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HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON FAIR TRADE

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'Fairtrade is at a cross roads. It faces the challenges of managing successful rapid expansion in scale and scope, and tensions within the movement over whether its founding principles are compromised by mainstream commercial engagement. This Handbook brings together an excellent set of critical contributions at the cutting edge of research on fair trade. They provide a wide range of perspectives and insights into different conceptual approaches and empirical case studies covering a variety of products, issues and regions. The Handbook is vital reading for all academics, students and practitioners with an interest in fair trade and its future advance in a rapidly changing world.'

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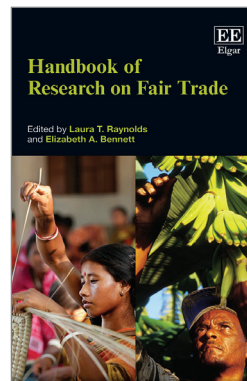
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Fair trade critiques the historical inequalities inherent in international trade and seeks to promote social justice by creating alternative networks linking marginalized producers typically in the global South with progressive consumers typically in the global North. This unique and wide-ranging *Handbook* analyses key topics in fair trade, illuminating major theoretical and empirical issues, assessing existing research, evaluating central debates and identifying critical unanswered questions.

The first of its kind, this volume brings together 43 of the world's foremost fair trade scholars from across the social sciences and around the world. The *Handbook* serves as both a comprehensive overview and in-depth guide to dominant perspectives and concerns. Chapters analyze the rapidly growing fair trade movement and market, exploring diverse initiatives and organizations, production and consumption regions, and food and cultural products.

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