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In the twenty-first century emerging transnational actors are playing an ever more important role in both global and local affairs. They represent the human face of globalization. Such actors enter into the spaces opened up by the intersection of corporate capital, labour mobility and the new information, communication and transportation technologies. A feature of globe-spanning interactions of all kinds is the building, sustaining and enlivening of social, economic, political and cultural networks.

These global networks are constituted by dynamic and often flexible connections between individuals, family-members, firms, social groups, and organizations. They often transcend territorial borders, challenging the claims of cultural and economic self-sufficiency made by nations and communities. They may span great geographical distances, generating emotional costs as well as encouraging innovative ways of communicating. Such transnational processes, from below as well as above, present profound challenges and opportunities to states, corporations, cities and other territorial-based actors. They also enable the imagination and construction of innovative forms of human solidarity and citizenship. Global networks are social and material accomplishments and their resilience can be tested to the point of failure.

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