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Market Justice explores the challenges for the new global left as it seeks to construct alternative means of societal organization. Focusing on Bolivia, Brent Z. Kaup examines a testing ground of neoliberal and counter-neoliberal policies and an exemplar of bottom-up globalization. Kaup argues that radical shifts toward and away from free-market economic trajectories are shaped not merely by battles between transnational actors and local populations, but also by conflicts between competing domestic elites and the ability of the oppressed to overcome traditional class divides. Further, the author asserts that struggles against free markets are not evidence of opposition to globalization or transnational corporations. They should instead be understood as struggles over the forms of global integration and who benefits from them.

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List of Acronyms

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| ADN | Acción Democrática Nacional |
| BG | British Gas |
| CAINCO | Cámara de Industria y Comercio de Santa Cruz |
| CAO | Cámara Agropecuaria del Oriente |
| CBH | Cámara Bolivana de Hidrocarburos |
| CEDIB | Centro de Documentación e Información de Bolivia |
| COB | Confederación Obrera Boliviana |
| CODAEC | Comité por la Defensa del Agua y la Economía Familiar |
| COMIBOL | Corporación Minera de Bolivia |
| COMSUR | Compañía Minera del Sur S.A |
| CORDECRUZ | Corporación Regional de Desarrollo de Santa Cruz |
| DEA | U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency |
| FEDECOR | Federación de Regantes de Cochabamba |
| FEJUVE | Federación de Juntas Vecinales |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| LAD | Ley de Descentralización Administrativa |
| LNG | Liquified Natural Gas |
| LPP | Ley de Participación Popular |
| MAS | Movimiento al Socialismo |
| MIR | Movimiento de la Izquierda Revolucionario |
| MNR | Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario |
| MSM | Movimiento Sin Miedo |
| NFR | Nueva Fuerza Republicana |
| NPE | Nueva Política Económica |
| OTB | Organizaciones Territoriales de Base |
| SEMAPA | Servicio Municipal de Agua Potable |

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| TGN | Tesoro General de la Nación |
| WTI | West Texas Intermediate |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |
| YPFB | Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos |