changes in institutional behavior, from regulation to partnership, in order to put a premium on timely responses and transparent conduct." The revival of populism beyond partisan boundaries. Tom Chilton of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission spoke next, first offering some background on the state's history of economic development. Arkansas had an economy based on subsistence farming until the 1950s, when a member of the Rockefeller family bought a lot of land and founded the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission, which leveraged a lot of development in Arkansas.