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This issue explores the danger of neoliberal globalization regarding social issues such as the privatization of housing, economic welfare, security, and the delivery of goods and services. Contributions on economic welfare and municipal services discuss how neoliberalism in the global North and South has undermined workers' economic rights and their rights to basic goods and services. The section on security explores how security concerns are mingled with safe-and-clean programs to identify, control, discipline, contain, or expel the "undesirables" in urban and non-urban environs. In terms of housing and urban development, critics of neoliberalism argue that neoliberal policies are a guise for the use of the political state by wealthy individuals and corporations to increase their share of valued resources in a global society. Contributions on resistance to privatization show that alternatives always exist, as do people who resist neoliberalization and develop practical alternatives to the global devastations of neoliberalism on the local scale. In sum, the articles in this issue highlight the challenges of resisting neoliberal policies and the conditional nature of effective resistance. Nevertheless, neoliberalism is not, as is constantly stated, without an alternative. Instead, it is a highly contested terrain, with opportunities for a better life. 200 pages. See also "Justice for Workers in the Global Economy" (Vol. 31, No. 3, 2004),

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