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Crossroads of Leadership in the 21st Century
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The Global Obama examines the president’s image in five continents and more than twenty countries. It is the first book to look at Barack Obama’s presidency and analyze how Obama and America are viewed by publics, governments and political commentators around the world. The editors of this volume scaled the globe to gather opinions -- cultural, historical and political analyses -- about Obama’s leadership style. Writers, journalists, psychologists, and social scientists present their views on Obama’s leadership, popularity, and many of the global challenges that still remain unsolved. As a progress report, this is the first book that tries to grasp ‘the Obama phenomenon’ in totality, as perceived by populations around the world with special focus on America’s leadership.

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"An extraordinary book, not only in its sheer range of views on Obama’s leadership from around the world, but on the dilemmas and possibilities of American presidency in a global context." -- Sudhir Kakar, Psychoanalyst, Writer and Management Guru, Goa, India and INSEAD, France

"True leaders do not follow where the path may lead but go where there is no path and where they can leave a trail. Dinesh Sharma, Uwe P. Gielen, and their associates have exactly done that, taking a kaleidoscopic look at the enigma that is Obama—an individual who is a true leader in hope (to quote Napoleon). For anyone who wants to know more about this US president, this book will be a must." -- Manfred F. R. Kets de Vries, Distinguished Clinical Professor of Leadership and Organizational Change, The Raoul de Vitry d'Avaucourt Chaired Professor of Leadership Development, INSEAD, France

"This global report card on President Obama by a diverse group of top contributors is a comprehensive examination of "the global Obama": the promise and the performance. It is a book certain to attract attention, and deserves a wide audience. It is first-rate from start to finish." -- Michael A. Genovese, Loyola Chair of Leadership, Professor, Political Science Director, Institute for Leadership Studies, Loyola Marymount University, USA

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"The Global Obama: Crossroads of Leadership in the 21st Century is an enlightening book on Barack Obama’s presidency leading up to his current term. In this exceptional book, edited by distinguished scholars Dinesh Sharma and Uwe P. Gielen, a number of outstanding contributors from around the world share their perspectives on Obama’s leadership, struggles, and accomplishments, as viewed globally. This book is unique in its diverse and comprehensive international view of Obama’s role as president of the United States. Each chapter provides a new context for understanding Obama as both an international leader as well as an individual with his own history. The Global Obama is not only an essential book for those interested in contemporary political psychology; I highly recommend it for both students and professionals, as well as for those who share a commitment to understanding greater issues of leadership and globalization in our ever-changing society." --Florence L. Denmark, Ph.D. Robert Scott Pace Distinguished Research Professor of Psychology, Former President of the American Psychological Association

"The Global Obama is a commendable experiment in applying almost the entire spectrum of social science knowledge to a single case of global leadership. The result is a kaleidoscopic perspective on leadership in its most complex manifestations. Thought provoking." -- Jagdeep S. Chhokar, Professor Emeritus of Management and Organisational Behaviour, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad

"A seminal exploration of Barack Obama's international standing, a collaborative collage painting a complex picture of the President as a Peace Prize planetary citizen, compassionate humanitarian, militaristic expansionist and Teflon diplomat with incomparable oratory skills. Bravo!" -- Kam Williams, Syndicated Critic, AALBC.com

"Dr. Sharma was welcomed for his previous book tour throughout EU and North America. I look forward to his new and insightful book The Global Obama: Crossroads of Leadership in the 21st Century (co-editor Uwe P. Gielen), a very timely read within the context of our present global challenges." -- Ken Sherman, International Vice-Chair, and Former International Chair, Democrats Abroad
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