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What are the causes of the recent surge of the “third wave” FTAs in the Asia-Pacific region? What do individual countries try to achieve from their respective FTAs? To answer these questions, this book explores economic theories and conducts, historical and institutional analyses of the international trading system and the frameworks of the international political economy. It also features detailed case studies on eight countries in the region. Because the issue of whether FTAs promote multilateral liberalization remains ambiguous and conditional, the concept of “FTA multilateralization” and its practicability are also examined.

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