'Open for Business': Capitalists and Globalization in Morocco and Turkey

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This article argues that the response of domestic capitalists to globalization affects how economic globalization is contested and experienced locally. The responses of capitalists, collectively organized in business associations so as to mediate the impacts of globalization, are shown to follow different trajectories in Turkey and Morocco. Both countries rhetorically welcome economic globalization, however, distinctive patterns of state-capital relations (detached, symbiotic) have influenced the business elite's vision of what is to be gained from embracing globalization. In Turkey capitalists are convinced that the economic logic of globalization will work to their advantage, whereas in Morocco they are concerned with shaping the political logic of market reform to their benefit.