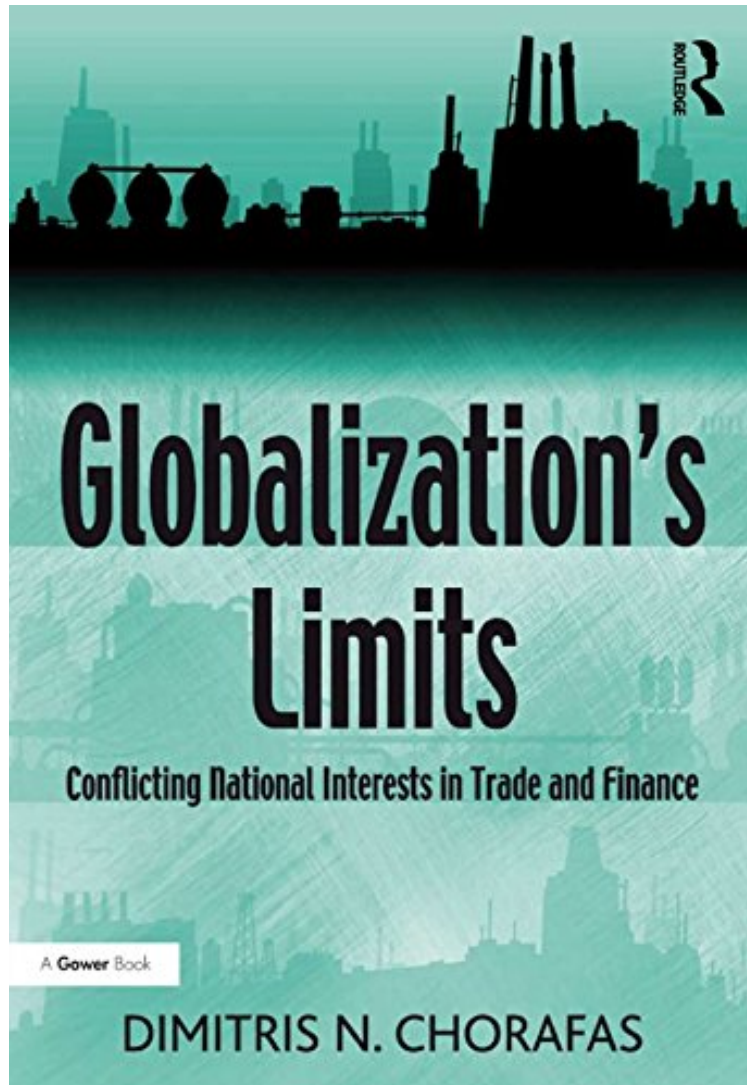


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'Part 1 of this volume provides a detailed assessment of the growing impact of China and India on world markets, and of the economic difficulties and uncertainties confronting Europe. There is also an excellent discussion of the recent setbacks to the globalization process caused by the current financial crisis and the consequent rise in economic nationalism. The remaining two parts of this excellent volume consider the globalization of finance (Part 2) and the limitations of globalization (Part 3), using the Eurozone as a case study.'

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