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### SUMMARY

#### World Social Forum



##### » Declaration of the Assembly on Debt, gathered in Tunis on the 29th of March 2013

Considering that the Debt has been, since the 15th century, the main historical instrument of colonization to plunder, dominate, subdue, humiliate and destroy the People and their traditions, Considering that the debt of the global south has already been paid back several times, and that it (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Declaration of the Social Movements Assembly – World Social Forum 2013 29 March 2013, Tunisia

As the Social Movements Assembly of the World Social Forum of Tunisia, 2013, we are gathered here to affirm the fundamental contribution of peoples of Maghreb-Mashrek (from North Africa to the Middle East), in the construction of human civilization. We affirm that decolonization for oppressed (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Tunis: Birth of a Common Front of Political Organisations Against Debt

by Pauline Imbach

The first Mediterranean coordination against debt, austerity policies and foreign domination, and for a free, united, democratic, social, feminist and environmentally responsible Mediterranean region took place in Tunis on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March in the build up to the World Social (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » World Social Forum

The World Social Forum is an open meeting place where social movements, networks, NGOs and other civil society organizations opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capital or by any form of imperialism come together to pursue their thinking, to debate ideas democratically, for formulate proposals, share their experiences freely and network for effective action (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **"The success [of the Forum] depends on the participation of social movements". Interview with Mimoun Rahmani, Maghreb Social Forum**

by Sergio Ferrari

The success of the next World Social Forum (WSF) in Tunis depend fundamentally on the ability of social movements to appropriate open space and give a true transformer content. This is the main thesis of Mimoun Rahmani, an active member of the Maghreb Social Forum, which, as such, has (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Banks versus the People: The Underside of a Rigged Game!



Banks versus the People: The Underside of a Rigged Game! (part 6)

» **Even the IMF agrees...**

by Eric Toussaint

IMF declarations that do not please European leaders In October 2012, the IMF provided a key explanation of why the crisis was getting worse in Europe. Its Research Department wrote that every euro cut from public spending would result in a .90 to 1.70 euro decrease in Gross Domestic Product (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



Banks versus the People: The Underside of a Rigged Game! (part 7)

» **The Mockery of Banking Discipline**

by Eric Toussaint

"Markets have become too huge, complex, and fast-moving to be subject to twentieth-century supervision and regulation. No wonder this globalized financial behemoth stretches beyond the full comprehension of even the most sophisticated market participants. Financial regulators are required to (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Debt and austerity

» **How debts can legally be declared void**

by Renaud Vivien, Cécile Lamarque

There are several legal arguments on which a suspension, or even a cancellation, of repayment of public debts can be based. In order to establish the invalidity of a loan agreement it is necessary to take into account not only the dispositions of the agreement but also the circumstances in (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **Cyprus - whose crisis?**

by Petros Kosmas

The economic crisis in Cyprus erupted during the second cycle of the European recession of 2011 as a result of harsh austerity policies imposed since 2010 in Europe. It is a new crisis born out of a failed response to the original European crisis. These policies were (and still are) a basis for (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **Bulgaria: Political crisis deepening**

by Dancho Medarov

Dancho Medarov evaluates the political crisis and corruption in Bulgaria and the development and response of the anti-neoliberal movement. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borisov has stepped down after a week of protests against rising energy costs. At least 14 people were injured in clashes (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **Even the Police can't stop the first signs of a European Spring**

by Corporate Europe Observatory

After months of preparation, the days of action organised by the coalition For a European Spring erupted into life last week. However, here in Brussels the police tried to stop it: first banning a peaceful demonstration and then arbitrarily arresting people after a peaceful occupation of the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **Irish campaigners support Europe-wide protests against austerity in run-up to EU Summit, reject claims of Irish 'success story'**

by Anglo: Not Our Debt Campaign

Press release, 13 March 2013: Issued by: Anglo: Not Our Debt Campaign For immediate release The EU Summit taking

place in Brussels this Thursday, 14th March, is set to increase poverty and inequality within Ireland and across the EU, according to campaigners. 'For a European Spring' – a coalition (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



Our democracy against their austerity! - For a European Spring

#### » **For a European Spring**

'For a European Spring' is a call for actions, strikes and demonstrations all over Europe on the 13th of March, and for a pan-European demonstration and creative actions in the city of Brussels on the 14th of March. It is targeted at the EU Spring Summit, where leaders from across the continent will assemble on the 14th and 15 (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Debt cancellation: a historical perspective



Series : Debt cancellations : a historical perspective (part 4)

#### » **Democracy and Debt: Has the Link been Broken?**

by Michael Hudson

Debt Slavery – Why It Destroyed Rome, Why It Will Destroy Us Unless It's Stopped Book V of Aristotle's Politics describes the eternal transition of oligarchies making themselves into hereditary aristocracies – which end up being overthrown by tyrants or develop internal rivalries as some families (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Latin America



#### » **Oil companies force Ecuador to take another step forward in Audits**

by Mike Krolikowski, Stéphanie Jacquemont

President Raphael Correa of Ecuador has decided that the arrogance of Chevron and Occidental Petroleum has gone far enough. These two North American oil companies are pursuing the Ecuadorian government by all the means possible in order to achieve international court rulings that sovereign (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



#### » **Loss of Hugo Chavez**

by CADTM AYNA

As coordination unit for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Committee for the Abolition of Third World Debt - Abya Yala Our America CADTM AYNA - social organisation struggling against the illegitimate debt that Northern countries have imposed on the peoples of the South - we express our (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

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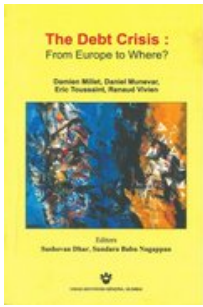


#### » **Land for those who work it**

by Esther Vivas

The land is a source of wealth for a few, here and on the other side of the planet. In the Spanish State, the housing boom has left a legacy of ruinous urban development, airports (almost) without airplanes, ghost towns, huge, obsolete infrastructure projects... And in the global South, the desire (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## BOOKS

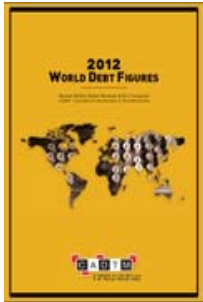


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» **The Debt Crisis : From Europe to Where?**

by Damien Millet, Daniel Munevar, Eric Toussaint, Renaud Vivien

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