This chapter has discussed the changed relationship between unions, political parties, and states in "developing" economies. These might, more accurately, be referred to as economies facing chronic fiscal crises. The chapter paid close attention to the NCL in India and the PWC in Pakistan as illustrations of new forms of political unionism. It demonstrated that durable alhances between organized labor and political parties are no longer possible. Labor law is increasingly used to deny, rather than ensure, that workers' rights are respected. Organized labor's strategic opportunities have changed. Workers in India and in Pakistan are promoting new forms of political unionism to promote social justice and economic democracy. Indian labor federations have gained greater independence from political parties, forged alliances with social movements that represent the large and growing informal sector, and included subcontracted workers in collective bargaining agreements. In addition, Pakistani unions have gained greater political power through inter-federation solidarity. Since economic adjustment, national federations in Pakistan have united. Some have formed a labor party. In both countries, unions are becoming internally more democratic and are using public advocacy campaigns to secure workers' rights.

This comparative political economy study showed that democratic labor institutions and strong labor organizations play a role not only important to broadening the benefits of economic development but also vital to consolidating democracy. Specific kinds of labor institutions affected economic and political, outcomes in predictable and desirable ways.

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