Modern Slavery and the Governance of Global Value Chains

Modern Slavery and the Governance of Global Value Chains provides an interdisciplinary analysis of the links between global value chain (GVC) governance, regulation, and vulnerability to severe forms of labour market exploitation by focusing on initiatives that seek to induce corporate action to end or mitigate modern slavery. The book brings together chapters by scholars from developed, developing, and emerging economies and from various disciplines to explore the complex relationship between global and local patterns of production and consumption, and severe forms of labour market exploitation.

Hila Shamir is Professor of Law at Tel Aviv University. She teaches and researches in the fields of employment, labour, immigration, and welfare law with a focus on issues of labour trafficking and feminist legal thought. Shamir was the Principal Investigator (PI) of the research group TraffLab: Labor Approach to Human Trafficking (ERC StG), 2018–23, and is the PI of the research group ChainGE Lab (ERC COG), www.chaingelab.org, 2024–29.

The late **Bimal Arora** was Professor at Manchester Metropolitan University and the founding CEO and Director of the Centre for Responsible Business, New Delhi, which he established to facilitate participation of Indian actors in voluntary global governance for sustainability.

Shilpi Banerjee is senior research fellow at Hult Impact Labs, Hult International Business School, Dubai. Her research explores new ways of thinking about the social, ethical, and environmental dimensions of business.

Tamar Barkay is senior lecturer and the head of the Sociology and Anthropology Programme in the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies at Tel-Hai College. She is also affiliated with ChainGE Lab (ERC) at Tel Aviv University. Her research focuses on economic sociology, particularly the social and political implications of CSR and labour governance in supply chains.

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102

Development Trajectories in Global Value Chains

A feature of the current phase of globalization is the outsourcing of production tasks and services across borders, and the increasing organization of production and trade through global value chains (GVCs), global commodity chains (GCCs), and global production networks (GPNs). With a large and growing literature on GVCs, GCCs, and GPNs, this series is distinguished by its focus on the implications of these new production systems for economic, social, and regional development.

This series publishes a wide range of theoretical, methodological, and empirical works, both research monographs and edited volumes, dealing with crucial issues of transformation in the global economy. How do GVCs change the ways in which lead and supplier firms shape regional and international economies? How do they affect local and regional development trajectories, and what implications do they have for workers and their communities? How is the organization of value chains changing and how are these emerging forms contested as more traditional structures of North–South trade complemented and transformed by emerging South–South lead firms, investments, and trading links? How does the large-scale entry of women into value-chain production impact on gender relations? What opportunities and limits do GVCs create for economic and social upgrading and innovation? In what ways are GVCs changing the nature of work and the role of labor in the global economy? And how might the increasing focus on logistics management, financialization, or social standards and compliance portend important developments in the structure of regional economies?

This series includes contributions from all disciplines and interdisciplinary fields and approaches related to GVC analysis, including GCCs and GPNs, and is particularly focused on theoretically innovative and informed works that are grounded in the empirics of development related to these approaches. Through their focus on changing organizational forms, governance systems, and production relations, volumes in this series contribute to on-going conversations about theories of development and development policy in the contemporary era of globalization.

Series editors

Stephanie Barrientos is Professor of Global Development at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.

Gary Gereffi is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Global Value Chains Center, Duke University.

Dev Nathan is Visiting Professor at the Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, and Research Director at the GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation, India.

John Pickles is Earl N. Phillips Distinguished Professor of International Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102

Titles in the Series

1. Labour in Global Value Chains in Asia
   Edited by *Dev Nathan, Meenu Tewari and Sandip Sarkar*
2. The Sweatshop Regime: Laboring Bodies, Exploitation and Garments Made in India
   Alessandra Mezzadri
3. The Intangible Economy: How Services Shape Global Production and Consumption
   Edited by *Deborah K. Elms, Arian Hassani and Patrick Low*
4. Making Cars in the New India: Industry, Precarity and Informality
   Tom Barnes
5. Development with Global Value Chains: Upgrading and Innovation in Asia
   Edited by *Dev Nathan, Meenu Tewari and Sandip Sarkar*
6. Global Value Chains and Development: Redefining the Contours of 21st Century Capitalism
   Gary Gereffi
7. Capturing the Gains? Gender and Work in Global Value Chains
   Stephanie Barrientos
8. Monopsony Capitalism: Power and Production in the Twilight of the Sweatshop Age
   Ashok Kumar
9. Reverse Subsidies in Global Monopsony Capitalism: Gender, Labour, and Environmental Injustice in Garment Value Chains
   Dev Nathan, Shikha Silliman Bhattacharjee, S. Rahul, Purushottam Kumar, Immanuel Dahaghani, Sukhpal Singh and Padmini Swaminathan
10. Television in the Streaming Era: The Global Shift
    Jean K. Chalaby
11. At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia
    Phillip A. Hough
12. Europe's Auto Industry: Global Production Networks and Spatial Change
    Petr Pavlínek

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102

Modern Slavery and the Governance of Global Value Chains

Edited by
Hila Shamir
Bimal Arora
Shilpi Banerjee
Tamar Barkay

CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102

CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8EA, United Kingdom

One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10006, USA

477 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, VIC 3207, Australia

314–321, 3rd Floor, Plot 3, Splendor Forum, Jasola District Centre, New Delhi – 110025, India

103 Penang Road, #05–06/07, Visioncrest Commercial, Singapore 238467

Cambridge University Press is part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment,
a department of the University of Cambridge.

We share the University's mission to contribute to society through the pursuit of
education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence.

www.cambridge.org
Information on this title: www.cambridge.org/9781009591089

DOI: 10.1017/9781009591102
© Cambridge University Press & Assessment 2025

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 & Assessment.

An online version of this work is published at doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102 under a Creative
Commons Open Access license CC-BY-NC-ND 4.0 which permits re-use, distribution and
reproduction in any medium for non-commercial purposes providing appropriate credit
to the original work is given. You may not distribute derivative works without permission.
To view a copy of this license, visit https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0

All versions of this work may contain content reproduced under license from third parties.
Permission to reproduce this third-party content must be obtained from these third-parties directly.

When citing this work, please include a reference to the DOI 10.1017/9781009591102

First published 2025

Printed in India

Cover image: 'Highway and Byways' – Paul Klee, 1929. Image credit: Historisches Archiv mit
Rheinischem Bildarchiv, Sabrina Walz, rba_d039386_01 Museum Ludwig Köln, Paul Klee,
Hauptweg und Nebenwege, ML 76/3253.

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

ISBN 978-1-009-59108-9 Hardback

Cambridge University Press & Assessment 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.

For EU product safety concerns, contact us at Calle de José Abascal, 56, 1°, 28003 Madrid, Spain,
or email eugpsr@cambridge.org.

Downloaded from https://www.cambridge.org/core. UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA METROPOLITANA, on 17 Nov 2026 at 02:48:02, subject to the
Cambridge Core terms of use, available at https://www.cambridge.org/core/terms. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009591102