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SUMMARY

Debt and austerity in Europe

» Greece: Symbol of Illegitimate Debt

by Eric Toussaint

"Greece: Symbol of Illegitimate Debt" - author Eric Toussaint diaporama presented in Athens at the international conference "PUBLIC DEBT AND AUSTERITY POLICIES IN EUROPE THE RESPONSE OF THE EUROPEAN LEFT" organized by EUROPEAN LEFT-SYNASPISMOS, TRANSFORM! EUROPE and NICOS POULANTZAS INSTITUTE the 10-12th of March 2011. See complete program of the conference: <http://www.cadtm.org/Public-debt-an>... See the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» Eastern Europe faced with the crises of the system

by Catherine Samary

The "European construction" (associated with the redefinition of continental relationships after the fall of the Berlin Wall) aroused popular aspirations, which were radically opposed to the current situation: aspirations for a continent that would resist antisocial policies while remaining open to the world, according to a democratic, social, ecological and solidarity-based logic... This was in particular what was hoped for in Eastern Europe, where the populations aimed for greater freedom and (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Spring Social Conference

» The European Competitiveness Pact is unacceptable. But there are alternatives! We will fight for them

by Coalition of Resistance

1. On the 10 and 11th of March, representatives of trade unions, both national and European, NGOs and social networks from 15 EU countries (from both East and West) got together for the first Spring Social Conference. The conference aims to bring together each year before the Spring European Summit, a broad range of unions, social movements and activists looking for alternatives to globalisation in order to reaffirm the priorities necessary for a more social, more environmentally friendly (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Tunisia

Press release

» **Moratorium on Tunisian debt: an urgency for the people of Tunisia**

by Marie-Christine Vergiat, Gabi Zimmer, CADTM

Press release of Marie-Christine Vergiat (Front de Gauche) and Gabi Zimmer (Die Linke) MEPs and of the CADTM (Committee for the Abolition of the Third World Debt) Following a meeting held in the European parliament in Brussels organised by the CADTM (committee for the Abolition of the Third World Debt) and two MEPs from the GUE-NGL (European United Left-Nordic Green Left), Marie Christine Vergiat (Front de Gauche) and Gaby Zimmer (Die Linke), and several members of the European and (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» **Call to national and European MPs : For an audit of Tunisia's debts to the EU**

With dictator Ben Ali ousted from power since 14 January 2011, Tunisia bears the burden of a public external debt amounting to \$14.4 bn, which is a major obstacle to the development of the Tunisian people since repayment (capital plus interests) drains on an average an annual sum 6 times larger than the health budget. While Tunisia urgently needs all its financial resources to face the current situation, the present governor of the central bank of Tunisia is considering devoting EU 577 (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» **Tunisia: Call for the immediate suspension of debt repayment**

by Raid Attac/Cadtm Tunisie

Tunisia urgently needs to marshal all of its financial resources to meet immediate needs, including extreme poverty, benefits for the unemployed, improving workers' material conditions, etc. Meanwhile, we're getting reports of foreign initiatives to develop an emergency "aid" package for Tunisia, including 17 million euros from the European Commission and 350,000 euros from the French state. The European Investment Bank and the African Development Bank are also preparing to lend Tunisia (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

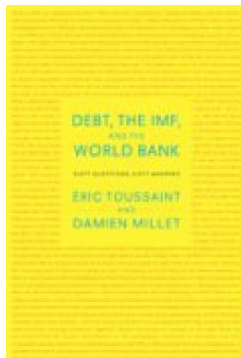
**NO more Chernobyl, NO Fukushima**» **Disaster - earthquake and nuclear explosion**

by Yoko Akimoto

Sadly, as time passes on, the reality is waking us. We see new figures whenever we switch on TV, which may be, I feel, the same as our friends in Pakistan or Haiti who are still being suffered by natural disaster. Yesterday the governor of Miyagi announced that the count of bodies would amount to over 10,000. And today the No.3 reactor at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant has exploded, and now (2 am on the 15th, in local time) core melting is happening at the No.2 reactor. It is quite clear (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

» **NO more Chernobyl, NO Fukushima: NO to nuclear energy worldwide**

The tragedy in Japan has aroused worldwide solidarity due to the loss of thousands of human lives and of vast regions and cities caused by the magnitude 9 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that devastated major parts of Japanese territory. The undersigned networks, organizations, and individuals wish to first express our deepest condolences to the Japanese people and make known our shared grief and sympathy for the humanitarian emergency caused by this disaster. Meanwhile, we find (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

BOOK» **Debt, the IMF, and the World Bank: Sixty Questions, Sixty Answers**

by Éric Toussaint and Damien Millet

Mainstream economists tell us that developing countries will replicate the economic achievements of the rich countries if they implement the correct "free-market" policies. But scholars and activists Toussaint and Millet demonstrate that this is patently false. Drawing on a wealth of detailed evidence, they explain how developed economies have systematically and deliberately exploited the less-developed economies by forcing them into unequal trade and political relationships. Integral to this arrangement are the international economic institutions ostensibly created to safeguard the stability of the global economy—the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank—and the imposition of massive foreign debt on poor countries. The authors explain in simple language, and ample use of

graphics, the multiple contours of this exploitative system, its history, and how it continues to function in the present day. Ultimately, Toussaint and Millet advocate cancellation of all foreign debt for developing countries and provide arguments from a number of perspectives—legal, economic, moral. Presented in an accessible and easily-referenced question and answer format, Debt, the IMF, and the World Bank is an essential tool for the global justice movement (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

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