

BOOK REVIEW

*Bradshaw, M; George W. White, Joseph, P. Dymond; and Elizabeth Chacko (2007).
Contemporary World Regional Geography: Global Connections; Local Voices. McGraw Hill
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There are twelve major chapters in this book spanning over 599 pages beginning with viz:

1. Globalization and World Regions
2. Concepts in World Regional Geography
3. Europe
4. Russia and Neighboring Countries.
5. East Asia
6. South east Asia and South Pacific
7. South Asia
8. Northern Africa and South Western Asia
9. Africa South of the Sahara
10. Latin America
11. North America
12. A World of Geography

The book was able to examine the local practices with global processes and illustrated the kind of interactions between the two of them. Something good has always come out of Geography. The four authored book written by Professor Bradshaw, M; and his team is quite interesting, educative and informative as it has provided an insightful perspectives into the contemporary World Regional Geography: Global Connections, Local Voices. This book is one of the rare books that is being published on Regional Geography as it is serving that particular purpose, for both regional geographers and non- geographers as well.

The outline upon which the course has been designed has provided us with some of the recent geographic phenomenon that is going on within our immediate

environment. In other words, regions have been defined and based on places of distinctive personality and that is why some regions are more distinctive than others. For instance, the United States of America is quite distinctive, so also is Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, Russia and Africa. Each of these continents has different culture, ethics and value systems which are hinged on the perception of their environments. The so called Advanced Countries have been able to solve their problems with their high level of technology while some of the developing countries are still battling with their environmental problems such as desertification with rudimentary technologies and crude implements. Most African nations as well as Asiatic Countries are within the realm of this division. This is perhaps what *Walter W, Rostow* [1961] had in mind when he wrote the five stages of Economic Development in his book "the Communist Manifestos" and also espoused by *E. F. Schumacher* [1975] in his book "Small is Beautiful Economics as if people mattered". Professor Bradshaw has been able to show us and demonstrated to his readers that the World is now a global Village with the link of one Continent/ Country with the others. The book was able to dwell into both the physical features of the World as well as its Human Geography, Political Geography, Economy, Urbanization and Industrialization. Globalization has now reached its apogee of climax as it is possible to move from one continent to the other either by supersonic jet, passenger

liners as well as cargo liners and most recently the use of Information and Communication Technology (*ICT*) through the use of worldwide web.

In a nutshell, Professor Bardshaw was able to educate his wider readers on the importance of geography to mankind. Perhaps, this is what *Broek, Jan O.M. and Webb, John. W* [1978] is to echo and portray in his book “A geography of Mankind”, which has purely focused on human geography.

In conclusion to this review, this compendium of contemporary World Regional Geography is hereby recommended for teachers of regional

geography and students. It **MUST** be a read book. Professor Bradshaw and his co-authors endorse my enthusiasm.

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