Table of Contents

Introduction

1	Globalization in history	1
	The many dimensions of globalization	1
	Globalization is nothing new	3
	From ancient Rome to modern globalization	4
	Ancient Rome: the roads and the state	6
	All roads lead to Rome	8
	Arab-Islamic expansion: the single market with the glue	
	of religion	9
	The camel, evidence of Creation	11
	The Mongol Empire: the globalization of the nomadic people	12
	The horse, secret weapon of the Mongols	15
	Marco Polo and the Silk Road	16
	The great geographical discoveries: the globalization of conquests	17
	Compass, cartography, and shipbuilding: technology and science	
	serving globalization	21
	The great colonial powers: mercantile globalization	22
	Legal and financial innovations boosting globalization	24
	Modern globalization: from Cold War to hyperglobalization	
	to slowbalization	27
	The container: the low-tech innovation	30
	Internet: compression of time and space and centrality	
	of the individual	32
	The engines of modern globalization	33

IX

The engines of	modern giobanzation	55
Is globalization	unstoppable and irreversible?	35

2	Globalization: promises, excesses, limits, and distortions The great promises of modern globalization Global value chains Excesses, limits, and distortions of globalization Is it the end of globalization?	37 37 45 46 71	
3	The crisis of globalization: de-globalization or re-globalization? Globalization loses momentum The crisis of globalization: the (missed) signs	73 73 74	
	The crisis of globalization: the slowdown of economic integration	77	
	The crisis of globalization: the forces of change	79	
	The disconnect	134	
4	The great disconnect	137	
	How globalization is changing	137	
	The new frontiers (or the new fronts)	138	
	The great disconnect and the new global balances	145	
5	The world to come: possible future scenarios	169	
	Strategic rivalry, national security, and decoupling risk	169	
	Clash for global hegemony or new cold war?	171	
	A fragmented world	173	
	The trends of the fragmented world	176	
	The "free agent" countries	184	
	The world to come: possible future scenarios	196	
Re	References		
Ac	Acknowledgments		
Th	The author		
Na	Names index		

VI