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## SUMMARY

### Debt and austerity



#### » Greece, brutal takeover by the government and the Troika

by CADTM

This Tuesday 11th June the Greek government decided to close down the public service in radio and television, the ERT. The police neutralized the main emitter and the special forces were used to cut the regional relay stations serving the rural areas. Screens receiving national and local public (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



#### » For a european antifascist movement before it is too late!

by Yorgos Mitralias

The deepening and generalization of the crisis to nearly all European countries makes it now possible to apprehend not only the crisis's dynamic and characteristics, but also the priority tasks which a left that does not surrender and keeps resisting ought to take on. 1. That is why we could (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



#### » For the cradle of democracy is not its tomb

by Altersummit

Over two days, June 7th and 8th, thousands of activists and leaders of social movements and trade unions, including a thousand from 22 different countries, came together to proclaim the "Athens Manifesto" and to enhance the convergence of their local, national and European struggles to end (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



#### » "Don't Owe, Won't Pay!": A Conversation with a French Debt Resistor

by Strike Debt

Detroit is the epicenter of failed capitalism in America. The city has suffered decades of neglect as capital has fled, leaving a majority African American population to suffer the consequences, including high unemployment, poverty, and the gutting of public services. Yet, things are about to (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



## » What the Spanish Citizen Debt Audit Platform (PACD) means by “Citizen Debt Audit” and “Illegitimate Debt”

by Plataforma Auditoría Ciudadana de la Deuda

This past March 12th the left-wing parliamentarian group Izquierda Plural (IU, ICV-EUIA & CHA) presented in the Congress of Deputies a non-legislative motion for “the creation of a Public Debt Audit”, as well as “a commission to determine the economic and social criteria so as to qualify part (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



## » Feminist initiative for the elimination of violence against women

As Feminist Initiative for the elimination of Violence Against women, we state our opposition to the coup d'etat of the government, that is the closure of public Radio/Television, ERT, and the dismissal of 2.700 workers all over Greece. We participate in the struggle for revocation of this (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## IMF / World Bank



Jacques de Groote faces Swiss justice

## » An emblematic IMF and World Bank Personality Dragged Into Court

by Éric Toussaint

Jacques de Groote, ex-Executive Director of the IMF (1973-1994) and the World Bank (1975-1991) for Belgium is under accusation by Swiss justice. According to the Geneva daily Le Temps, he is standing trial in the Swiss town of Bellinzona in Tessin for “aggravated money laundering”, “fraud”, and (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Latin America and the Caribbean



## » João Pedro Stédile of the MST: 'We are in the midst of an ideological battle'

by Nilton Viana

João Pedro Stédile Interviewed by Brasil de Fato Brasil de Fato — It is time for the government to ally itself with the people or pay the price in the future. This is one of the evaluations of João Pedro Stédile, national coordinator of the Movement of Landless Rural Workers (MST) on the recent (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



Debt cancellation ?

## » The supposed brazilian "forgiveness" of debts of African countries

by Rodrigo Vieira de Ávila

On May 25, 2013, has been widely reported that Brazil will “forgive” or renegotiate a debt of \$ 900 million dollars of 12 African countries (Congo-Brazzaville, Tanzania, Zambia, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Sudan and (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

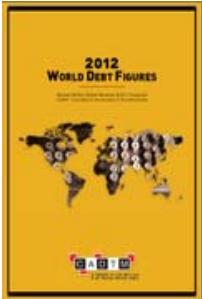


## » Brazil's 'debt cancellation' for Africa leaves more questions than it answers

by Konstantinos Todoulos

On 25 May Brazil announced the “cancellation or restructuring of up to \$900 million of debt owed by 12 African countries though the details remain extremely unclear, including what this may actually be worth to African countries, and crucially what Brazil expects in return. The debt relief, (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

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