“The Bright and Dark Side of Globalization”

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ABSTRACT:
Post-Cold War globalization is reshaping outlooks for peace differently in failing African states, rising Asia, the techno-industrial West, former Soviet countries, and Muslim lands at crossroads between business-led modernization, religious conservatism, and dictatorship. In some areas, globalization will likely continue to usher peoples beyond the bloody ethnic and ideological passions of recent decades. In others, the spread of information, transportation, and trade networks will trigger backlashes from entrenched religious, cultural, economic, and political forces unwilling to accept shifting power structures.

BIO:
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