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"Have Governments Gone Too Far?"

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Nita Rudra is Assistant Professor of International Affairs at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at University of Pittsburgh. Her teaching and research interests include international political economy, politics of welfare in developing countries, globalization studies, comparative politics, and labor in developing countries.

Rudra is author of "Welfare Regimes in Developing Countries: Unique or Universal?" (*Journal of Politics*, 2007); "Globalization, Democracy, and Effective Welfare Spending in the Developing World," with Stephen Haggard (*Comparative Political Studies*, 2005); "Globalization and the Strengthening of Democracy in the Developing World" (*American Journal of Political Science*, 2005); "Are Workers in the Developing World 'Winners' or 'Losers' in the Current Era of Globalization?" (*Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2005); "Openness, Welfare Spending and Inequality in the Developing World" (*International Studies Quarterly*, 2004); and "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less Developed Countries" (*International Organization*, 2002).

She also has a book forthcoming from Cambridge University Press called *Who Really Gets Hurt? Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries*.



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In this paper, co-authored with Assistant Professor of Political Science Irfan Nooruddin, Rudra examines existing research that links globalization to social service cuts in developing countries. Rudra and Nooruddin find no evidence of this link. Instead, they argue that both political leaders and businesses use globalization as an excuse to demand long-desired reforms, and labor eventually folds in the "war of attrition."

Rudra has a bachelor's in Political Science from University of Florida, a master's in Political Science from University of South Florida, a master's in Economics from University of Southern California, and a Ph.D. in Political Economy from University of Southern California.

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