

Cooperation in International Relations

Concepts & Examples

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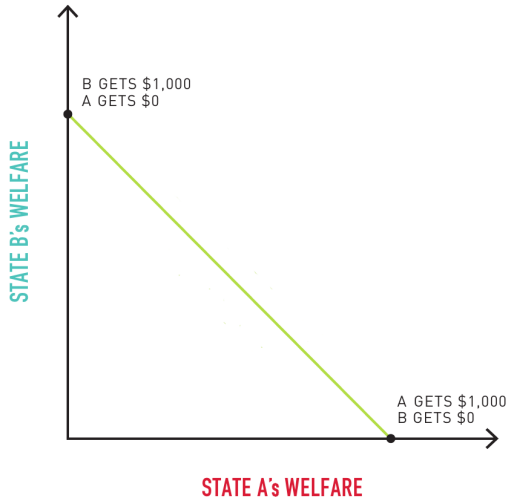
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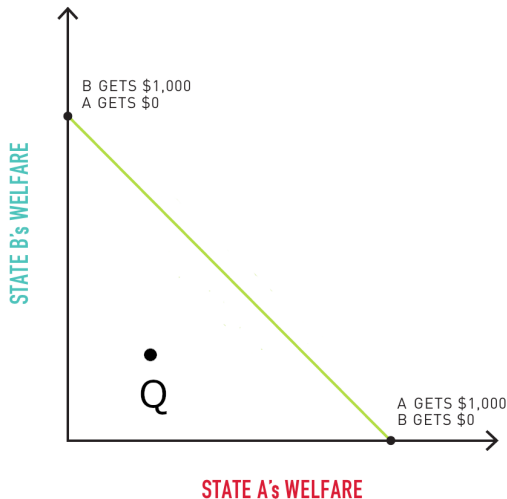
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- Free trade or stable monetary relations, etc.

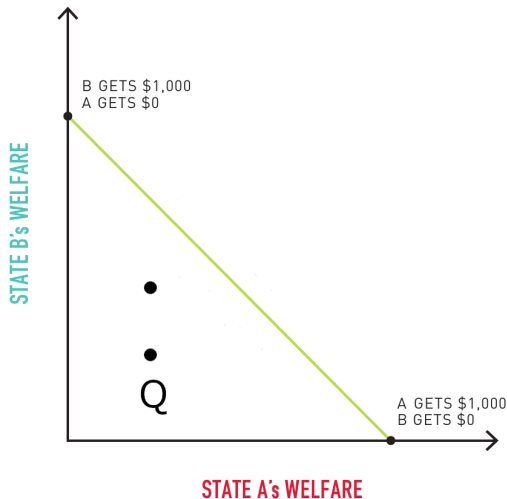
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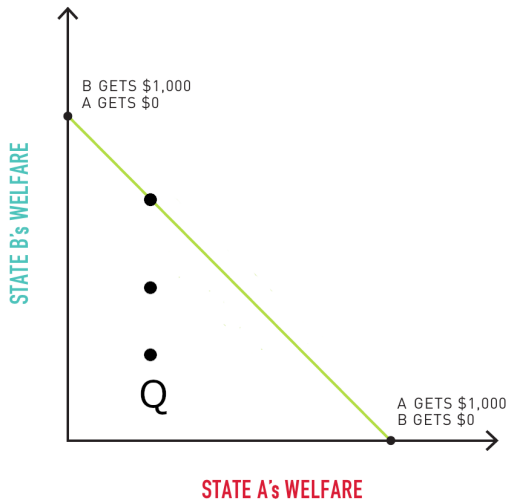
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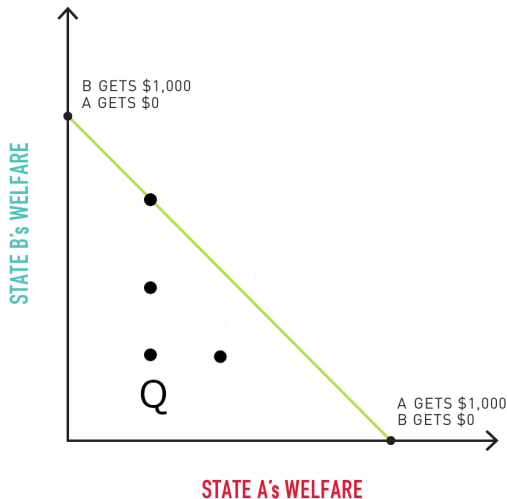
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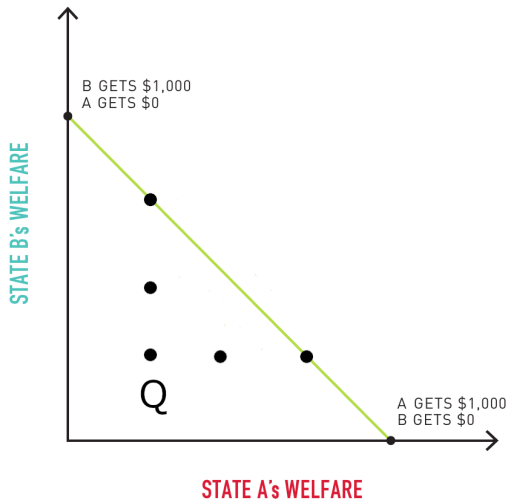
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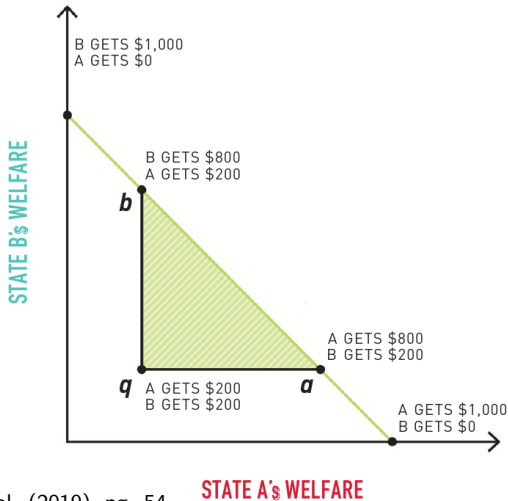
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Next Lecture

- Hurdles to cooperation - cooperation costs, collective action problems

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