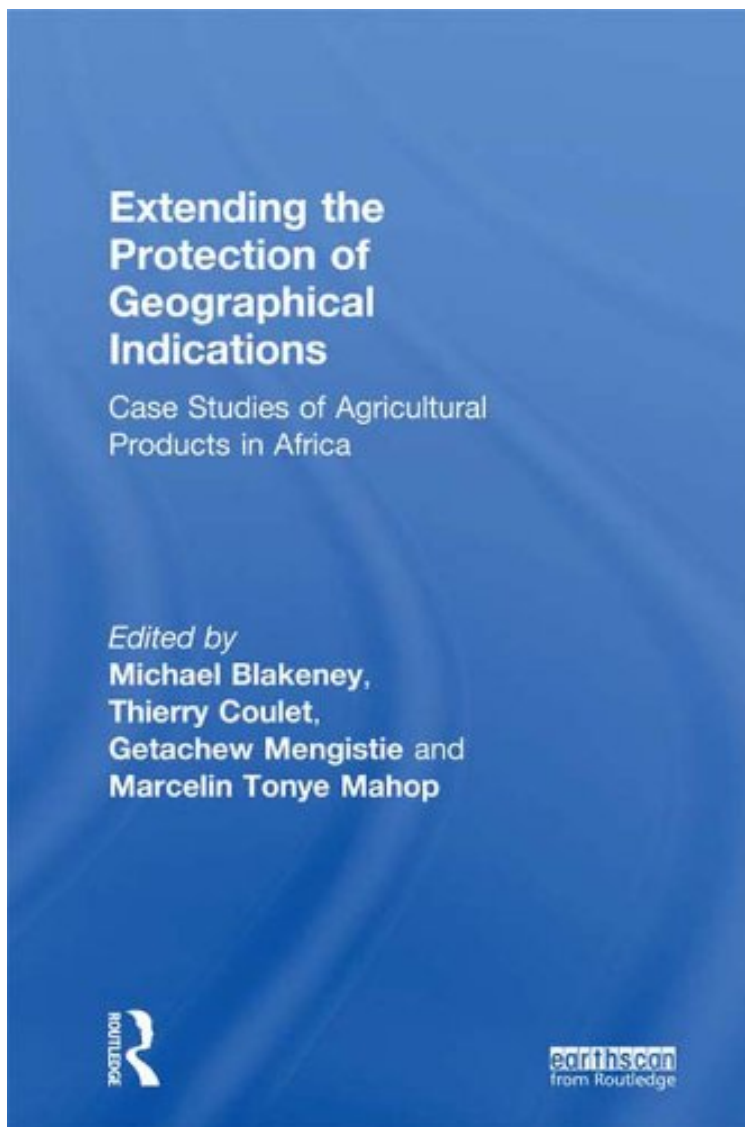



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The editors are to be commended for their multi-disciplinary initiative. This book will be essential reading for trade negotiators and all of those interested in the way that intellectual property tools can be used to promote economic development.

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