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Once the exclusive preserve of member states, international organizations have become increasingly open in recent decades. Now virtually all international organizations at some level involve NGOs, business actors, and scientific experts in policy-making. This book offers the first systematic and comprehensive analysis of this development. Combining statistical analysis and in-depth case studies, the book maps and explains the openness of international organizations across issue areas, policy functions, and world regions from 1950 to 2010. Addressing the question of where, how, and why international organizations offer transnational actors access to global policy-making, this book has implications for critical issues in world politics. When do states share authority with private actors? What drives the design of international organizations? How do activists and businesses influence global politics? Is civil society involvement a solution to democratic deficits in global governance?

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Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADF	Asian Development Fund
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
AU	African Union
BIC	Board Inspection Committee
CACH	Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Health
CAMHDD	Commonwealth Association of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
CBC	Commonwealth Business Council
CEMAC	Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa
CHOGM	Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CMAG	Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group
CNF	Commonwealth Nurses Federation
COW-IGO	Correlates of War Intergovernmental Organizations Dataset
CPC	Conflict Prevention Centre
CRP	Compliance Review Panel
CSCE	Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
CSO	Civil society organization
DMC	Developing member country
EBRD	European Bank of Reconstruction and Development
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Committee
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FE	Fixed effects
FMM	Finance Ministers Meeting
FSC	Forum for Security Co-operation

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G8	Group of Eight
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
HDIM	Human Dimension Implementation Meeting
HLRG	High Level Review Group
HMM	Health Ministers Meeting
ICC	International Criminal Court
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICO	International Coffee Organization
IF	Inspection Function
IGO	Intergovernmental organization
IHF	International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMSO	International Mobile Satellite Organization
INGO	International nongovernmental organization
IO	International organization
IR	International relations
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IWC	International Whaling Commission
LDV	Lagged dependent variable
Max	Maximum
Min	Minimum
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Nongovernmental organization
OAS	Organization of American States
ODIHR	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLS	Ordinary least squares
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
RCFS	Russian-Chechen Friendship Society
RMS	Revised Management Scheme
Std. dev.	Standard deviation
TNA	Transnational actor
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environmental Programme
US	United States
WHA	World Health Assembly
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization
WWF	World Wildlife Fund