

# Parecon Life After Capitalism

What does 'anticapitalism' really mean for the politics and culture of the twenty-first century? Anticapitalism is an idea which, despite going global, remains rooted in the local, persisting as a loose collection of grassroots movements and actions. Anti-capitalism needs to develop a coherent and cohering philosophy, something which cultural theory and the intellectual legacy of the New Left can help to provide, notably through the work of key radical thinkers, such as Ernesto Laclau, Stuart Hall, Antonio Negri, Gilles Deleuze and Judith Butler. Anticapitalism and Culture argues that there is a strong relationship between the radical tradition of cultural studies and the new political movements which try to resist corporate globalization. Indeed, the two need each other: whilst theory can shape and direct the huge diversity of anticapitalist activism, the energy and sheer political engagement of the anticapitalist movement can breathe new life into cultural studies.

"The authors in this collection engage with what a participatory society would look like, how it would function, and how our commitments to just outcomes is related to the sort of institutions we maintain. Topics include: participatory economics, political vision, education, architecture, artists in a free society, environmentalism, work after capitalism, and polyculturalism."--BOOK JACKET.

With his combination of hard-edged logic and visionary hope, Michael Albert is one of the treasures of the Left. [Barbara Ehrenreich] How does a Marxist talk about gender? How does a feminist talk about class? Progressives use a variety of theories -- feminism, Marxism, environmentalism, multiculturalism -- as conceptual frameworks with which to understand the world and

**develop a vision for the future. How do social and political theories work, and how do they relate to each other? In *Thought Dreams*, Michael Albert discusses these questions using many examples and question-and-answer sections that make the book accessible and useful. It will help readers better understand progressive theories and begin to create their own theoretical perspective, one that is consistent with their principles, experiences, and priorities.**

**What would a viable free and democratic society look like? Poverty, exploitation, instability, hierarchy, subordination, environmental exhaustion, radical inequalities of wealth and power—it is not difficult to list capitalism’s myriad injustices. But is there a preferable and workable alternative? *Alternatives to Capitalism: Proposals for a Democratic Economy* presents a debate between two such possibilities: Robin Hahnel’s “participatory economics” and Erik Olin Wright’s “real utopian” socialism. It is a detailed and rewarding discussion that illuminates a range of issues and dilemmas of crucial importance to any serious effort to build a better world.**

**Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System**

**People First Economics**

**Beyond Capitalism**

**Practical Utopia**

**Economic Democracy in Action**

**The Butterfly Prison**

**Writings on Anarchist Economics**

*"Manu Saadia has managed to show us one more reason, perhaps the most compelling one of all, why we all need the world of Star Trek to one day become the world we live in." — Chris Black, Writer and Co-Executive Producer, Star Trek: Enterprise* What would the world look like if everybody had everything they wanted or needed? *Treconomics*, the premier book in financial journalist Felix Salmon's imprint

*PiperText, approaches scarcity economics by coming at it backwards — through thinking about a universe where scarcity does not exist. Delving deep into the details and intricacies of 24th century society, Treconomics explores post-scarcity and whether we, as humans, are equipped for it. What are the prospects of automation and artificial intelligence? Is there really no money in Star Trek? Is Treconomics at all possible?*

*Consisting of ten collaborative picture-essays that weave Cindy Milstein’s poetic words within Erik Ruin’s intricate yet bold paper-cut and scratch-board images, Paths toward Utopia suggests some of the here-and-now practices that prefigure, however imperfectly, the self-organization that would be commonplace in an egalitarian society. The book mines what we do in our daily lives for the already-existent gems of a freer future—premised on anarchistic ethics like cooperation and direct democracy. Its pages depict everything from seemingly ordinary activities like using parks as our commons to grandiose occupations of public space that construct do-it-ourselves communities, if only temporarily, including pieces such as “The Gift,” “Borrowing from the Library,” “Solidarity Is a Pizza,” and “Waking to Revolution.” The aim is to supply hints of what it routinely would be like to live, every day, in a world created from below, where coercion and hierarchy are largely vestiges of the past. Paths toward Utopia is not a rosy-eyed stroll, though. The book retains the tensions in present-day attempts to “model” horizontal institutions and relationships of mutual aid under increasingly vertical, exploitative, and alienated conditions. It tries to walk the line between potholes and potential. Yet if anarchist and other autonomist*

*efforts are to serve as a clarion call to action, they must illuminate how people qualitatively, consensually, and ecologically shape their needs as well as desires. They must offer stepping-stones toward emancipation. This can only happen through experimentation, by us all, with diverse forms of self-determination and self-governance, even if riddled with contradictions in this contemporary moment. As the title piece to this book steadfastly asserts, “The precarious passage itself is our road map to a liberatory society.”*

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*Parecomic is a graphic novel about the system we live in—what’s wrong with it, and how we might be able change it for the better. The recent upsurge in popular protest around the world shows that people are not happy with the state of capitalism and desire an alternative that will work for the 99%, not just the 1%. Parecon is one such alternative, and Parecomic brings this to life in illustrated form. Parecomic is about Michael Albert—the visionary behind “participatory economics”—and his life’s struggle as a left-wing activist in the US, beginning with the heady days of 1960s student demos and lifestyle rebellions; following the developments of the antiwar, civil rights, woman’s, and Black Panthers movements; to the establishment of alternative media like South End Press and ZNet; and the development of the participatory economics model.*

*Proposals for a Democratic Economy*

*The Marxian Concept of Capital and the Soviet Experience*

*Democratic Economic Planning*

*The Political Economy Of A Self-governing Society*

*Building Democratic Alternatives for Today and the Future*

*Strategies for a Desirable Society*

*Land, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness*

**"Spufford cunningly maps out a literary genre of his own**

**. . . Freewheeling and fabulous." —The Times (London)**

**Strange as it may seem, the gray, oppressive USSR was founded on a fairy tale. It was built on the twentieth-century magic called "the planned economy," which was going to gush forth an abundance of good things that the lands of capitalism could never match. And just for a little while, in the heady years of the late 1950s, the magic seemed to be working. *Red Plenty* is about that moment in history, and how it came, and how it went away; about the brief era when, under the rash leadership of Khrushchev, the Soviet Union looked forward to a future of rich communists and envious capitalists, when Moscow would out-glimmer Manhattan and every Lada would be better engineered than a Porsche. It's about the scientists who did their genuinely brilliant best to make the dream come true, to give the tyranny its happy ending. *Red Plenty* is history, it's fiction, it's as ambitious as Sputnik, as uncompromising as an Aeroflot flight attendant, and as different from what you were expecting as a glass of Soviet champagne.**

**The recognition is growing: truly addressing the problems of the 21st century requires going beyond small tweaks and modest reforms to business as usual—it requires "changing the system." But what does this mean? And what would it entail? *The New Systems Reader* highlights some of the most thoughtful,**

***substantive, and promising answers to these questions, drawing on the work and ideas of some of the world's key thinkers and activists on systemic change. Amid the failure of traditional politics and policies to address our fundamental challenges, an increasing number of thoughtful proposals and real-world models suggest new possibilities, this book convenes an essential conversation about the future we want.***

***Praise for On Changing the World: "His collection of essays, combining scholarship with passion, impresses by its sweep and scope."—Daniel Singer Ecosocialists believe that the prevention of an unprecedented ecological catastrophe and the preservation of a natural environment favorable to human life are incompatible with the expansive and destructive logic of the capitalist system. The present collection of articles explores some of the main ecosocialist proposals and some concrete experiences of struggle, particularly in Latin America. Michael Löwy is emerit Research Director at the CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research). His books have been translated into twenty-nine languages.***

***Providing hope and direction to sustain commitment on the path to change, No Bosses is about winning a new world.***

***Predistribution and Property-owning Democracy***

***The Trajectory of Change***

***Red Plenty***

***Economic Justice and Democracy***

***Parecon***

***Liberating Theory***

***Radical Theory and Popular Politics***

A collectively authored volume that provides a unique conceptual framework for understanding contemporary U.S. society and history, and

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developing a dynamic vision and strategy for social change.

Since first published in 2002, *After Capitalism* has offered students and political activists alike a coherent vision of a viable and desirable alternative to capitalism. David Schweickart calls this system Economic Democracy, a successor-system to capitalism which preserves the efficiency strengths of a market economy while extending democracy to the workplace and to the structures of investment finance. In the second edition, Schweickart recognizes that increased globalization of companies has created greater than ever interdependent economies and the debate about the desirability of entrepreneurship is escalating. The new edition includes a new preface, completely updated data, reorganized chapters, and new sections on the economic instability of capitalism, the current economic crisis, and China. Drawing on both theoretical and empirical research, Schweickart shows how and why this model is efficient, dynamic, and applicable in the world today. "Our economy is neither overwhelmingly capitalist, as Marxist political economists argue, nor overwhelmingly a market economy, as mainstream economists assume. Both approaches ignore vast swathes of the economy, including the gift, collaborative and hybrid forms that coexist with more conventional capitalism in the new digital economy. Drawing on economic sociology, anthropology of the gift and heterodox economics, this book proposes a ground-breaking framework for analysing diverse economic systems: a political economy of practices. The framework is used to analyse Apple, Wikipedia, Google, YouTube and Facebook, showing how

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different complexes of appropriative practices bring about radically different economic outcomes. Innovative and topical, Profit and Gift in the Digital Economy focusses on an area of rapid social change while developing a theoretically and politically radical framework that will be of continuing long term relevance. It will appeal to students, activists and academics in the social sciences"--

Essays.

Black Stats

A Modern Revolutionary Discussion of Classical Left Ideologies

A Radical Alternative to Capitalist Catastrophe

Radical Theory for the Twenty-first Century

Graphic Explorations of Everyday Anarchism

Profit and Gift in the Digital Economy

Postcapitalism and a World Without Work

**Black Stats—a comprehensive guide filled with contemporary facts and figures on African Americans—is an essential reference for anyone attempting to fathom the complex state of our nation. With fascinating and often surprising information on everything from incarceration rates, lending practices, and the arts to marriage, voting habits, and green jobs, the contextualized material in this book will better attune readers to telling trends while challenging commonly held, yet often misguided, perceptions. A compilation that at once highlights measures of incredible progress and enumerates the disparate**

**impacts of social policies and practices, this book is a critical tool for advocates, educators, and policy makers. Black Stats offers indispensable information that is sure to enlighten discussions and provoke debates about the quality of Black life in the United States today—and help chart the path to a better future. There are less than a quarter-million Black public school teachers in the U.S.—representing just 7 percent of all teachers in public schools. Approximately half of the Black population in the United States lives in neighborhoods that have no White residents. In the five years before the Great Recession, the number of Black-owned businesses in the United States increased by 61 percent. A 2010 study found that 41 percent of Black youth feel that rap music videos should be more political. There are no Black owners or presidents of an NFL franchise team. 78 percent of Black Americans live within 30 miles of a coal-fired power plant, compared with 56 percent of White Americans.**

**This text establishes the uniqueness of the Marxian category of capital on the basis of the original texts by Marx. The wage-labour relationship is shown to be necessary and sufficient for the existence of capitalism. The author argues the capitalist character of the Soviet economy.**

**Capitalism as a global system barely allows the needs of the majority of the world's population to be met. Whether from an industrialized country such as the US or from South Africa, the need for an alternative can be felt all over the world. It is clear nowadays that, due to the non-democratic nature and inadequacies of capitalism, another system must take its place. Such a process has already begun through the cooperative movement, which this book examines along with other initiatives. Featuring essays by international scholars and activists from various spheres of the anti-capitalist left, the work features many examples from the north and the south, to cover both the historically-advanced and late capitalist economies. It discusses such initiatives as participatory economics, the Mondragon experience, worker cooperatives in Europe and Latin America, solidarity economy in South Africa, and more. Written in an accessible manner, Beyond Capitalism will be an invaluable resource for any student of social movements and political thought and for anyone looking for alternative to today's ongoing systemic crises. The only crisis of capitalism is capitalism itself. Let's toss credit default swaps, bailouts, environmental externalities and,**

**while we're at it, private ownership of production in the dustbin of history. The Accumulation of Freedom brings together economists, historians, theorists, and activists for a first-of-its-kind study of anarchist economics. The editors aren't trying to subvert the notion of economics—they accept the standard definition, but reject the notion that capitalism or central planning are acceptable ways to organize economic life. Contributors include Robin Hahnel, Iain McKay, Marie Trigona, Chris Spannos, Ernesto Aguilar, Uri Gordon, and more.**

**The Case for a Participatory Economy After Capitalism**

**Activist Strategies for Social Transformation Paths toward Utopia**

**From SDS to Life After Capitalism: A Memoir**

**The New Systems Reader**

**Democracy And Economic Planning**

Democratic Economic Planning presents a concrete proposal for how to organize, carry out, and integrate comprehensive annual economic planning, investment planning, and long-run development planning so as to maximize popular participation, distribute the burdens and benefits of economic activity fairly, achieve environmental sustainability, and use scarce productive resources efficiently. The participatory planning procedures proposed provide workers in self-managed councils and consumers in neighbourhood councils with

autonomy over their own activities while ensuring that they use scarce productive resources in socially responsible ways without subjecting them to competitive market forces. Certain mathematical and economic skills are required to fully understand and evaluate the planning procedures discussed and evaluated in technical sections in a number of chapters. These sections are necessary to advance the theory of democratic planning, and should be of primary interest to readers who have those skills. However, the book is written so that the main argument can be followed without fully digesting the more technical sections. Democratic Economic Planning is written for dreamers who are disenamored with the economics of competition and greed want to know how a system of equitable cooperation can be organized; and also for sceptics who demand "hard proof" that an economy without markets and private enterprise is possible.

A leading sociologist proposes a new framework for a socialist alternative.

This study of property-owning democracy argues that a society in which capital is universally accessible to all citizens uniquely meets the demands of justice. It defends a renovated form of capitalism in which the free market is no longer a threat to social democratic values, but is potentially convergent with them.

A grassroots movement for economic democracy based on cooperatives and local economies is quickly growing throughout the planet. After Capitalism, inspired by P.R. Sarkar's Progressive Utilization Theory (Prout), offers a compelling vision of an equitable, sustainable model which economically empowers individuals and communities. Filled with successful examples from six continents as well as many

resources, activities and tools for activists, *After Capitalism* will fill you with hope and the conviction that a new, democratic economy is indeed possible. Includes a conversation with Noam Chomsky and contributions by Frei Betto, Johan Galtung, Leonardo Boff, Sohail Inayatullah, Marcos Arruda, Ravi Batra and others. "An ambitious and stimulating attempt to connect spiritual principles with the pragmatic work of building a better world." - Gar Alperovitz, author of *America Beyond Capitalism* "A broad ecological, social, political, and spiritual awareness informs this vision of a new economic future. Its vivid real-world examples and clear, accessible language demonstrate that a more beautiful world is within our grasp." - Charles Eisenstein, author of *Sacred Economics* "With grace and intelligence, Dada Maheshvarananda illuminates paths of personal enlightenment and global transformation. In an epoch when global capitalism ravages our planet and destroys communities, his perspective is a refreshing account of cooperative forms of life that provide alternatives to a world of greed and injustice." - George Katsiaficas, activist and author of *Asia's Unknown Uprisings*

Realizing Hope

The Economics of Star Trek

Why Marx Was Right

Thought Dreams

Ecosocialism

Michael Albert and the Story of Participatory Economics

War Talk

**Science tells us that a new and dangerous stage in planetary evolution has begun—the Anthropocene, a time of rising temperatures,**

**extreme weather, rising oceans, and mass species extinctions. Humanity faces not just more pollution or warmer weather, but a crisis of the Earth System. If business as usual continues, this century will be marked by rapid deterioration of our physical, social, and economic environment. Large parts of Earth will become uninhabitable, and civilization itself will be threatened. Facing the Anthropocene shows what has caused this planetary emergency, and what we must do to meet the challenge. Bridging the gap between Earth System science and ecological Marxism, Ian Angus examines not only the latest scientific findings about the physical causes and consequences of the Anthropocene transition, but also the social and economic trends that underlie the crisis. Cogent and compellingly written, Facing the Anthropocene offers a unique synthesis of natural and social science that illustrates how capitalism's inexorable drive for growth, powered by the rapid burning of fossil fuels that took millions of years to form, has driven our world to the brink of disaster. Survival in the Anthropocene, Angus argues, requires radical social change, replacing fossil capitalism with a new, ecosocialist civilization.**

**In this lucid political memoir, veteran anti-capitalist activist Michael Albert offers an ardent**

**defense of the project to transform global inequality. Albert, a uniquely visionary figure, recounts a life of uncompromising commitment to creating change one step at a time. Whether chronicling the battles against the Vietnam War, those waged on Boston campuses, or the challenges of creating living, breathing alternative social models, Albert brings a keen and unwavering sense of justice to his work, pointing the way forward for the next generation. This "essay on capitalism, socialism, and revolution" offers a councilist critique of orthodox Marxism and offers, in the place of Marxism, a new view of socialist revolution consistent with modern circumstances. In Economic Justice and Democracy Robin Hahnel argues that progressives need to go back to the drawing board and rethink how they conceive of economic justice and economic democracy. He presents a coherent set of economic institutions and procedures that can deliver economic justice and democracy through a "participatory economy." But this is a long-run goal; he also explores how to promote the economics of equitable cooperation in the here and now by emphasizing ways to broaden the base of existing economic reform movements while deepening their commitment to more far reaching change.**

**Remembering Tomorrow  
Alternatives to Capitalism  
Facing the Anthropocene  
Life Beyond Capitalism  
Anticapitalism and Culture  
Alternatives to a Failed Economy  
An Essay on Capitalism, Socialism, and  
Revolution**

The Butterfly Prison is a tapestry of vignettes that tells the hushed-up, little stories that unfold within a world characterized by diminishment and shame, the stories of the disenfranchised, the stories of Paz and Mella. As each fights for dignity in the shadows of poverty, harassment and exploitation, their decisions tell a compelling story of choice, consequence, systematic injustice, and the inner magic of the human constitution. Tender and thought provoking, unusual and rule-breaking, The Butterfly Prison bites and delights as it redefines our notions of beauty, freedom, heroes, criminals, and war. "With unsettling metaphors and an intense narrative thread, Tamara Pearson makes you work for it. But you'll be glad you did. This is a genuinely original and tender insight into the forgotten lives and dreams that long to break through the cracks in the paving stones of our broken societies." - Iain Bruce, Film maker, journalist, and author of various nonfiction books including The Porto Alegre Alternative: Direct Democracy in Action "In language that bounces and jabs like a prize fighter, Tamara Pearson has given us a novel that mixes unforgettable stories with the politics of

power. supremely readable and supremely insightful."

-Greg Palast, author of the New York Times bestsellers,

*Billionaires & Ballot Bandits* and *The Best Democracy*

*Money Can Buy* "Pearson's writing is poetic, haunting, and

acidic. In *The Butterfly Prison*, she interweaves compelling

characters with the much larger issues of war, ecological

collapse, and human suffering. *The Butterfly Prison* is a

meditation on the similarities and differences of the

prisons that people are forced to live in and the ways that

they resist their imprisonment. This is a story about the

power of human creativity in the face of indifference and

violence. It is a reminder of the importance of imagination

and creating new stories as weapons against evil and self-

annihilation. "- Mai'a Williams, co-editor of *Revolutionary*

*Mothering* "This is a novel that talks about the hardest

things, and in such an engrossing way. The character Paz

just blew me away. "- Michael Fox, co-director of

documentary *Beyond Elections: Redefining Democracy in*

*the Americas* and co-author of both *Venezuela Speaks!:*

*Voices from the Grassroots* and *Latin America's Turbulent*

*Transitions* "Tamara Pearson has drawn upon her extensive

experience observing Latin American political movements

to write this promising new novel. "- George Ciccariello-

Maher, author of *We Created Chavez: A People's History*

*of the Venezuelan Revolution* "I strongly recommend

Tamara Pearson's novel *La Belleza*, for its political and

social insight, uniqueness, and moving prose. *The Butterfly*

*Prison* is a powerful novel that has an impact, it will stay

relevant for a very long time. "-Michael Albert, author

and co-author of over twenty books, including *Looking Forward*, *Thought Dreams: Radical Theory for the 21st Century*, and *Parecon: Life after Capitalism*. "In *The Butterfly Prison*, Tamara Pearson does a fascinating job of injecting political statements into a story about very likeable human beings, victims of social injustice. She is especially effective in her colorful use of words to provide vivid descriptions." - Steve Ellner, author and editor of a range of non-fiction books, including *Rethinking Venezuelan Politics: Class, Polarization and the Chávez Phenomenon*

Unless the economy is of the people and by the people it will never be for the people. This book is for people who want to know what a desirable alternative to capitalism might look like. It is for people who want more than rosy rhetoric and Pollyannaish descriptions of people working in harmony. It is for people who want to dig into what economic justice and economic democracy mean. It is a book for optimists-who believe the human species must be capable of something better than succumbing to competition and greed or authoritarianism, and would like to know how we can do it. It is also a book for skeptics-who demand to be shown, explicitly and concretely, how a modern economy can dispense with markets and authoritarian planning, and how hundreds of millions of people can manage their own division of labor efficiently and equitably.

In a world of climate change and declining oil supplies, what is the plan for the provisioning of resources? Green

economists suggest a need to replace the globalised economy, and its extended supply chains, with a more 'local' economy. But what does this mean in more concrete terms? How large is a local economy, how self-reliant can it be, and what resources will still need to be imported? The concept of the 'bioregion' — developed and popularised within the disciplines of earth sciences, biosciences and planning — may facilitate the reconceptualisation of the global economy as a system of largely self-sufficient local economies. A bioregional approach to economics assumes a different system of values to that which dominates neoclassical economics. The global economy is driven by growth, and the consumption ethic that matches this is one of expansion in range and quantity. Goods are defined as scarce, and access to them is a process based on competition. The bioregional approach challenges every aspect of that value system. It seeks a new ethic of consumption that prioritises locality, accountability and conviviality in the place of expansion and profit; it proposes a shift in the focus of the economy away from profits and towards provisioning; and it assumes a radical reorientation of work from employment towards livelihood. This book by leading green economist Molly Scott Cato sets out a visionary and yet rigorous account of what a bioregional approach to the economy would mean — and how to get there from here. Toxic debt, rising job losses, collapsing commodity prices and expanding poverty. How can these beasts, unleashed by the free market economy, be reined in? Taking a hard

look at the mess of global capitalism, this new edition shifts the focus back to the needs of people and the environment. With contributions from leading activists and thinkers including Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein and Joseph Stiglitz, it buzzes with inspiration and action advocating a classless alternative to capitalism.

Pareconomic

Essay in the Critique of Political Economy

Envisioning Real Utopias

What is to be Undone

Participatory Society for the 21st Century

Republic of Equals

The Accumulation of Freedom

**Devine begins with an analysis of the theory and practice of capitalist planning, central planning and 'market socialism'. He argues that, while market socialism is currently favoured by many economists who reject both capitalism and the command planning of the Soviet model, it cannot fulfil the promises held out for it. In the remainder of the bo**

**Someone once said that it is easier to imagine the end of the world than to imagine the end of capitalism. Michael Albert would disagree. Realizing Hope offers a speculative vision of a future beyond capitalism - an alternative to the exploitation of human labour, the unchecked destruction of the earth, and the oppression of all for the benefit of the few. Participatory economics - parecon for short - is Albert's concrete proposal for a classless economy, developed from anarchist principles first introduced by Kropotkin, Bakunin, Pannekoek and others. In this classic text, Albert takes the insights and**

hopes of parecon and enlarges them to address all key aspects of social life and society - gender, culture, politics, science, technology, journalism, ecology, and others. Realizing Hope provides vision to help us all together conceive a world that might be just over the horizon, a world we can begin building today.

An answer to the constant economic query put to economic and globalization activists.

A major new manifesto for the end of capitalism  
Neoliberalism isn't working. Austerity is forcing millions into poverty and many more into precarious work, while the left remains trapped in stagnant political practices that offer no respite. Inventing the Future is a bold new manifesto for life after capitalism. Against the confused understanding of our high-tech world by both the right and the left, this book claims that the emancipatory and future-oriented possibilities of our society can be reclaimed. Instead of running from a complex future, Nick Srnicek and Alex Williams demand a postcapitalist economy capable of advancing standards, liberating humanity from work and developing technologies that expand our freedoms. This new edition includes a new chapter where they respond to their various critics.

African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-first Century

Treconomics

Life After Capitalism

Inventing the Future

Unorthodox Marxism

A New Economy for a Better World

From Competition to Cooperation

*The Trajectory of Change charts a course for the growing, international movement against corporate globalization. Michael Albert, a*

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longtime activist and analyst of popular struggles, challenges the movement to reach out to "ordinary people" by demonstrating how their lives are negatively affected by creeping corporatism. Albert connects issues confronting working people in the United States (such as access to health care, workplace rights and safety, declining wages, and unemployment) to a critique of institutions that currently dominate the global economy. And he offers a compelling argument for a strategy based on civil disobedience and protest rather than individual acts of vandalism or violence. Albert also suggests reasons for the recent revival of political protest, from the Battle in Seattle to the demonstrations in Quebec, Canada, and Genoa, Italy. At the same time, he argues that it isn't enough for protesters to stand against global economic injustice. To be effective, Albert argues that we need to develop a clear vision of what we stand for. He makes the case for collectively creating a vision of a participatory, democratic, and egalitarian society. Michael Albert is a founder of Z Magazine and Z Net, a web site and electronic commentary service based in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. He also co-founded South End Press. He is the author of *Looking Forward* (with Robert Hahnel) and *Stop the Killing Trade*, among other books on economics and social change. Michael Albert's latest work, *Practical Utopia* is a succinct and thoughtful

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*discussion of ambitious goals and practical principles for creating a desirable society and includes a preface by Noam Chomsky*

*Of the People, by the People*

*Real Utopia*

*No Bosses*

*The Bioregional Economy*