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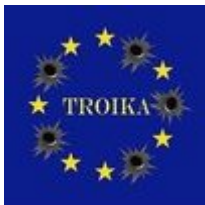
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### SUMMARY

#### Debt and austerity in Europe



##### » 1st newsletter of Troika Watch

by Troika Watch

In this newsletter you can read about: Overall situation The last months of the year are traditionally the time when national parliaments vote on the budgets for next year. Like in the years before, in many countries deep cuts in social services and further privatizations are planned. Despite (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Irish "rescue": 67.5 bn of bail-out loans, 89.5 bn to banks

by Attac Europe

On December 15, Ireland became the first country to exit the „rescue” program by the troika of EU Commission, European Central Bank (ECB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF). While Europe’s political elites sell Ireland as a success story, Attac looked into the numbers: while Ireland received (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



##### » Spain in 2014: Not a Prosperous New Year

by Esther Vivas

We have entered 2014 a little poorer. For those of us with a job, our salaries have been frozen, or even cut; only a few can expect a rise in the New Year. Furthermore, the price of electricity, public transport and water are increasing. 2013 ended with the controversy over a threatened (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



### » European Strategy meeting in Amsterdam

by Sol Trumbo Vila

A strategy meeting in Amsterdam became a critical milestone for the convergence of different European social movements on the frontlines of resistance against the neoliberal EU austerity regime. TNI hosted in Amsterdam (4-6 October 2013) a European strategy meeting which brought together (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## IMF / World Bank



### » The Life and Times of Jacques de Groote

by Eric Toussaint

Jacques de Groote, the former Executive Director to the IMF (1973-1994) and World Bank (1975-1991) for Belgium, was condemned in October 2013 by Swiss courts in an affair concerning the fraudulent privatisation of the principal coal mine in the Czech Republic. His co-defendants, five Czech (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Asia



### » Pakistan: IMF fresh loan, a recipe to ruin

by Abdul Khaliq

Pakistan's public debt has grown over the last six years at a pace never witnessed in the country's history. Public debt has grown at an average rate of 21.5 percent per annum from 2008 to 2013 against an average rate of 6.6 percent per annum during 2000-07. Thus current foreign debt stands at (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## Egypt



### » Open Call: Egyptian Human Rights Organizations Oppressed. A Return to what is Worse than the Pre-January 25th Era

by Egyptian Center for Economic and Human Rights

In an escalatory and unjustified step, police forces have raided the premises of the Egyptian Center for Economic and Social Rights (ECESR) at around 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 18, 2013, in which they violently assaulted and arrested six of the staff and volunteers: Mostafa Eissa, the (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## World Protests 2006-2013



### » World Protests 2006-2013

by Hernán Cortés, Isabel Ortiz, Mohamed Berrada, Sara Burke

September 2013 The full paper can be downloaded from IPD at <http://policydialogue.org/programs/>... or from FES at [fes-globalization.org/new\\_york/ny-publications/publications-on-global-economic-governance/](http://fes-globalization.org/new_york/ny-publications/publications-on-global-economic-governance/). We encourage distribution through websites and blogs; the executive summary and paper may (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

## World Trade Organization (WTO)



### » The WTO pushes through bad deal in the final hours; Developed countries and TNCs are the big winners

by Gerak Lawan, Social Movements for an Alternative Asia (SMAA), Via Campesina

Social Movements for an Alternative Asia (SMAA), Gerak Lawan and La Via Campesina. The 9th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) pushed through a Bali Package in the final hours, extending the Conference to December 7, but at the cost of the developing countries, the poor (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



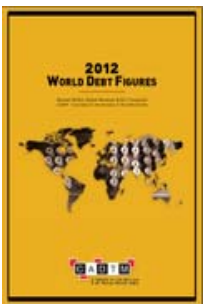
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### » Tailored for Sharks

y Transnational Institute and Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI)

“Tailored for Sharks: How rules are tailored and public interest surrendered to suit corporate interests in the WTO, FTAs and BITs trade and investment regime” Published by Transnational Institute and Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI) Download the full report here: (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

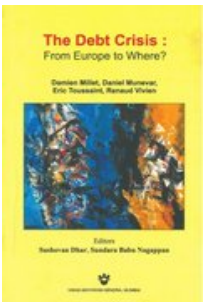
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