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Foreword



It gives me great pleasure to contribute **Dr. Davendra Kumar Sharma**, Associate Professor and Dean, Faculty of Commerce, S. S. Jain Subodh P. G. (Autonomous) College, Jaipur, on the publication of his edited book titled ***“T3 – Trump, Tariffs and Trade War.”***

At the time when global economic and political relations are witnessing rapid change, this book offer a relevant academic perspective on international trade and policy shifts. I appreciate the collective effort of Dr. Sharma and the contributing scholars in bringing together this work, which will be useful for students, researchers, and policymakers.

Such scholarly efforts reflect the intellectual vitality of our academic institutions and their role in shaping informed perspectives on global developments. I deeply appreciate the dedication and vision of Dr. Sharma in leading this significant initiative.

I offer my best wishes to Dr. Sharma and his team and hope that this volume contributes meaningfully to academic dialogue and further inquiry in the field.

Warm regards,

(Gopal Sharma)

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Foreword



It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to **Dr. Davendra Kumar Sharma**, Associate Professor and Dean, Faculty of Commerce, S. S. Jain Subodh P.G. (Autonomous) College, Jaipur, Rajasthan, on the successful publication of the edited book titled ***“T3 – Trump, Tariffs and Trade War.”***

This scholarly work is indeed a commendable academic endeavor that explores one of the most crucial and contemporary global economic issues. The book not only reflects the editor’s profound understanding of international trade dynamics but also demonstrates a sincere commitment to promoting intellectual discourse among academicians, researchers, and students.

I am confident that this publication will serve as a valuable resource for all those interested in understanding the complex interplay of global politics, economic policies, and trade relations in the modern era.

I extend my best wishes for the continued success of Dr. Sharma and all contributors in their future academic and research pursuits.

Warm regards,

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Foreword



It gives me immense pleasure to know that **Dr. Davendra Kumar Sharma**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Commerce, S. S. Jain Subodh P. G. (Autonomous) College, Jaipur, has successfully edited and published the scholarly volume titled **“T3 – Trump, Tariffs and Trade War.”**

This publication is a remarkable contribution to the understanding of contemporary global economic dynamics, international trade relations, and the interconnection between politics and economic policy. Dr. Sharma’s academic vision and analytical insight have enriched the subject with depth and clarity, making this work both relevant and impactful.

The release of this book is a matter of great pride for the Subodh academic community. It reflects the institution’s unwavering commitment to research, innovation, and intellectual excellence. Such scholarly accomplishments serve as an inspiration for our faculty members and students to engage in meaningful academic pursuits.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Sharma and all the contributors involved in this notable academic endeavor. May this book continue to enlighten readers and contribute to the broader understanding of global trade and economic transformation.

Warm regards,


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With deep gratitude and humility, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the successful completion of this edited volume “T3 – Trump, Tariffs and Trade Wars.” This book has been a meaningful academic journey, and its completion would not have been possible without the support, encouragement, and goodwill of many individuals.

First and foremost, I offer my sincere reverence to the Almighty, whose blessings, strength, and guidance enabled me to navigate every challenge and bring this work to fruition.

I express my sincere thanks to the publisher for their trust in this project and for providing professional support at every stage—from initial concept to final production. Their commitment to academic excellence has been a strong pillar behind this publication.

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I also extend warm thanks to the academic reviewers, mentors, and advisory members whose constructive feedback helped refine and enhance the overall quality of the book.

I am honoured to acknowledge the encouraging words received for this book:

“Best wishes on the publication of this scholarly volume.”

Dr. Gopal Sharma, Member, Legislative Assembly Rajasthan India,

- “A valuable contribution to the understanding of contemporary global economic issues.” —Dr. O. P. Bairwa, Commissioner, College Education, Government of Rajasthan

“A matter of pride for the institution and a remarkable academic accomplishment.”

Prof. (Dr.) Renu Joshi, Principal, S. S. Jain Subodh P.G. (Autonomous) College

Such motivating messages have been a source of inspiration, and I express my sincere gratitude to all of them for their kind words and blessings.

This book is more than a collection of chapters—it represents a collective intellectual effort to understand the complexities of global trade, policy shifts, and economic transitions in the modern world. I hope this volume serves as a meaningful contribution to academic discourse and inspires further research and dialogue in this vital field.

With Sincere Gratitude

Dr. Davendra Kumar Sharma
Editor

About the Book

In the twenty-first century, the global economy has been shaped by interconnected markets, complex supply chains, and the promise of free trade as the driver of prosperity. Yet, at the heart of these dynamics emerged a leader who disrupted decades of consensus: Donald J. Trump. With his rallying cry of “America First,” Trump transformed tariffs from obscure instruments of trade policy into household talking points and political weapons. His trade war—especially against China—sparked debates across boardrooms, universities, farms, factories, and living rooms around the world.

This book, *T3 – Trump, Tariffs and Trade War*, is not merely a chronicle of Trump’s policies; it is an exploration of the multi-layered consequences of a global experiment in protectionism. Tariffs, once seen as technical adjustments, became central to questions of sovereignty, nationalism, technological rivalry, and even cultural identity. The “trade war” of the Trump era was not confined to economics—it touched law, politics, finance, ethics, media, and the environment. Understanding its impact requires a lens that is as interdisciplinary as the conflict itself.

The phrase *T3* captures the triangular nature of the phenomenon:

- Trump as the political figure whose rhetoric and policies set the stage.
- Tariffs as the central economic weapon employed.
- Trade War as the global consequence, affecting nations, institutions, and people alike.

Each component of *T³* is inseparable from the others. Trump’s political brand gave tariffs a populist legitimacy, tariffs provoked retaliatory measures, and the resulting trade war reshaped the global order. Through this lens, the book investigates not only what happened, but also why it matters for the future of globalization, governance, and human progress.

Unlike conventional studies that treat tariffs as an economic footnote, this book offers a comprehensive and interdisciplinary framework. The thirteen subthemes it addresses range from business management and legal disputes to philosophy, culture, and sustainability. By approaching the subject holistically, the book demonstrates that tariffs are not just about import duties or customs schedules—they are about power, fairness, fear, and hope in a turbulent world.

The structure of the book reflects this ambition. The opening sections focus on the business, economic, and legal dimensions of Trump’s tariffs, drawing attention to how companies, industries, and institutions reacted under pressure.

Later sections move into political, technological, social, and cultural impacts, highlighting how tariffs influenced not only trade flows but also public opinion, employment, and the narratives of nationalism. The final sections explore historical parallels, geographical hotspots, financial dimensions, and ethical debates, situating Trump's trade war within a long continuum of global economic struggles.

Readers will also find in these pages an analysis of the future outlook: Will protectionism continue in the post-Trump era? How will emerging economies and regional trade blocs respond? Is the age of liberalized trade coming to an end, or will the world find new ways to balance sovereignty with cooperation?

The book speaks to a wide audience. For scholars and students, it offers an academic yet accessible survey of theories and practices. For business leaders and policymakers, it provides case studies, strategic lessons, and warnings. For the general reader, it unfolds the drama of trade wars in a language that connects abstract policies with lived realities—rising prices at the supermarket, layoffs in factories, and the rhetoric of political rallies.

Ultimately, this book argues that tariffs in the Trump era must be understood as both symbols and instruments. They symbolized a shift toward economic nationalism, skepticism of globalization, and defiance of multilateral institutions. They were instruments of economic coercion, geopolitical strategy, and domestic political mobilization. By weaving together these dimensions, *T³ – Trump, Tariffs and Trade War* aspires to be not only a record of a turbulent moment in history but also a guide to navigating the uncertain future of global trade.

As the world continues to navigate shifting economic realities, may this book contribute meaningfully to the ongoing discourse on trade, power, and global cooperation.

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