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The idea for this book started with the observation that Robert Putnam's pathbreaking work on two-level games has led to an unbalanced development in research about the interaction between domestic and international institutions. A great deal of work has built on Putnam to show how domestic politics can constrain the ability of states to cooperate internationally. However, there has been much less work on the flip side of Putnam's argument—that foreign policy leaders can use international institutions as a means of circumventing or co-opting domestic opposition.

From this idea came a three-day conference in Boulder, Colorado, in June 1999 entitled "The Interaction of Domestic and International Institutions," where eight papers were presented and the larger points debated. Six of these papers, thoroughly revised, along with Duncan Snidal and Alexander Thompson's concluding chapter, make up the present volume.

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