

Globalization and Free Trade Booklist

To learn more about globalization, free trade, NAFTA, CAFTA and the World Trade Organization, stop by the Harold Washington College library. It is our goal to provide a deeper understanding of the world we live in and offer students and faculty the chance to study these vital issues. We stock many books on these subjects, including:

Confessions of an Economic Hit Man / John Perkins

John Perkins started and stopped writing *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* four times over 20 years. He says he was threatened and bribed in an effort to kill the project, but after 9/11 he finally decided to go through with this expose of his former professional life. Perkins, a former chief economist at Boston strategic-consulting firm Chas. T. Main, says he was an "economic hit man" for 10 years, helping U.S. intelligence agencies and multinationals cajole and blackmail foreign leaders into serving U.S. foreign policy and awarding lucrative contracts to American business. (From an Amazon.com review)

Globalization : Opposing Viewpoints / Louise I. Gerdes, book editor

The Opposing Viewpoints book series offers critical essays in support of both sides of any argument. This is a great resource for students who want to see an issue from a variety of angles.

The World Trade Organization : Law, Practice, and Policy / Mitsuo Matsushita, Thomas J. Schoenbaum, and Petros C. Mavroidis.

If you want to learn about the WTO, this book is a great place to start. It is well written by acknowledged experts. It is a comprehensive overview of the subject and is written with a view to practice as well as academia ... For us impatient practitioners, it also has sensible and logical tables of contents and international legal sources. (From a review in *Legal Week*)

The Rise of Regulatory Capitalism : the Global Diffusion of a New Order / David Levi-Faur, Jacint Jordana

This book examines the complex relationship between markets, regulation, private property, and public institutions and closely studies the reasons for policy changes in the environment of regulatory capitalism. (From an Amazon.com review)

Why Globalization Works / Martin Wolf

The author, a *Financial Times* editor, makes a conventional economist's argument for globalization. His faith is that growth and everything else good comes from "the market," while any problems with globalization must be the fault of governments. (From a review in *Publisher's Weekly*)

Whose Trade Organization? : a comprehensive guide to the WTO / Lori Wallach and Patrick Woodall

Whose Trade Organization? documents the WTO's persistent undermining of the attempts by governments around the world to maintain independent standards on everything from food safety and public health to protections for workers and the

environment. With updated, case-by-case studies, the book exposes the lopsided agreements, secret tribunals and legal challenges that are the tools of the WTO's trade, and reveals the core of an aggressive agenda for corporate-led trade liberalization. (From an Amazon.com review)

The Yes Men : the true story of the end of the World Trade Organization / Andy Birchbaum

Multinational corporations have many enemies but few as creative and funny as the Yes Men. In 1993, Mike Bonanno made news by switching the voice boxes of Barbie and G.I. Joe dolls and returning them to store shelves. In 1996, Andy Bichlbaum made a splash by programming kissing, swimsuit-clad men into 80,000 copies of an action video game. When the two met, a collaboration was born. In 1999, they created a Web site parodying that of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Though the WTO denounced the spoof site, and though its creators felt the satire was self-evident, legitimate speaking invitations began arriving by e-mail. Undaunted, the Yes Men donned thrift-store suits and went where they'd been asked, posing as WTO spokesmen and making outrageously callous statements. Their audiences were unfazed, prompting the Yes Men to raise the stakes again and again. (From a review in *Booklist*)

Global Resources : Opposing Viewpoints / Helen Cothran

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Runaway World : How Globalization is Reshaping our Lives / Anthony Giddens

Forget the global village, says celebrated London scholar Giddens in this brief, accessible look at the aftereffects of globalization; on the contrary, we've got "global pillage." Based on a series of lectures originally broadcast on the BBC, this book confronts the benefits and dangers of global processes and asserts that life in the coming century will amount to a precarious game of "risk management." (From a review in *Publishers Weekly*)

The Race to the Bottom : why a worldwide worker surplus and uncontrolled free trade are sinking American living standards / Alan Tonelson

Current United States government policy may celebrate the economic benefits of globalization, but Tonelson, a policy analyst with the private U.S. Business and Industry Council, counters with a skeptical "Show me the money!" on behalf of the U.S. worker. Burrowing into statistics on employment patterns and wage trends in industries like automobiles, household appliances and textiles, Tonelson makes a forceful and engaging argument that globalization, with its attendant rush by multinational corporations to cheaper sources of labor, has been partially responsible for what he sees as a shift from high-wage to low-wage industries in the U.S. (From a review in *Publishers Weekly*)

Five Days that Shook the World : Seattle and beyond / Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair ; photographs by Allan Sekula

The 1999 World Trade Organization protests will forever be associated with violence. But, outside of Seattle, where the event has been debated ad infinitum, the cause, victims, and perpetrators of that violence have been lost to a haze of media-generated moments that simplified an inspired, multifaceted, and generally nonviolent event. Through eyewitness chronicles of the events in Seattle and demonstrations in Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, muckrakers Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St. Clair, as well as a handful of other contributing journalists, vividly relive the opening salvos of a new radical movement in America. (From an Amazon.com review)

The Lexus and the Olive Tree / Thomas Friedman

One day in 1992, Thomas Friedman toured a Lexus factory in Japan and marveled at the robots that put the luxury cars together. That evening, as he ate sushi on a Japanese bullet train, he read a story about yet another Middle East squabble between Palestinians and Israelis. And it hit him: Half the world was lusting after those Lexuses, or at least the brilliant technology that made them possible, and the other half was fighting over who owned which olive tree. (From an Amazon.com Review)

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