

# WHAT IS GLOBALIZATION?

## THE LATEST BOOKS ON GLOBALIZATION

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After many years of theoretical and empirical analysis, the nature of the process we call “globalization” still remains debatable. Questions arise on the relationship between state sovereignty and globalization, as in Rebecca Bryant and Mete Hatay’s *Sovereignty Suspended*. The authors ask themselves what is *de facto* about the *de facto* state and develop an analysis of what they call an “aporetic state” in order to show how life is conducted within it as well as the relationship between such an entity and the global order. On the other hand, it is important to remember that the nation-state model is not the only one fully affected by globalization. Tuo Cai and Zhenye Liu help us in this matter, with their study on *Globalization and Globality* dedicated to a restatement of the interrelationship between politics, economics, law and globality in the context of globalization.

In the ongoing debate on the nature of globalization, however, there remains what we can call an attempt to “transform” such process into a “thing” before which one has to take a stance – for or against it. In his *Livre noir de la mondialisation*, Thomas Guénolé considers globalization as the *poudrière* (powder keg) for all the crises we have lived so far, including the pandemic. The author affirms that globalization must be held responsible for more than four hundred million deaths all over the world from 1992 to 2018.

The different answers one can find to the question “what is globalization?” demonstrates, once again, its entanglement



and also the necessity to abandon any simplistic framework in order to grasp its complex reality.

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