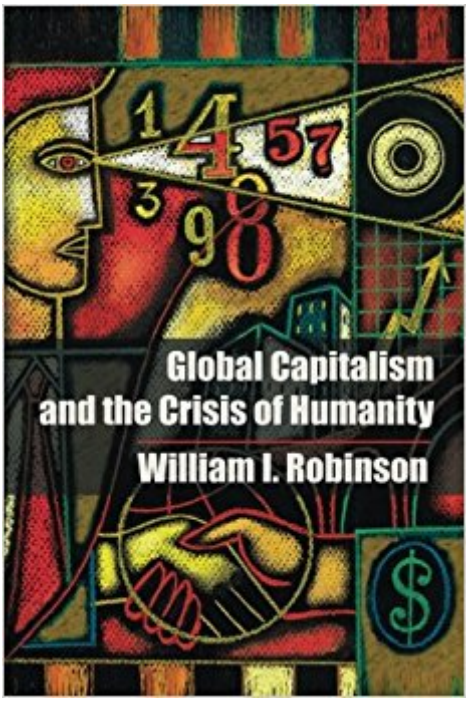
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A lot of interesting ideas are expressed in this book, about the current conditions of global capitalism. The book essentially presents the thesis that global capitalism has morphed into something called trans-national capitalism, or is in the process of doing so. In this new phase, the elites around the world’s money and interests are so intermingled that national capitalisms (e.g. U.S. capitalism or capitalist class) have been superseded by this new form. However, the state forms and institutions have not evolved so there is tension between these two factors. The rest of us struggle along, our interests no longer well served by the state or the economic system. There’s a lot more, but that gives the flavor of it.

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