Selected Books


“Development Redefined offers an invaluable rethinking of development theory and practice by two of the world's most respected scholars/citizens. Their experience, insight, knowledge, activist commitment, and engaging style make this book indispensable reading for anyone concerned with global economic justice and making the world a better place.” -- Richard Falk, professor at Princeton University and the University of California-Santa Barbara

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To order this book from Paradigm Publishers (Routledge), click here.

Global Backlash: Citizen Initiatives for a Just World Economy (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002)

“This is an excellent book! The format, substance, biographical material, choice of original selections, and writing style are splendid. . . . Broad states she was motivated to produce this book because of her 'frustration over the simplistic way in which opposition to current forms of globalization was portrayed in the mainstream media.' ... [V]ery insightful. Recommended for general readers; academic audiences; upper-division undergraduates and up; and professionals.” -- Choice

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