The Doom Loop: Why the World Economic Order Is Spiraling into Disorder

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Global economic power is shifting, liberal market-oriented democracies are facing growing domestic turmoil, and international trade and financial integration are crumbling. How did we get here? In *The Doom Loop*, economist Eswar Prasad argues that the very forces that we long believed could stabilize the world order are fueling its destabilization. Rather than promoting shared prosperity, globalization has instead deepened economic inequality, stoked political backlash, and prompted escalating trade wars. Institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organization, founded to foster international cooperation, have failed to adapt to twenty-first-century realities. The rise of “middle power” countries like India, Brazil, and Indonesia once suggested a stable multipolar future, but today, such nations are increasingly forced to pick sides as the United States and China fight for global dominance.

Prasad argues that we are caught in a destructive feedback loop between economics, domestic politics, and geopolitics. *The Doom Loop* offers a clear-eyed and bracing account of a world spiraling into disorder and makes it clear that old solutions cannot pull us out: We need radical new solutions to solve the world’s problems.