

Overview of *Global Visions, Rival Networks: Social Movements for Global Democracy* by Jackie Smith (Johns Hopkins University Press; Forthcoming)

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Global Visions, Rival Networks shows how transnational networks of social movement activists have advanced a democratic vision of globalization "from below."

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Contemporary debates about globalization can be viewed as a struggle between a vision of globalization oriented towards globalizing markets and a vision that prioritizes human rights. Global Visions, Rival Networks offers groundbreaking scholarship on this struggle to define the course of globalization, offering conceptual innovation and new empirical analysis to advance understandings of transnational social movement activism.

It shows the often overlooked story of how "democratic globalizers" have advanced institutions and norms that support human rights, equity, and ecological sustainability.

Using original case studies of recent and ongoing campaigns for global justice-including the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign, the Inuit people's challenge to U.S. climate policy and the campaign to hold transnational corporations accountable to international law-Smith shows how activists have been articulating and helping build a vision of globalization that can challenge the predominant, neoliberal one.

Global Visions, Rival Networks offers proposals for how advocates of a more just and equitable global order can work to advance a vision of global democracy that is being articulated by contemporary global justice activists. It considers how this movement can better orient its actions to transform national and international institutions so they can help in the realization of a more democratic and humane globalization.

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Global Visions, Rival Networks provides a synthesis of extensive empirical research on transnational activism to offer a story about how proponents of a more democratic global order have long struggled to advance a version of globalization that prioritizes human rights and the environment over global markets and greed. Contemporary conflicts around globalization are cast as a series of struggles between two rival transnational networks -one promoting a market-oriented, neoliberal vision and the other a democratic vision of global integration. The democratic globalization network encompasses diverse movements --such as human rights, women's, labor, environmental, and anti-poverty movements-- that find unity behind a common demand for a voice in shaping global policies. Smith travels with activists to the sites of global justice protests, meetings, and strategy sessions to uncover the common elements of their

preferred visions of globalization and their evolving strategic thinking. In the course of this book we meet students resisting U.S. climate policies, internet activists crafting new forms of media activism, Inuit peoples using human rights law to demand changes in U.S. environmental practices, anti-poverty activists demanding dignity and respect for their economic human rights, and a convergence of groups meeting in the World Social Forums to help make "Another World" possible.

As a scholar who is also engaged herself in social justice organizing, Smith offers proposals for strengthening movements for global democracy and economic justice that involve efforts to transform the United Nations as well as nation states. To do this, she argues, democratic globalizers must come to see themselves as part of a shared struggle linked by extensive and increasingly dense networks. Conscious efforts to strengthen these networks and employ them strategically can advance a vision of globalization that ensures more humane and sustainable global society.