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Debt and austerity



» **Bankocracy: from the Venetian Republic to Mario Draghi and Goldman Sachs**

by Eric Toussaint

From the 12th century to the beginning of the 14th, the Knights Templar, present in much of Europe, had become the bankers for the powerful and had taken part in the financing of several crusades. At the beginning of the 14th century, they were the main creditors of the King of France, Philip (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **The euro crisis and contradictions between countries in the periphery and centre of the European Union**

by Eric Toussaint

The crisis that started in the United States in 2007-2008, hit the European Union head on in 2008, and has been causing major problems in the eurozone since 2010. Banks from the strongest European countries are responsible for spreading this plague from the United States to Europe, because they (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

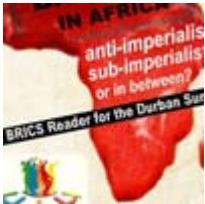


» **Cancelling debt or taxing capital: why should we choose?**

by Thomas Coutrot, Patrick Saurin, Eric Toussaint

On the occasion of the publication of two major works, *Le Capital au XXIe siècle* and the French translation of *Debt The First 5000 Years*, Mediapart organized a meeting between the authors, namely Thomas Piketty and David Graeber. It is available on the Mediapart website. How can we escape the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Africa



» BRICS in Africa

by Patrick Bond

BRICS in Africa, anti-imperialist, sub-imperialist or in between? a reader for the Durban Summit TABLE OF CONTENTS Introduction to Brics and brics-from-below Patrick Bond The Brics come to Durban Maite Nkoana-Mashabane Recommendations from academics to Brics The 5th Brics Academic Forum Brics (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» Neoliberal threats to North Africa

by Patrick Bond

Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa A 2008 incident in Carthage spoke volumes about power politics and economic ideology. As he was given the country's main honour, the Order of the Tunisian Republic, on account of his 'contribution to the reinforcement (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Latin America and Caribbean



» Conflict of Interest: World Bank to Rewrite Haiti Mining Law, while Invested in Mining in Haiti, through the IFC

by Mining Awareness

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment wing of the World Bank, has invested in Eurasian Minerals, partner to Newmont Mining in Haiti. As of the end of 2012, the IFC owns 7.1% of Eurasian Minerals stock (see Eurasian Minerals, Corporate Overview, March 2013). Meanwhile the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Asia



» Japanese civil society statement on ProSAVANA Call for an Immediate Suspension and Fundamental Review

by Attac Japan, Others

Mr. Fumio Kishida, Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Akihiko Tanaka, President, Japan International Cooperation Agency Japanese civil society statement on ProSAVANA Call for an Immediate Suspension and Fundamental Review September 30, 2013 We, as like-minded civil (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

United Kingdom



» 'National day of action' against sell-off of student debt planned across UK

by Aaron Kiely

Students on more than 20 campuses across the country are preparing to take part in a national day of action against the government's plans to privatise the student loan book. The wave of action will take place tomorrow and is being co-ordinated by the Student Assembly Against Austerity, which (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

United States

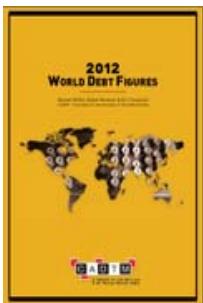


» Which Way Out for Detroit?

by Dianne Feeley

AS A RETIRED autoworker active in preventing further home foreclosures in Detroit, I consider two of the most urgent issues to be unemployment (45.3% according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 2012) and evictions. These indicators reflect the poverty of the city — where 35% live below the poverty line (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

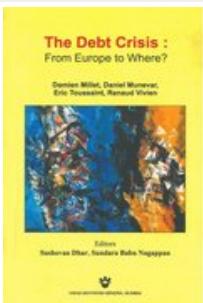
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