

ABSTRACT

IMPACT OF THE GLOBALIZATION PROCESS ON THE FOREIGN
POLICY
BEHAVIOUR OF JAMAICA: 1989 - 1992

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This thesis examines the foreign policy behaviour of the People's National Party led by Michael Manley between 1989 and 1992 in Jamaica. It contends that the impact of the external environment on foreign economic relations of a country which is dependently incorporated into the global economy is significant.

However, it also suggests that while the globalization process plays a major role in shaping the parameters that define foreign policy options, a dominant political leader like Michael Manley was able to significantly shape Jamaica's response to the major developments in the global economy. It explores the impact of interaction between those idiosyncratic factors that dominate the Manley personality and the operational environment, the systemic features of which have significant impact on peripheral economies.

Finally, the thesis explores the extent to which Jamaican foreign policy options were reduced during the period, the extent to which national economies are being globalized and whether or not these developments suggest a need for the redefinition of concepts such as sovereignty and autonomy as they apply to indebted peripheral countries.