

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

## GLOBALIZATION AND GLOBAL JUSTICE

The face of the world is changing. The past century has seen the incredible growth of international institutions. How does the fact that the world is becoming more inter-connected change institutions' duties to people beyond borders? Does globalization alone engender any ethical obligations? In *Globalization and Global Justice* Nicole Hassoun addresses these questions and advances a new argument for the conclusion that there are many coercive international institutions. She argues that such institutions must enable their subjects to avoid severe poverty. She considers the case for aid and trade in light of these obligations, and concludes with a new proposal for Fair Trade in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. Her book will appeal to readers in philosophy, politics, economics, and public policy.

NICOLE HASSOUN is Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Carnegie Mellon University. She has published articles in journals including the *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Journal of Applied Ethics*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Environmental Ethics*, and *Utilitas*.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

# GLOBALIZATION AND GLOBAL JUSTICE

*Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations*

NICOLE HASSOUN



CAMBRIDGE  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge University Press  
978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations  
Nicole Hassoun  
Frontmatter  
[More information](#)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS  
Cambridge, New York, Melbourne, Madrid, Cape Town,  
Singapore, São Paulo, Delhi, Mexico City

Cambridge University Press  
The Edinburgh Building, Cambridge CB2 8RU, UK

Published in the United States of America by Cambridge University Press, New York

[www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org)  
Information on this title: [www.cambridge.org/9781107010307](http://www.cambridge.org/9781107010307)

© Nicole Hassoun 2012

This publication is in copyright. Subject to statutory exception  
and to the provisions of relevant collective licensing agreements,  
no reproduction of any part may take place without the written  
permission of Cambridge University Press.

First published 2012

Printed in the United Kingdom at the University Press, Cambridge

*A catalogue record for this publication is available from the British Library*

*Library of Congress Cataloguing in Publication data*  
Hassoun, Nicole.

Globalization and global justice : shrinking distance, expanding  
obligations / Nicole Hassoun.

pages cm

Includes bibliographical references and index.

ISBN 978-1-107-01030-7

1. Globalization—Social aspects. 2. Globalization—Economic aspects.  
3. Social justice. I. Title.

JZ1318.H3835 2012

303.48'2—dc23

2011051231

ISBN 978-1-107-01030-7 Hardback

Cambridge University Press has no responsibility for the persistence or  
accuracy of URLs for external or third-party internet websites referred to in  
this publication, and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is,  
or will remain, accurate or appropriate.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

*To Tamil and the memory of Hecky Villanuava – may your children  
light up the world.*

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

Contents

<i>List of figures</i>	<i>page</i> viii
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	ix
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xii
 PART I INTRODUCTION: SHRINKING DISTANCE	 I
1 Human rights, autonomy, and poverty	23
2 Legitimacy and global justice	45
3 Libertarian obligations to the poor?	89
 PART II INTRODUCTION: SEEING THE WATER FOR THE SEA	 II3
4 Empirical evidence and the case for aid	123
5 Free trade and poverty	143
6 Making free trade fair	169
Conclusion: Expanding obligations	198
 <i>Bibliography</i>	 202
<i>Index</i>	232

*Figures*

4.1 Results when aid is unsuccessful	<i>page</i> 131
4.2 Results when aid is successful	132
6.1 Large mismatch: R&D spending and disease burden (DALYs) for the largest killers in 1990	173
6.2 Select Access to Medicine Index ratings	174
6.3 R&D in high-income countries	181



Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

## *Acknowledgments*

I owe many thanks to those who have supported, encouraged, and helped me throughout the writing of this book. I hope that I will be forgiven for leaving this list vastly incomplete as I do not have the space to list by name all of the people who have generously advised me, even in very significant ways.

First, I am sure I never could have completed the manuscript without the help, encouragement, and friendship of Thomas Christiano, Gillian Brock, Michael Blake, Alex London, Dale Dorsey, Jerry Gaus, Thomas Pogge, and Michael Gill, who kindly read (and, in Jerry's case, translated) many rough drafts. Thom Brooks, Allen Buchanan, Darrel Moellendorf, Luc Bovens, Jeffery Brennan, Mathias Risse, Leif Wenar, Debra Satz, Jim Nickel, Aaron James, Sarah Wright, Peter Spirtes, Richard Schienes, Clark Glymour, and Teddy Seidenfeld also earned my sincere gratitude.

Second, I would like to thank audiences and, especially, commentators at the conferences, colloquia, and workshops that contributed to the development of ideas in the book, especially: the London School of Economics; University College London; the Workshop in Social and Political Theory at Vanderbilt University; the VI Simposio Internacional De Economía Y Filosofía at the Universidad De Antioquia; the Bay Area Forum For Law & Ethics; the Joint Sessions; the AMINTAPHIL conferences; the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting; the Morris Colloquium; the Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference; the American Philosophical Association Meetings; the Ethics and Africa conference; Newcastle University; the Conference on Global Justice in the 21st Century; the University of Alberta; Georgetown University; the University of North Florida; the University of Rochester; The Katedra Studiów Europejskich; the University of Washington, Seattle; Dickinson College; Leeds University; Johns Hopkins University; Santa Clara University; the IAPRS Annual Conference; the University of Manitoba; and the Academics Stand Against Poverty North American Conference at Yale University.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

Third, I would also like to thank those who attended the colloquia, workshops and works in progress series at Carnegie Mellon University, Stanford University, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Duke University, and the University of Arizona for their help with the project. I am especially grateful for comments from: Thomas Hill, Keith Lehrer, James Sterba, Kevin Zollman, Larry Temkin, Rachana Kamtekar, Josh Knobe, Michael Woolcock, David Copp, Bill Talbott, John Simmons, Roderick Long, Bertil Tungodden, Randall Curren, Robert Keohane, Peter Vallentyne, Matt Frank, Subbu Submaranian, Avram Hiller, Michael Goodheart, Jan Narveson, David Barnard, David Boonin, Don Ross, Gerald Dworkin, Orsolya Reich, Eric Hattleback, Orlin Vakarelov, Win-Chiat Lee, Dale Jamieson, Ralf Grahn, Jonathan Wolff, Garrett Cullity, Rex Martin, Julian Culp, Deen Chatterjee, Carol Gould, David Reidy, Kevin Kelly, Donald Light, Aleksander Surdej, John Weymark, Larry May, Marilyn Freedman, Kevin Vallier, Brad Monton, Eran Ben-David, Paul Wise, Mark Roberts, Jerry McLean, Pilvi Toppinen, Nathan Lubchenco, Michael Otsuka, Michael Humer, Efthymios Athanasiou, Elizabeth O'Neill, Robert Cavalier, Bill Oberdick, Chris Brown, Lee Shepski, Cara Nine, Matt Zwolinski, Jason Matteson, Will Braynen, Joel Press, Josh Cohen, Rob Reich, Barbara Fried, Kieran Oberman, Manuel Vargas, Paul Gowder, Daniel Halliday, Eamonn Callan, Peter Stone, and Allegra McLeod.

I owe special thanks to my editor Hilary Gaskin and the students who have helped in the process of preparing the manuscript and with background research, especially Yomei Shaw and Dominic Cerminara.

I deeply appreciate the support I received during this project from the American Association of University Women, the Falk Foundation, the Earhart Foundation, the Berkman Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, Stanford's Center for Ethics in Society, the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki, Finland, The Center for Poverty Research in Salzburg, Austria, and especially the University of Arizona and Carnegie Mellon University. The Philippine Community Organizers Society kindly provided an office and assistance during the summer of 2004 and I am incredibly indebted to Rowel Candelaria, Ariel Joseph, Norman Jaravata, and the Villanueva family, who took me in, took me around, and kept me from being killed by bandits.

I can never repay my friends and family who helped me in innumerable ways, primarily by putting up with me when it seemed that I would never finish. I owe special thanks to my mom who was convinced I should be

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-01030-7 - Globalization and Global Justice: Shrinking Distance, Expanding Obligations

Nicole Hassoun

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

---

*Acknowledgments*

xi

here, to my father for his undying support, and to Max for finding me wandering the streets of Helsinki. You are all amazing!

Finally, I am greatly indebted to all those who kindly answered my questions about their lives in the Philippines, especially to the woman I call *Tamil* to whom I partially dedicate this work. I am sure she does not know that her brief interview inspired a book and it is for her and others like her that I write this. All of the royalties from this book will go to Partners In Health.

*Abbreviations*

DALY	Disability-adjusted life-year
EU	European Union
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GBD	Global burden of disease
GDP	Gross domestic product
GNP	Gross national product
HDI	Human Development Index
HIPIC	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IDA	Inter-American Development Association
IFI	International financial institution
IMF	International Monetary Fund
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGO	Non-governmental organization
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
R&D	Research and development
SAP	Structural adjustment program
UN	United Nations
USA	United States
WB	World Bank
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization