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**From Routledge :** **Globalization and Transnational Capitalism in Asia and Oceania** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Globalization and Transnational Capitalism in Asia and Oceania:

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This is a really important work that goes against the grain of much of what gets written about globalization and the economic rise of China and Asia. Rather than see Washington's so-called "pivot to Asia" as a response to a threat against US hegemony, most of the authors of this edited volume analyze this situation within the framework of

the emergence of a transnational capitalist class, and the integration of the region into the global capitalist system of production. On this merit alone, the volume would be worth reading. However, *Globalization and Transnational Capitalism in Asia and Oceania* also contributes to an increasingly rich discussion regarding the emergence of global working class and the obstacles it faces to achieving class consciousness, solidarity struggles across borders, free trade, lean production, business processing outsourcing, etc. Aside from these questions of political economy, the book also touches on important topics such as the reinvention of national identity and the transformation of educational institutions in a globalizing world. The authors don't always agree with each other, but that is part of what makes the work so interesting. As editor Jeb Sprague says, the point is important to highlight the contradictions involved in the spread of global capitalists relations across the region. This allows for a far more nuanced account than what is apt to find elsewhere, and opens up many potentially fruitful lines of research for the future. Highly recommended!

News headlines warn of rivalries and competing nations across Asia and the Pacific, even as powerful new cross-border relations form as never before. This book looks behind the Asia-Pacific curtain: at the new forms of social, economic, and political integration taking place through a global capitalism that is rife with contradictions, inequality, and crisis. We are moved beyond traditional conceptualizations of the inter-state system with its nation-state competition as the core organizing principle of world capitalism and the principal institutional framework that shapes the makeup of global social forces. These important studies examine and debate over how there is a growing transnationality of material (economic) relations in the global era, as well as an emerging transnationality of many social and class relations. How does transnational capitalist class fractions, new middle strata, and labor undergird globalization in Asia and Oceania? How have states and institutions become entwined with such processes? This book provides insight into a field of dynamic change.

'While as an edited volume there is much variation from chapter to chapter, most of the eighteen contributors to *Globalization and Transnational Capitalism in Asia and Oceania* are influenced by the global capitalism school, which posits that the contemporary processes of production, labor struggles, and class and ideology formation cannot be adequately grasped from an epistemological framework that affords primacy to the nation-state as its unit of analysis. In the words of editor Jeb Sprague, this book pays close attention to transnational processes, underlining the contradictions that emerge as these unfold in Asia and Oceania, a region that has been relatively less explored through this critical lens than areas such as North America, Latin America and Europe...'  
Journal of World-Systems Research, Volume 22, Issue 2  
The book is theoretically underpinned by the global capitalism school and its analytical focus on transnational class and social relations in a world transitioned from its previous international phase of world capitalism to the current global phase of world capitalism, where national economic structures are integrated into global structures of economic activity dominated by particular sets of economic/political/technocratic/consumerist elites... [A] nextremely valuable addition to the literature. It casts its net wide but retains a consistent worldview which is compelling and thought-provoking. The authors are right to assert that, to a significant extent, we now live in a qualitatively different world; the forms of 'hyper-capitalism' we see today have caused a dispersal in authority away from nation states and mean that continuing to ignore the types of actors and networks of power explored in this volume would be nothing short of naive. With patterns of wealth accumulation continuing in the direction of a relative few, the issues raised by this book are extremely timely, and will likely only become a matter of increasing salience for the Asia Pacific and Oceania in the future.'  
Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, Volume 21, Issue 4.  
Different chapters in the book deal with issues ranging from tax havens in small Pacific states to mining in PNG, schooling in India, uneven development in Laos, the transformation of China's working class, and the state, capital and class struggle in Australia. What gives the collection of conference papers some degree of coherence is the common concern to explore how these specific concerns relate to broader patterns of globalising capitalism. The introduction to the book by the US editor Jeb Sprague and the chapters by leading transnational class scholars Jerry Harris and William Robinson are particularly helpful in this regard. There is also a concluding chapter that seeks to draw the threads together by asking what are the prospects for using political economic analysis to make a practical difference."  
Journal of Australian Political Economy  
Jeb Sprague's edited volume, *Globalization and Transnational Capitalism in Asia and Oceania* (New York: Routledge, 2016), fills a crucial gap in this burgeoning literature and is a much-desired contribution to the case for the rise of a Transnational Capitalist Class in the region. [...] This book should be valuable to anyone interested in how globalisation has impacted Asia and Oceania across a range of themes and perspectives. Moreover, it is essential reading for anyone interested in the GCS as its first book-length treatment of this region of the world that must be tested by every theory of globalisation."  
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