



Globalization, the Human Condition and Sustainable Development in the Twenty-first Century Cross-national Perspectives and European Implications *Arno Tausch and Almas Heshmati, with a Foreword by Ulrich Brand*

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An examination of how the pro-globalist policies of the European Union have precipitated the current European crisis, especially in areas of development.

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Globalization, the Human Condition and Sustainable Development in the Twenty-first Century is a cross-national, 175-nation-based exploration of the deep crisis in which Europe currently finds itself. Investigating the effects of dependency theory and world-systems theory upon the global success of eight dimensions of development – including democracy, environmental sustainability, employment, social cohesion, high-quality tertiary education and gender justice – this study argues that the current European crisis has been precipitated by the pro-globalist policies of the European Commission, and that in the near future these policies threaten to enter Europe into a destructive 'race to the bottom'.

Readership: This book will benefit international intelligence agencies, risk assessment experts, European institutions, academia, media, rating agencies, transnational banks and corporations.

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