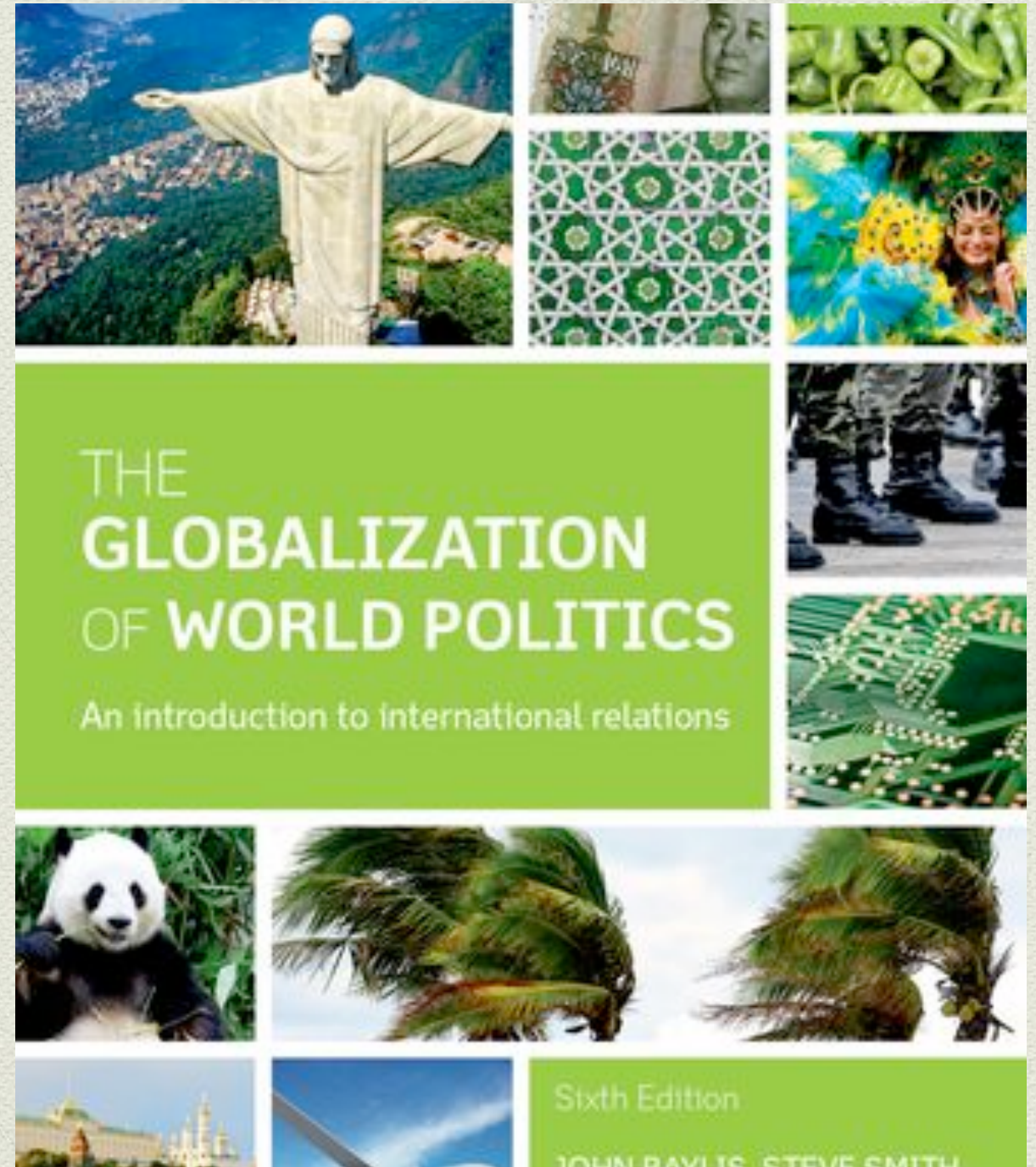# Science…and Beyond in International Studies

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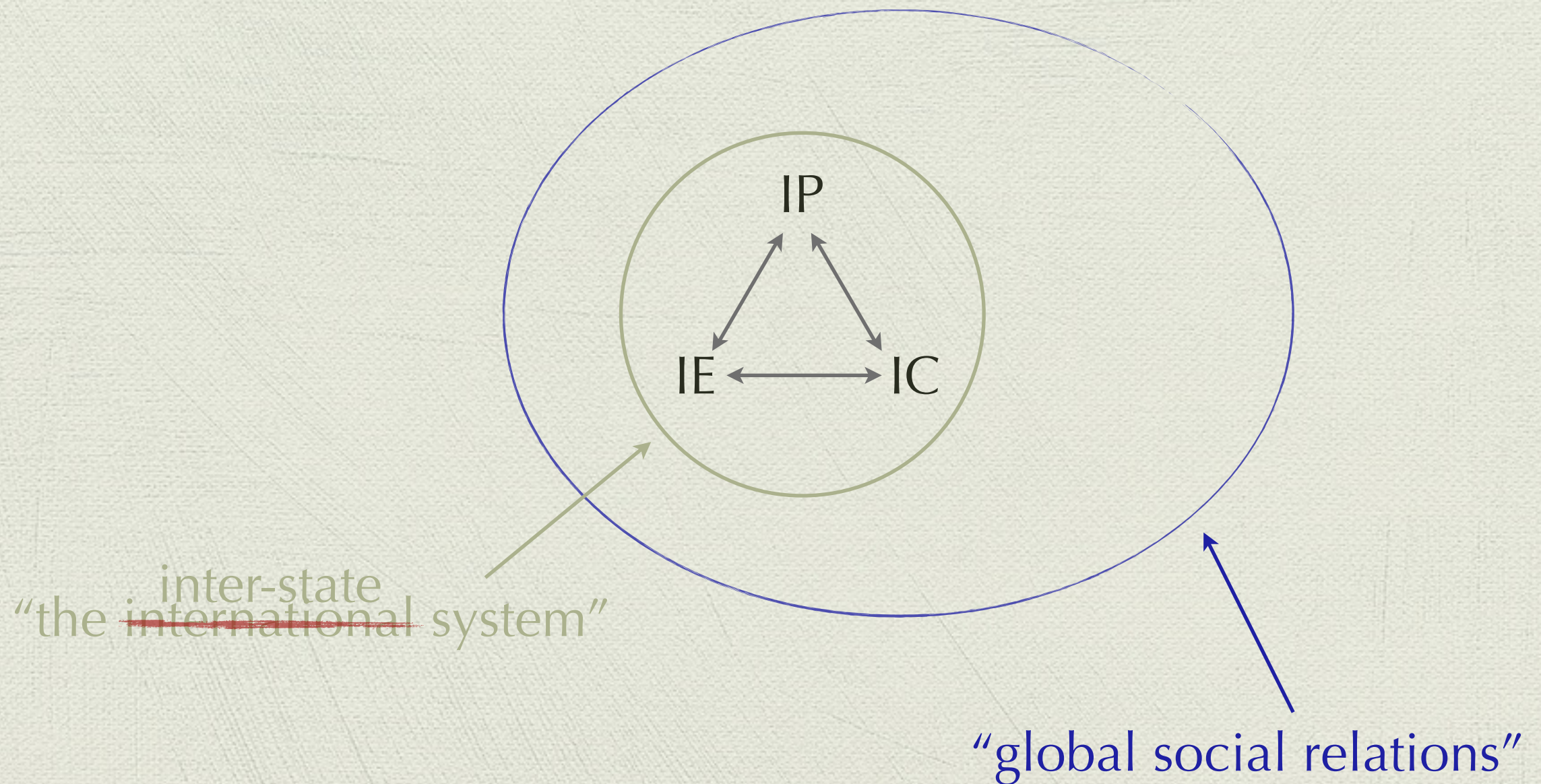**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY**
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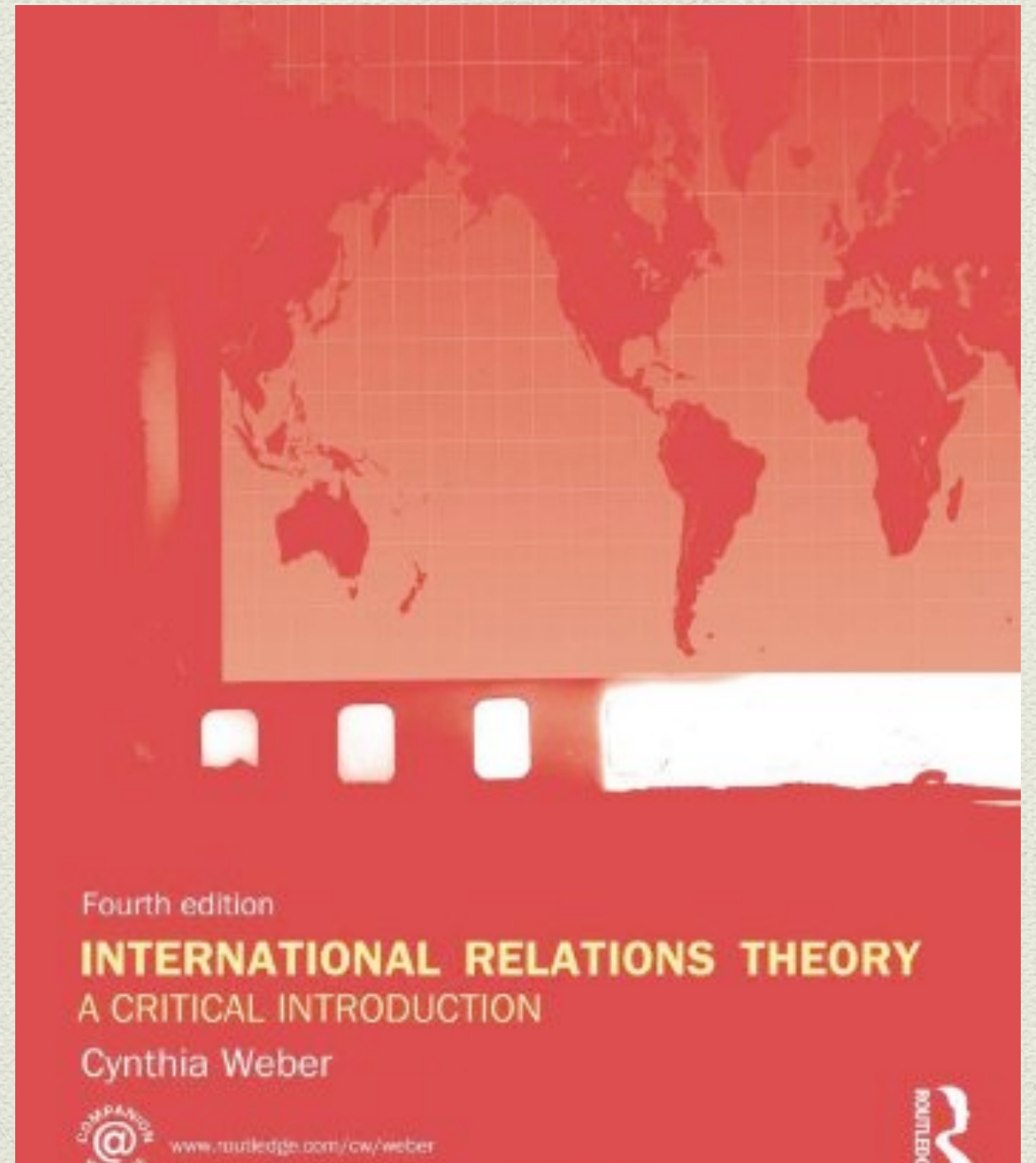
International studies

"transactions and encounters among multiple <u>worlds</u>"

inter-state
"the ~~international~~ system"

"global social relations"

Science

- *systematic,* methodical links between premises and conclusions

- subject to *public criticism and improvement*

- focused on producing *worldly facts*

http://www.algemeiner.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/scientist2.jpg

Science

	phenomenalism	transfactualism
dualism	**neopositivism**	**critical realism**
monism	**analyticism**	**reflexivity**

Ways of knowing

- ways of evaluating claims
  - epistemic
  - technical
  - aesthetic
  - normative
- "disenchantment" privileges "scientific" (epistemic) ways of knowing

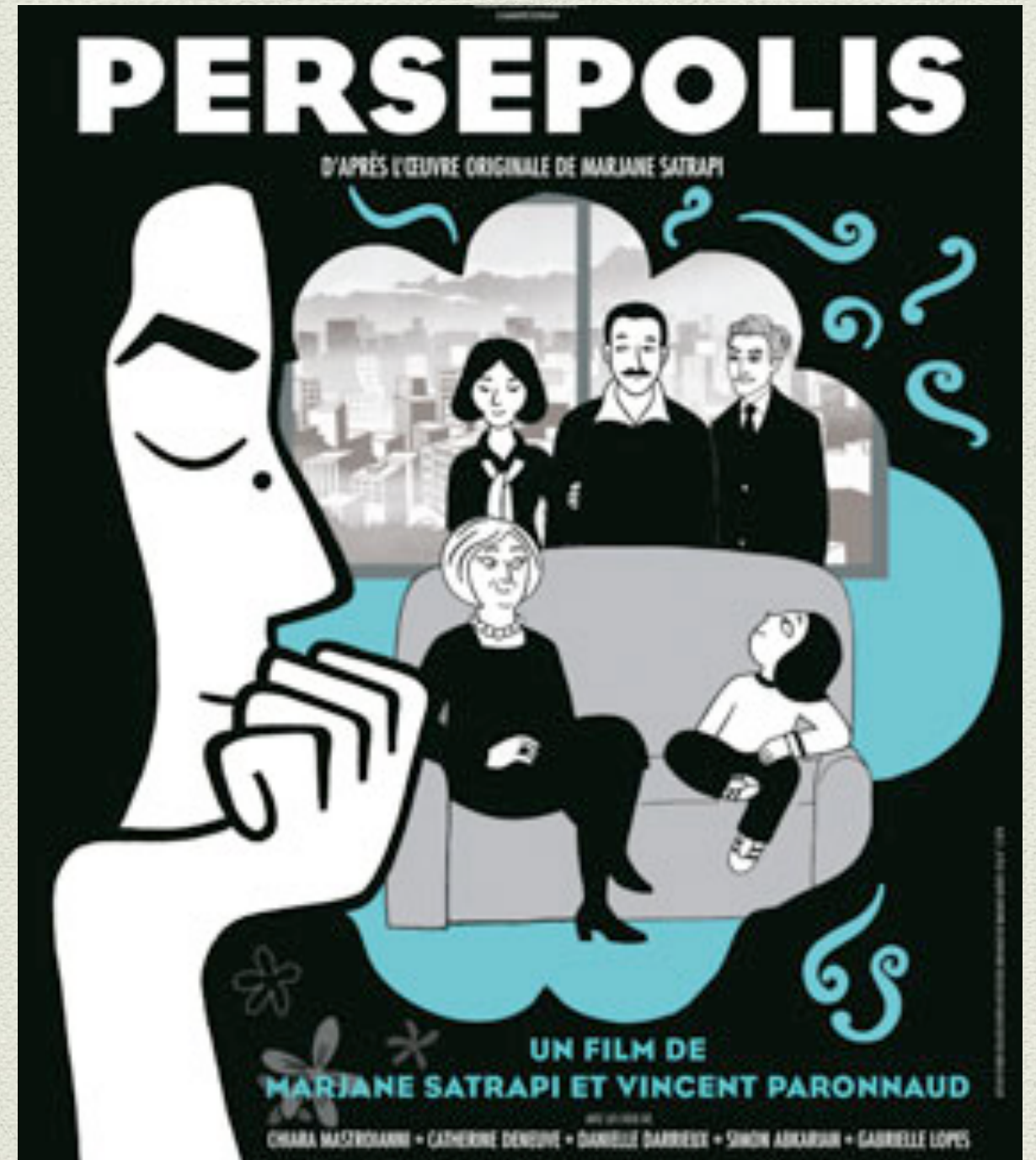# Technical know-how

- "getting things done"

- consistency matters less than <u>results</u> or <u>effectiveness</u>

- diplomacy

- local experience / expertise
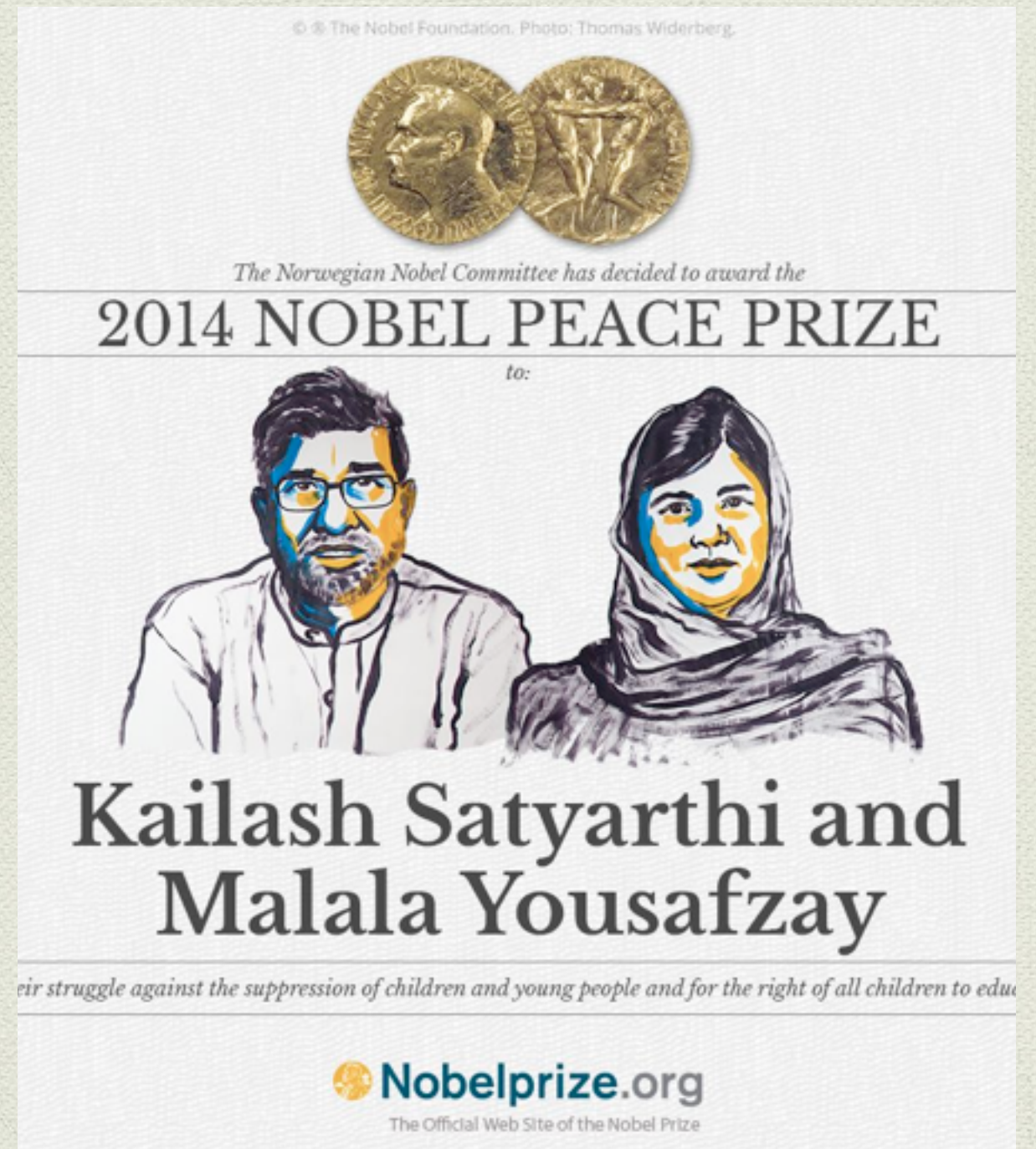
Aesthetic knowing

- "expressing a vision"

- authenticity or recognition

- "progress" somewhat meaningless

- representations *of* international affairs...

- ...and international representations

Normative knowing

- "what should be"

- expresses a value and evaluates what we actually have in light of that

- justice or rightness

- theology, and "secular theology"

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Against mixing

- forms of knowledge are limited in their scope

  - representational knowing *leaves the world as it is*

  - impersonal knowing *does not tell us what to do*

- artificial purity helps us to see and appreciate this

"Choosing"

- the wrong metaphor

- better: *discover* what you already are doing and what strikes a chord

- serious global challenges call for a broad range of contributions

- diversity *keeps us humble*