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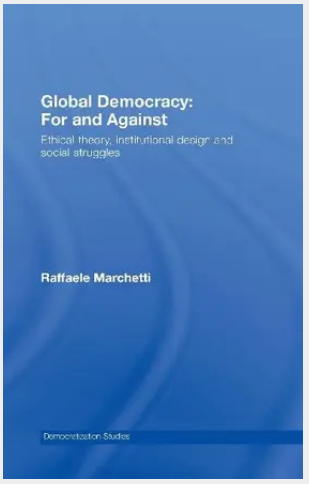
Global Democracy

For and Against: Ethical Theory, Institutional Design and Social Struggles



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