

Preface

This book has been written with two audiences and two objectives in mind. First, we would like to convince our colleagues in organization theory that organizations with other organizations as members constitute an important and intriguing field of study. And second, we want to suggest to colleagues who are studying globalization and international politics that organizational theory provides a useful instrument for understanding international organizations.

Trying to address two audiences simultaneously has been a rewarding but challenging experience, requiring a few compromises. There are some – albeit different – pages of this book that provide no new insights for one of these audiences or the other. We hope, however, that these pages are few enough for the reader to maintain interest in our main argument.

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Abbreviations and acronyms

ACEA	Association des Constructeurs Européens d'Automobiles (European Automobile Manufacturer's Association)
AFC	Asian Football Confederation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
BIPM	Bureau International de Poids et Mesures (International Bureau of Weights and Measures)
BRD	Bundesrepublik Deutschland (German Federal Republic)
CAF	Confédération Africaine de Football
CEMR	Council of European Municipalities and Regions
CEMS	Community of European Management Schools and International Companies
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation (European Committee for Standardization)
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISDA	Confederation of International Soft Drinks Association
CONCACAF	Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Football
CONMEBOL	Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol (South American Football Confederation)
DDR	Deutsche Demokratische Republik (German Democratic Republic)
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
ELFAA	European Low Fares Airline Association
EPA	European Parking Association
EU	European Union

EUA	European University Association
FCC	Federation of Swedish County Councils (Landstingsförbundet)
FIBA	International Basketball Federation
FIFA	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FMCU-UTO	World Federation of United Cities
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IATA	International Air Transport Association
IAU	International Association of Universities
IBRA	International Bee Research Association
ICC	International Chamber of Commerce
ICF	International Cremation Federation
ICMCI	International Council of Management Consulting Institutes
IEC	International Egg Commission
IFA	International Fertilizer Industry Association
IFF	International Floorball Federation
IFOAM	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IIHF	International Ice Hockey Federation
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INTOSAI	International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions
ISA	International Sociological Association
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
ITUC	International Trade Union Confederation
IULA	International Union of Local Authorities
LO	Landsorganisationen i Sverige (Swedish Trade Union Confederation)
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur (Southern Common Market)
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NUS	Det nordiska universitetssamarbetet (Nordic University Association)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OFC	Oceania Football Confederation
OGS	Organic Guarantee System
PIARC	Permanent International Association of Road Congresses
PIM	Partnership in International Management
SALA	Swedish Association of Local Authorities (Kommunförbundet)
SALAR	Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (Sveriges Kommuner och Landsting)
SAMC	Swedish Association of Management Consultants
SFF	Swedish Floorball Federation (Svenska Innebandyförbundet)
SPUR	Svenska Personaluthyrnings- och Rekryteringsförbundet (Swedish Association of Temporary Work Businesses and Staffing Services)
SUHF	Sveriges universitets- och högskoleförbund (Association of Swedish Higher Education)
SVEPARK	Svenska Parkeringsföreningen (Swedish Parking Association)
UCLG	United Cities and Local Governments
UEFA	Union of Football Associations (Union Européenne de Football Association)
UIC	Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UPU	Universal Postal Union
USA	United States of America
WANO	World Association of Nuclear Operators

WOA	World Ostrich Association
WTO	World Trade Organization

