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### SUMMARY

#### Debt and austerity



##### » Greece: Depression or recession? Are the Troika bailing out or forcing under?

by Jérôme Duval

Six years of recession, an impressive drop in GDP from €231 billion in 2009 to €193 billion in 2012, unemployment at 26.9% in April 2013 from 7.5% in 2008, 57% for the under 25s, and an explosion of suicide cases... This overview of Greece is catastrophic and alarming for the rest of Europe. As in (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Reader's note

##### » The Health of the Populations Battered by Austerity

by Patrick Saurin

Reader's notes: The Body Economic. Why Austerity Kills. David Stuckler & Sanjay Basu Allen Lane, 2013. In a recently published book, The Body Economic. Why Austerity Kills, David Stuckler and Sanjay Basu present an enlightening panorama of the consequences for public health, of the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Debt, austerity, devastation: it's Europe's turn

by Susan George

As the creditors get fatter, the innocent are punished. Susan George laments a leadership subservient to big business. Like plague in the 14th century, the scourge of debt has gradually migrated from South to North. Our 21st-century Yersinia pestis isn't spread by flea-infested rats but by (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Counter Summit in St Petersburg

On the 3rd and 4th of September a large scale international Counter Summit, intended as an alternative to the September Summit of the G20, will be held in St Petersburg, Russia. It will take place at the Международный Деловой Центр, nab.reki Smolenki 2. Organized by the Post Globalization Initiative, the Summit's ambition is to develop new principles of economic and social policy which are not based on the Washington Consensus (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Banks versus the People



Series: Banks versus the People: the Underside of a Rigged Game! (9th part)

### » **Banks: Fudged health report**

by Eric Toussaint

The Basel II accords were drafted at a time of neoliberal euphoria when capitalist bankers had obtained the cancellation of the few prudential rules that still remained from the 1930 Great Depression. [\[Read more\]](#)

## Asia



### » **Cancel Pakistan's Debt**

by Jubilee Debt Campaign

The people of Pakistan have suffered from a crippling debt for 40 years. This debt has done little for the majority of Pakistan's people – instead it has increased inequality and deepened impoverishment. Today, 50 million people in Pakistan live below the poverty line- BUT if we get behind them now — following the recent change of government, we can start to change this (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Latin America and the Caribbean



Bolivia's president sequestered in Europe

### » **Letter of support to the anti-imperialist Summit in Bolivia**

by CETIM

The Europe-Third World Centre (CETIM) wishes to express its solidarity with the Bolivian people and with their President, Evo Morales, following his sequestration in Europe on 2 July 2013. The presidential plane of the Pluri-national State of Bolivia was forbidden flight over French, Spanish, (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

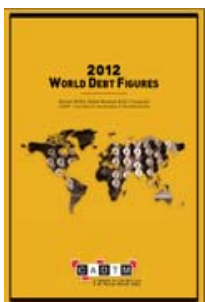


Civil society statement

### » **Grounding of Bolivian presidential jet and treatment of Snowden shames European Union**

Over 50 international lawyers, human rights, civil rights and civil society groups and networks say the actions of certain EU member states in response to Snowden's revelations contradict the EU's stated commitment to democracy, human rights and international law. The refusal of entry into their (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

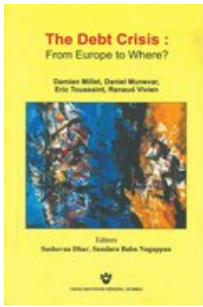
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