

Acknowledgements

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From the outset, we assumed that a text on globalization might better serve readers if it did not arrive as a one-size-fits-all printed book. Instead, *Uncertain Steps* is at this point an open source text that allows teachers from high school and post-secondary education to use all or parts of it in whatever ways best suit the needs of their courses and students. Further, the text coordinates with the online *Going Global* curriculum, which encourages students to interact with case studies involving globalization issues. Currently the *Going Global* curriculum can be found at earthwindow.com/grc/2/, where it is under revision.

