

# Preface

This book is based on my lectures on international trade in 1993–2000 at the School of International Politics, Economics and Business, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo. According to the late Professor M. Bronfenbrenner, who did the same lectures in 1982–1990, this school was established in 1982 based on the late Chancellor Kinjiro Ohki's vision of a new college of foreign studies, whose graduates should be competent simultaneously in the English language, oral and written, and in some branch of international affairs, international politics, international economics, or international business. Aoyama Gakuin University, which was established in 1949, originated in schools started in 1874 and 1879 by missionaries sent to Japan by the Methodist Church of America to propagate Christianity through education.

To generate more interest in the subject, I started with the exposition of the historical developments of the trade theory in Part I. Then, Part II deals with the basic neoclassical theory of international trade and some of the more recent developments. Since the school offered other lectures on international finance, I could concentrate on the nonmonetary real problems of the international economics. Some of the exercises given in each chapter and the appendices attached to several chapters deal with more advanced graduate-level materials and some new research results. So as to encourage students, most of whom were Japanese, I particularly tried to discuss some of the recent contributions made by Japanese scholars.

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