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Globalization studies have, through the years, addressed different fields: communication, economy, citizenship, defense, politics, movements. It is a consolidated field of study although the definitions of globalization can be as many as its various aspect, even if it is generally and primarily referred to the globalization of markets made possible by the development of communication technologies. This book collects essays on the different socio-political aspects of globalization and its effects at the dawn of a financial and geo-political crisis that has invested Europe, as well as other emerging economies.

The first part of the book addresses globalization and new socio-political trends both from a theoretical perspective and from that of a series of case studies, whereas the second part addresses some important changes that have occurred in civil society, institutions, and the idea of the common interest. The various essays, although heterogeneous, are interrelated by the common effort of analysis of a rapidly changing world, whose traditional socio-political categories are losing their consolidated meaning. The second part of the book addresses innovators ferments resulting from civil society as well as the risks of new obscurantisms brought by the rise of Islamic extremism from the Middle East to the heart of Europe. A crisis that fatally invests security policies worldwide as well as legality concerns at a more national level.

A complex and apparently fragmented picture of how globalization is affecting political change: its dynamics, crossed by often opposing tendencies, are linked together but seem far from being settled.

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