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Preface

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List of Abbreviations

ACC	Advanced Capitalist Country
AGPS	Australian Government Publishing Service
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AWAs	Australian Workplace Agreements
BHP	Broken Hill Proprietary
BIS	Bank for International Settlements
BNA	British North America
BoI	Bank of Italy
BoJ	Bank of Japan
CBI	Central Bank Independence
CED	Community Economic Development
CFMEU	Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union
CIT	Coal Industry Tribunal (Australia)
CLC	Canadian Labour Congress
CRA	Conzinc Rio Tinto (Australia)
CTE	Committee on Trade and Environment (WTO)
EFF	Extended Fund Facility
EMS	European Monetary System
EMU	European Monetary Union
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism
ESAF	Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility
FAIR	Federation for American Immigration Reform
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FOMC	Federal Open Market Committee
FTA	Free Trade Agreement (Canada-US)
FTAA	Free Trade Area of the Americas
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICFTU	International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
IFI	International Financial Institution
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
ISDA	International Swaps and Derivatives Association
ISO	International Standardization Organization

MAI	Multilateral Agreement on Investment
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreement
MNC	Multinational Corporation
MoF	Ministry of Finance
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NGOs	Non-governmental Organizations
NIEAP	Non-Immigrant Employment Authorization Programme
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
OTC	Over-the-counter
QEC	Queensland Electricity Commission
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
SAF	Structural Adjustment Facility
TNC	Transnational Corporation
TUAC	Trade Union Advisory Committee
UN	United Nations
WTO	World Trade Organization