The two referee reports on the paper are critical and both suggest rejection of the paper as a journal article. Moreover, both invited readers have also been very critical of the paper and recommend rejection as a journal article. The author has failed to respond to the comments of the referees and invited readers.

Although the paper is well-written, my own reading of the paper raises similar questions that have been raised by the referees and invited readers. In particular, the paper appears to focus on the negative impact of globalization, although there is sufficient evidence to show that the process of globalization has had positive impacts on growth and poverty alleviation, and as such food security. Given that the paper does not undertake any empirical or economic analysis, it had the potential to make a contribution to the literature by providing a comprehensive literature review on the links between politics, globalization and food crisis. Unfortunately, the paper fails to go beyond anecdotal evidence and speculative assumptions.

Given the negative referees’ reports and the failure of the author to respond to the reports, I will recommend rejection of the paper as a journal article in the Economics E-Journal. Nevertheless, I believe the author has made a great effort to stimulate a discussion on the links between politics, globalization and food crisis.