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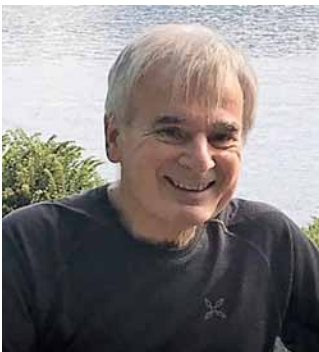
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# FOREWORD

In the new era of the twenty-first century, we see the emergence of globalisation, the market, production, and institutions. The drivers of globalisation are multinational corporations. Barriers of international trade and investment have been broken. Most people say the impact of globalisation is better for the welfare of the people, and some disagree.

Technological progress has gradually sped up the process of globalisation. In the meantime, international conflict as well as natural or manmade disasters has increased all over the world. The most threatening problem we face now is war, especially nuclear war, and explosive amounts of military expenditure. To analyse this process of globalisation and its relation to disaster and conflict, we need new techniques of emerging social sciences like Peace Science, Regional Science, and tools of Management Science. The process of globalisation is very much related to climate change, war, and destruction of cultural heritage. It is also related to a new type of disaster, namely, the COVID pandemic. To combat the social, economic, and psychological downfall, we need a different type of public policy to reduce inequality and international conflict. This volume addresses all these factors by eminent scholars. This volume is also dedicated to millions of people who have perished or been affected by the pandemic globally, including my beloved sisters.

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