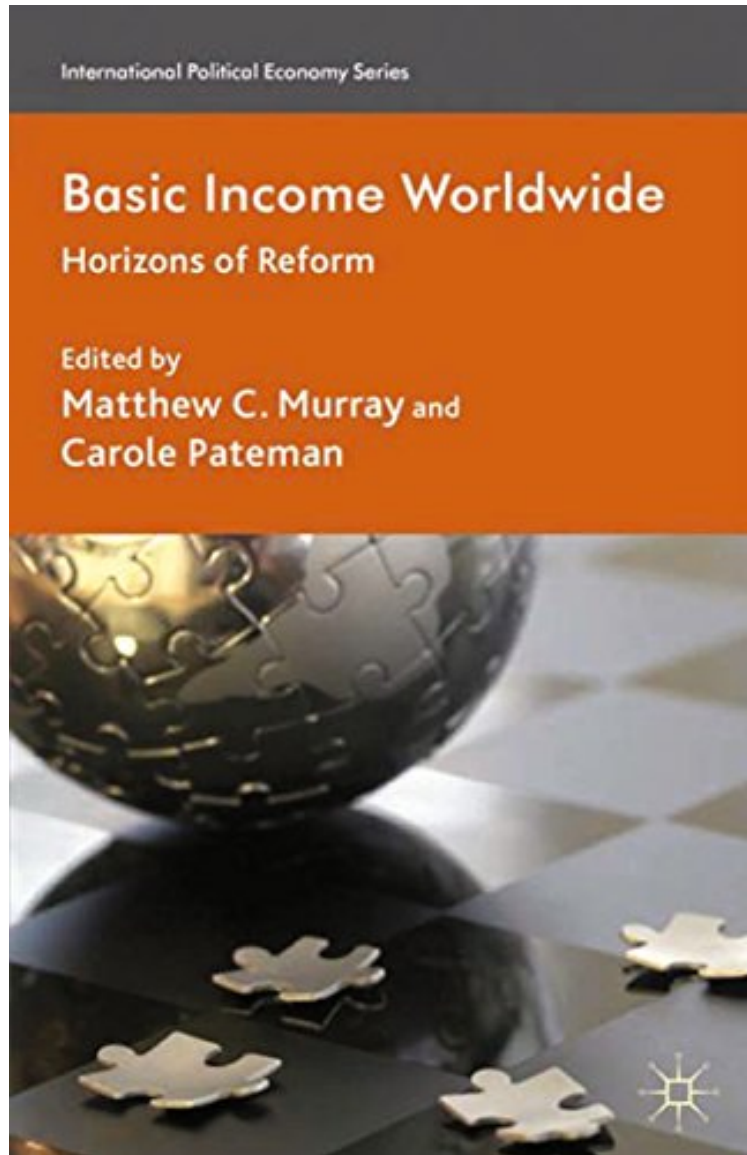


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**Matthew C. Murray : Basic Income Worldwide: Horizons of Reform (International Political Economy Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Basic Income Worldwide: Horizons of Reform (International Political Economy Series):

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through an evenly historical, current and analytically progressive approach. This volume is not bogged down in philosophic thought, nor is it overwrought with hyper-technical information (for the most part) or self-important promotion by authors. It is kind of the goldilocks of books for people looking for something intellectually rigorous but not so dense that it is difficult to read or understand. The book is broken up into two sections. The first focuses on systems that have or presently exist. The second focuses on proposals that are in various states of favor in their given situations. Some chapters shine brighter than others, which may be a result of my particular interests in Basic Income more than a slight on any given chapters quality. Still, some chapters may appeal more than others given the wide background of the authors who literally come from all over the world and from many different academic and advocacy fields. Some of the turns of phrase and literary approaches reflect this so be prepared to really think some sentences through from time to time if you have not traveled the world to appreciate the many languages and countries represented here. The book is entirely in English but sometimes translations and phrases can appear odd at least to my American eyes. The names of the political parties alone can be daunting. The volume is interesting not simply as an exploration of Political Economy or Basic Income Systems but Comparative Politics and Political Philosophy (particularly systems / non-ideal theory). This volume would be particularly interesting to the Basic Income advocate or political figure looking for some new ideas or for a greater understanding of the issues history and application. It has value as a research tool and potentially as a textbook, but make no mistake, this is not your ordinary edited volume. Edited volumes can lack coherency, and in this case, the chapters very much tell a story about the larger narrative. These are pulled together nicely by the introduction and conclusion which work well to make this volume feel more book-like. In short, this is an interesting read and potentially has value to a very wide audience, not just those interested in basic income. Some of the chapters prove easier to read than others but all raise interesting points and perspectives. Unlike other volumes in the field, the volume gives a more even handed account of basic income that explores the good and the bad or difficult, aspects of basic income systems. I enjoyed it more as a complete read than other volumes and books in the field even if there were parts of the other books that I felt were stronger than parts of this one. The price point is a little steep given the audience that might read this if produced in paperback but the kindle version and promotions make this volume easier to consider. Certainly worth a read if you are interested in this topic or the countries assessed as an advocate or academic professional in Politics, Economics, Sociology or Basic Income Studies.

In the midst of growing criticism of current economic orthodoxies and welfare systems, basic income is growing in popularity. This is the first book to discuss existing at examples of basic income, in both rich and poor countries, and to consider its prospects in other places around the world.

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