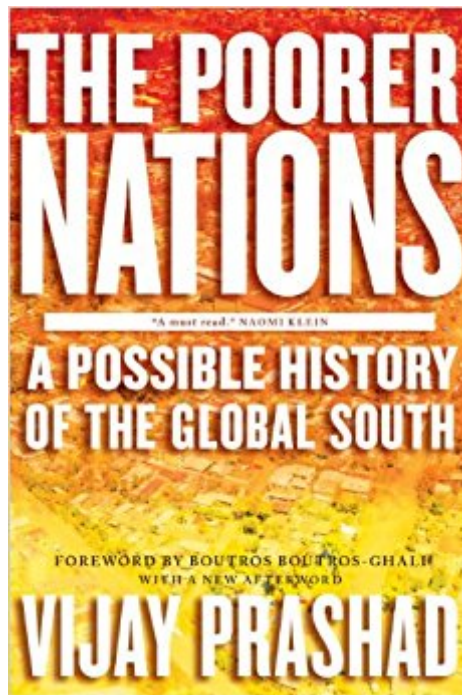




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# The Poorer Nations: A Possible History Of The Global South



## Synopsis

In *The Darker Nations*, Vijay Prashad provided an intellectual history of the Third World and traced the rise and fall of the Non-Aligned Movement. With *The Poorer Nations*, Prashad takes up the story where he left off. Since the 1970s, the countries of the Global South have struggled to build political movements. Prashad analyzes the failures of neoliberalism, as well as the rise of the BRICS countries, the World Social Forum, issue-based movements like Via Campesina, the Latin American revolutionary revival – in short, efforts to create alternatives to the neoliberal project advanced militarily by the US and its allies and economically by the IMF, the World Bank, the WTO, and other instruments of the powerful. Just as *The Darker Nations* asserted that the Third World was a project, not a place, *The Poorer Nations* sees the Global South as a term that properly refers not to geographical space but to a concatenation of protests against neoliberalism. In his foreword to the book, former Secretary-General of the United Nations Boutros Boutros-Ghali writes that Prashad “has helped open the vista on complex events that preceded today’s global situation and standoff.” *The Poorer Nations* looks to the future while revising our sense of the past. From the Hardcover edition.

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“It is startling how insulated the West has remained from the thinking, achievements, and struggles of the great majority of the world’s people. This lucid and well-informed study reveals how much there is to learn from this rich and vibrant record.” —Noam

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• Eduardo Galeano – “With eloquence, wit, and urgency, Prashad tells the real story of global restructuring, the dismantling of the Third World Project, the rise and demise of neoliberalism, and how the future of the planet is tied to the dreams of the dispossessed.”

• Robin D.G. Kelley, author of *Africa Speaks, America Answers: Modern Jazz in Revolutionary Times* – “Vijay Prashad has courageously and meticulously forged a fascinating study that challenges mainstream, Western narratives of world history. In this provocative and sweeping exploration, the injustices and subjugation of peoples in the global South are not only made visible but political.”

• Susanne Soederberg, Professor in Global Development Studies, Queens University

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Good book

This is a clearly, beautifully written summary and analysis of world events and actors. Mainstream news reporting about Third World people and events seems crafted to promote the neoliberal, neoimperialist world view that misguides U.S. policies, with obvious racist overtones. We in the U.S. are given the impression, if we even think of the rest of the world at all, that it is over-full of culturally, even genetically inferior people with irrational beliefs and hatred of the U.S., who are prone to random acts of violence and guilty of all the worst of human behavior and therefore deserving of whatever misery is inflicted upon them. It is this racist refusal to recognize the truth and the vital contributions to humanity of various peoples, cultures and times, and the accompanying warped world view, based on lies and not reality, that are primary forces in bringing about the downfall of this unsustainable system of human organization.

Amazing history of a period of time of which I knew very little. Although colonialism is a concept

which is extremely familiar, not from the view point of those nations which suffered under the weight of this system...nor from those who tried to stand up against its oppression

wonderful book...you don't need any real background to understand it, just be highly interested in the countries that the west didn't think mattered for so long....hard not to be ashamed

A well researched, comprehensive, understandable book for those interested in global geo-economic history as the world's populations become more interconnected.

G7 against the rest of the world.

Anyone who wants to know the cause of current global conflicts, read this book. It is the first time I have been able to find the chronological and detailed story of the domination of poorer nations by CORE (rich) countries. The information is a must for teachers and instructors, and I plan to use it in my World Regional Geography Courses.

The book was new but the way its made and printed I found it very uninteresting and hard to read

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