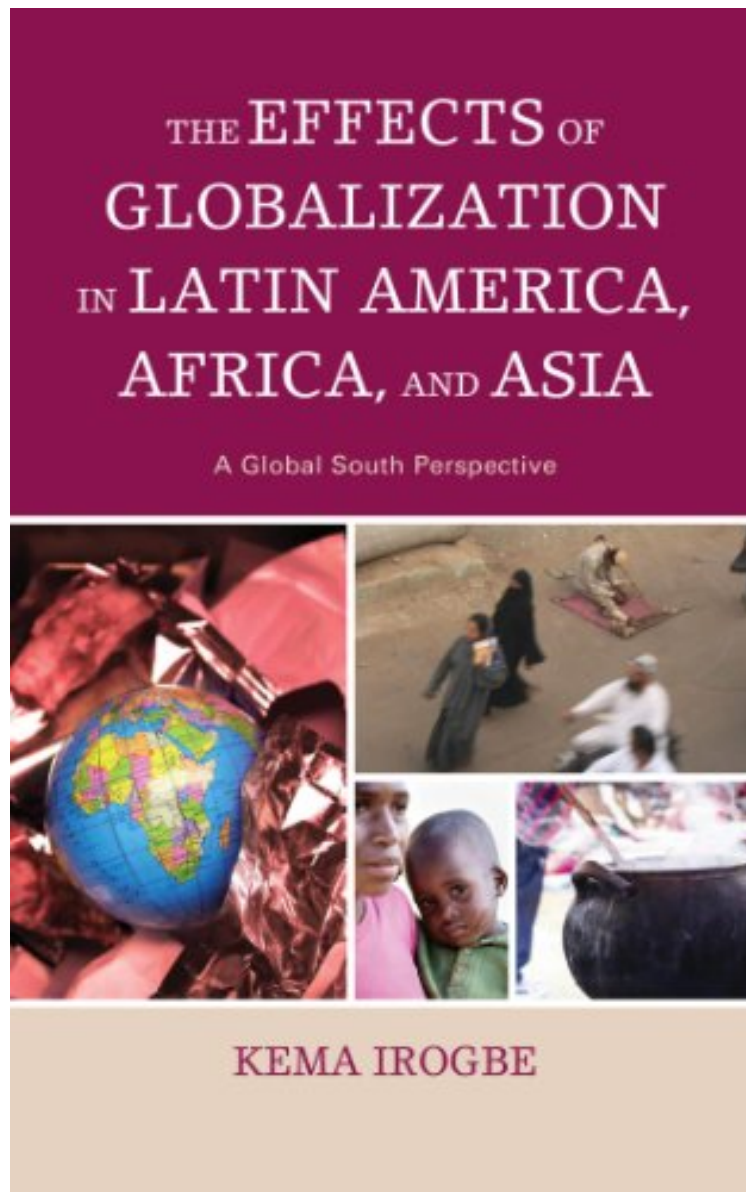


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Kema Irogbe's study of the effects of globalization on Latin America, Africa, and Asia, is an informative and interesting read. (ID: International Dialogue, A Multidisciplinary Journal of World Affairs) Prof. Irogbe shows the reader why free-market ideas—in the words of Nobel Prize Winner Joseph Stiglitz—are not only unfair, but also unwise. His book will be viewed as a provocation by the establishment, but will certainly be an eye opener to the thousands of 'aid' workers parachuted into the underdeveloped countries by the international and bilateral aid institutions, as well as by NGOs with the objective of 'saving' the world from its ills. The presentation of his arguments is powerful and founded on carefully researched materials collected over the last two decades. Irogbe shows clearly and in a verifiable manner that globalization contributes to the advancement of underdevelopment for the majority of people. His book is a must for all those who wish to understand the true power structure of our planet and sincerely want to make a difference towards creating a better and more just world for all. (Kristian Laubjerg, former Resident UN Coordinator and Chief of UNICEF country offices) This book is a critical and uncompromisingly objective appraisal of the effects of globalization on nation-states—particularly, on the periphery countries. Not since Chinweike's *The West and the Rest of Us* (1975) has a book so vividly exposed the plight of the developing world at the mercy of the developed countries. This book provides a rude awakening and offers solutions to the congenital problems that cloud or hinder the good relations of the peoples of the developing countries and the global elite that control the destiny of those countries. (George A. Agbango, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania) About the Author Kema Irogbe is professor of political science at Claflin University.