

SMASH CAPITALISM

against precarity - reclaim flexibility

Thousands of people come together at the European Social Forum in London to discuss how another, better world can look like and what steps are to be taken to achieve this change. As many others we are concerned and outraged about the obvious lack of democracy, equality and justice in Europe and in the world.

The European governments are constantly militarising their foreign policy. Together with the USA they go more and more often to war, in order to enforce economic and strategic interests. European armies are highly involved in the occupation of Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

At the borders of Europe an undeclared war against immigrants is taking place that has already killed well over 5.000 immigrants. However this new border regime is challenged everyday, and often successfully, by thousands of women and men, who succeed in crossing the borders. Migration is a powerful, autonomous social movement of people building better lives, deserting oppression and the poverty of their home countries.

On the other hand we have to see the social and economic function of the European border regime. Rather than really sealing the borders it is a selective mechanism of inclusion of the migrants (and of migrant labor) through their illegalization.

The situation of the paperless immigrants is an extreme example of what we call precarity. Precarious life is defined by unsteady income and forms of non regulated and highly exploited labour. As the neo-liberal transformation of society is proceeding, precarity of work and life becomes a widespread general phenomenon that affects millions of people. Social security and social rights are replaced by the build-up of police forces, public surveillance and more prisons.

We are convinced that there is no way back in the lost world of permanent work with nine-to-five working days. The hopeless attempt to preserve the last remains of the social democratic welfare model can't open up new perspectives as it was designed for old way of working. Flexibility is exactly what we struggle for - but not in the sense of the neoliberal project, where flexibility means the complete submission of individuals under the needs of capital. We want to reclaim flexibility, we want to be in control of our time, our work and our lives – and at the same time to break the rule of capital.

Protests and appeals are not enough to change the world - we need to connect and organize the struggles of our everyday lives, in order to create the counter-power that can overcome and abolish capitalism. We do not need new or old centralized parties, but the resistance has to be built up both locally and globally and must be under full democratic control by the people themselves. In the face of capitalist globalisation we need a globalisation from below: an international network of anti-capitalist resistance.

That is what we want to discuss on the events we are featuring on the backside of this leaflet and that is, why we call you to participate in the ANTICAPITALIST BLOCK in the International Demonstration.

Northeastern Anticapitalist Network

Join the Anticapitalist Block

in the International Demonstration, Oct 17 th, 1.00 p.m.
Russell Square / Montague Street



Inside the official ESF:

Saturday 11.30 - 1.30, ULU 3A, Malet St.

Reclaim the commons

SOCIAL COMMONS: media, water, air. Capitalism wants to restrain access to public goods so that it can charge for them. On every public building a solar panel, in every public office a linux computer. Air quality has plummeted over the last twenty years and fossil fuel consumption gone out of control as the Hubbert's Peak is reached. Open Source is emerging as the new way of cooperative production based on collective, universal access to knowledge and the sharing of information, codes, algorithms from network computing to life sciences.

Workshop arranged by the Northeuropean Anticapitalist Network together with ACT! (Berlin), Chainworkers (Milano) ...

Saturday 11.30 - 1.30, NATFHE, 27 Britannia St.

The demagogic use of anti-globalisation phrases by the far right

Fascists and far right parties more and more try to intervene in anti-globalisation and social protests. Activists and researchers from France, Germany, Denmark, Poland and the UK will share their experiences and discuss how the intervention of the far right 'anti-globalists' can best be beaten off.

Seminar arranged by AVANTI - Projekt undogmatische Linke (Germany) and others.

Saturday 7.00 - 9.00 p.m., ULU Upper Hall, Malet St.

Anti-dystopia and Euroradical identities

Developing networks of social potency: Is a transeuropean radical identity possible? What are the existing ideal, cultural and social components of radical identities, struggles and conflicts across Europe over the last 4 years?

Is the build up of a new leftist tradition possible, more apt to the

geopolitical and geoeconomic transformations of the last quarter of a century. Collective, crews, social spaces from Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Finland, Spain, Holland, Germany, France, UK will share their practices and theorize new venues of social activation and effective eurowide conflict.

Workshop with Michael Hardt arranged by Chainworkers, some NEAN-Groups and others.

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Sunday, 1.00 p.m. Russell Square

The Block will meet at the corner to Montague Street

In the autonomous spaces:

Saturday 9.30 - 6.30 + Sunday 9.30 - 12.30, London School of Economics, Aldwych

Life despite capitalism

Event on 'Commons and Communities'.

Several NEAN-groups will participate in the workshops

Thursday, 1.30 - 3.00, BEYOND ESF, Hendrix Lounge, Middlesex University

Creating Free Public Transports

In Stockholm, Gothenburg and Helsinki free public transports have been created by the commuters themselves.

Workshop with Globalisation from below, planka.nu (Sweden) and pummit.org (Finland)

Friday, 11.00 - 12.30, BEYOND ESF, Room K 408, Middlesex University

Social Centre Projects

Occupied Social Centre Project: Over the last year we have occupied 2 social centres in London, resisted eviction for several months, and had an impact on people in the local area. We wish to share our experiences and progress this project further.

Telefonplan Social Center - we squatted for a whole week* in cold February, together with the FSH (Association of Homeless in Stockholm) which had a big impact on the political agenda concerning the lack of housing.

Social Center Siperia in Helsinki will also join the workshop and share their experiences.

Workshop with Wombles (UK), Globalisation from below and Siperia (FIN)

Saturday, 4.00 - 6.00 p.m., Perry Hall, BEYOND ESF, Middlesex University

First Assembly of Europe's Precariat

Precarity is fast-emerging as the central social issue in heavily flexibilized Europe. Job precariousness and associated social anxiety are spreading all over Europe, from East Germany to Southern Spain, from Britain to Sweden, and lacking a radical leftist outlet it could well put wind in the sails of assorted fascists, as it has already happened in Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, and elsewhere. Since Florence and Paris, and especially since last year, a transeuropean radical movement of precarious workers, media and labor activists has been taking shape, culminating in the great mayday 004 demos in Dublin, Milano, Barcelona, Helsinki, Palermo. Young flex and temp workers in retail, service, information, knowledge industries are starting to rebel against unacceptable living conditions and abusive work contracts and practices.

organizers: Wombles participants: Euromayday.org, NEAN (Northeuropean Anticapitalist Network), Monsun, Motkraft, AFA Berlin, Precog, Global Project, ChainWorkers, YoMango, Indymedia Estrecho, Precarias a la Deriva, Universidad Nómada, Coordination Intermittents et Précaires, Stop précarité, and other collectives and networks against precarity.