Record Nr. UNINA9910815695003321 Challenges to globalization: analyzing the economics / / edited by **Titolo** Robert E. Baldwin and L. Alan Winters Pubbl/distr/stampa Chicago,: University of Chicago Press, 2004 **ISBN** 1-281-12529-6 9786611125295 0-226-03655-3 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (560 p.) Collana National Bureau of Economic Research conference report Altri autori (Persone) BaldwinRobert E WintersL. Alan Disciplina 337 Soggetti International economic relations Globalization Pressure groups Income distribution Human rights Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto 1. The critics -- 2. Trade flows and their consequences -- 3. Factor markets: labor -- 4. Factor markets capital -- 5. Macroeconomics. Sommario/riassunto People passionately disagree about the nature of the globalization process. The failure of both the 1999 and 2003 World Trade Organization's (WTO) ministerial conferences in Seattle and Cancun, respectively, have highlighted the tensions among official, international organizations like the WTO, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, nongovernmental and private sector organizations, and some developing country governments. These tensions are commonly attributed to longstanding disagreements over such issues as labor rights, environmental standards, and tariff-cutting rules. In addition, developing countries are increasingly resentful of the burdens of adjustment placed on them that they argue are not matched by commensurate commitments from developed countries. Challenges to Globalization evaluates the arguments of pro-globalists and anti-

globalists regarding issues such as globalization's relationship to

democracy, its impact on the environment and on labor markets including the brain drain, sweat shop labor, wage levels, and changes in production processes, and the associated expansion of trade and its effects on prices. Baldwin, Winters, and the contributors to this volume look at multinational firms, foreign investment, and mergers and acquisitions and present surprising findings that often run counter to the claim that multinational firms primarily seek countries with low wage labor. The book closes with papers on financial opening and on the relationship between international economic policies and national economic growth rates.