

POLITICS ONLINE READINGS FOR GLOBAL SHIFT 7TH EDITION

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1. What in the World is Going On?

Cerny, P. (1997) Paradoxes of the competition state: the dynamics of political globalisation. *Government and Opposition*, 32: 251–74. [Explores the relationship between globalization and the state. Concludes that rather than being the helpless victim of globalization the state has been one of its primary architects and the ‘agent of its own transformation’.]

Held, D., McGrew, A., Goldblatt, D. and Perraton, J. (1999) *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics Culture*. Cambridge: Polity. [Magisterial overview of the ‘great big globalization’ debate complete with an analytical template for thinking about globalization. Case studies of the historical development of the globalization of trade, finance, production, people, culture and the environment.]

Hirst, P., Thompson, G. and Bromley, S. (2009) *Globalization in Question*, 3rd edn. Cambridge: Polity. [Definitive statement of the ‘sceptical internationalist’ approaches to globalization.]

James, H. (2001) *The End of Globalization: Lessons from the Great Depression*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. [Tackles the fallacy that globalization is inevitable by exploring how a previous era of global economic integration crumbled in the 1930s.]

Jones, A. (2010) *Globalization: Key Thinkers*. Cambridge: Polity. [Distils and contrasts the positions of prominent voices in the globalization debate with an interesting concluding chapter speculating about the future of globalization.]

Michie, J. (ed.) (2011) *The Handbook of Globalisation*, 2nd edn. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [Wide-ranging and interdisciplinary text exploring the nature and origins of globalization, its evolution and relationship to a variety of policy areas.]

Ohmae, K. (1990) *The Borderless World: Power and strategy in the interlinked economy*. London: Collins. [Classical statement of 'hyper-globalist' understanding of globalization.]

Scholte, J.A. (2005) *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*, 2nd edn. Basingstoke: Palgrave. [Excellent introduction to the causes, historical significance and purported effects of globalization on the nation-state and public policy.]