

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Questioning Globalization

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Globalization has become the cliché of our times. The neo-liberal virus has struck almost everybody including within the ranks of the left. The proponents of neo-liberal globalization claim that it produces “accelerated efficient” development along with deepening of democracy and human rights. However, reality shows the opposite and any rigorous examination of such frivolous arguments reveals their shallowness and inconsistency. Social progress and democracy cannot move ahead but jointly and on the condition that we move away from the dogmas of neo-liberalism.

The book underscores that the current disasters are not the “price” to pay for a transition towards the promised paradise, but on the contrary are bound to deepen as long as neo-liberal economic policies are pursued. Instead of focusing on past debates, the book makes a critical analysis of several contemporary debates on globalization. With the help of case studies, statistical data and cogent analysis, the book debunks several myths associated with the globalization processes. Written for a non-technical audience and lay readership, the book fundamentally questions the viewpoints held by the “hyper-globalists.” The book would not only contribute towards deepening the current debates on globalization but is also expected to become an indispensable tool of analysis for concerned citizens, students, social and political activists, labor unions, NGOs, and policy makers.

Contents:

1. Does Financial Globalization Stimulate Growth and Development?
2. Global Investment Rules: Rules for Whom?
3. Does Globalization Promote Democracy and Human Rights?
4. International Aid, IFIs and Good Governance: Whose Governance Matters?
5. Does Globalization Spell the End of Nation-State?

Features: Tables, Boxes, Notes and References, Bibliography.

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“*Questioning Globalization* is needed. Kavaljit Singh has produced a most convincing book on globalization issues. He writes in a clear non-jargon style accessible to all policy and opinion makers. I highly recommend the book to all activists including those who are already convinced that neo-liberalism must be defeated.”

Samir Amin

Director, Forum Tiers Monde, Senegal and author of *Obsolescent Capitalism*

“Kavaljit Singh has written a brilliant and succinct series of responses to a number of basic questions which have academic and political relevance. This book will serve as a valuable text for all readers interested in the political economy of globalization and imperialism, aid and governance, and the role of the nation-state.”

James Petras

Professor Emeritus, State University of New York, US and author of *Globalization Unmasked*