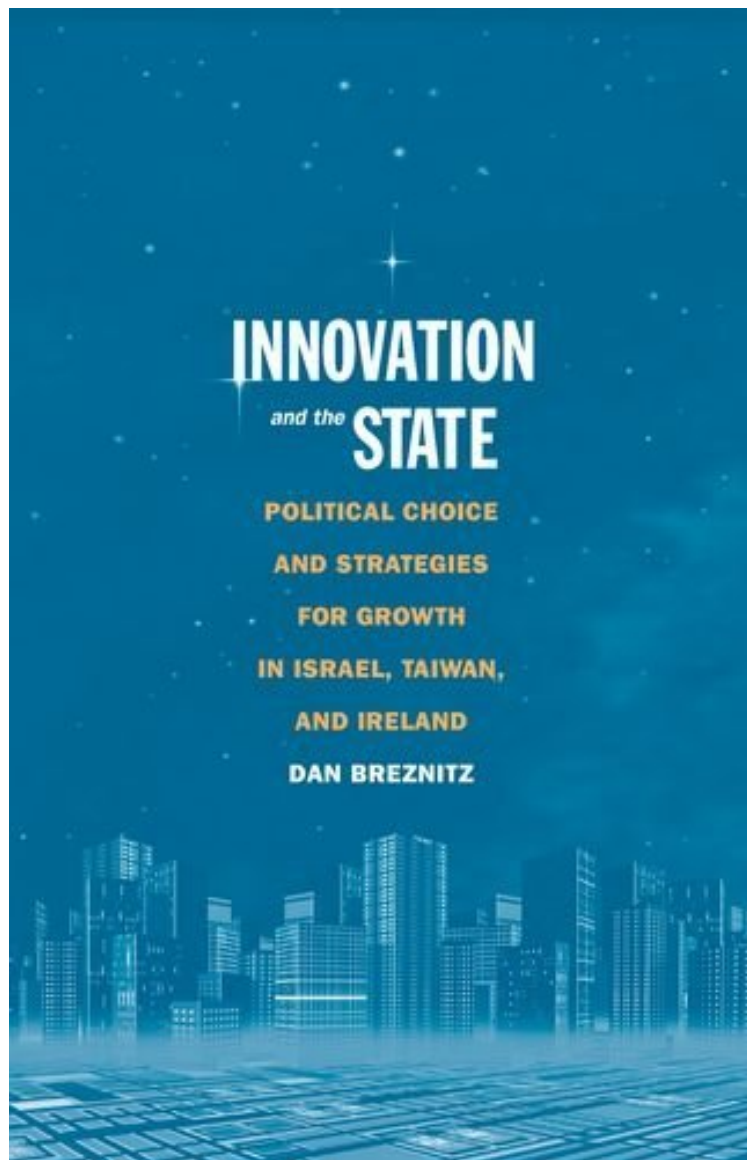


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By I. Kant This is an excellent book! Fans of international business, technology, innovation, and/or economic development would do well to read it. And if you are interested in the IT industry, it should also be on your list. Basically, it's an extremely well-researched book about the development of highly successful IT industries in Ireland, Taiwan, and Israel. Breznitz spent some four years interviewing policymakers and innovators in these countries. This book reports what he found. With a chapter each on Ireland, Taiwan, and Israel, Breznitz discusses in depth their specific development strategies policies, how they came to be, and how well they succeeded in producing competitive IT firms. He shows that globalization is *\*not\** driving all nations towards the same development models or innovation strategies. Instead, Breznitz shows that Ireland, Taiwan, and Israel each used very different policy approaches, and each with wildly different degrees of government intervention, to achieve competitiveness in the global IT sector. Another interesting point is Breznitz's concept of "fragmentation of production" (the breakup of the production process into different locations around the globe). This is a fairly big idea and he illustrates it well.

The 1990s brought surprising industrial development in emerging economies around the globe: firms in countries not previously known for their high-technology industries moved to the forefront in new Information Technologies (IT) by using different business models and carving out unique positions in the global IT production networks. In this book Dan Breznitz asks why economies of different countries develop in different ways, and his answer relies on his exhaustive research into the comparative experiences of Israel, Taiwan, and Ireland; states that made different choices to nurture the growth of their IT industries. The role of the state in economic development has changed, Breznitz concludes, but it has by no means disappeared. He offers a new way of thinking about state-led rapid-innovation-based industrial development that takes into account the ways production and innovation are now conducted globally. And he offers specific guidelines to help states make advantageous decisions about research and development, relationships with foreign firms and investors, and other critical issues.

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