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SUMMARY

Debt and austerity in Europe



» 2nd newsletter of TroikaWatch

by Troika Watch

Overall situation While the general outlook remains broadly unchanged, with the Troika still pushing for severe austerity and national governments continuing their acts of window-dressing, another important issue has become increasingly prominent: corruption. As we see major scandals in many (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» Austerity policies in Portugal

by Rui Viana Pereira

One cannot say that the austerity measures in 2013 came as a surprise – all of them were mentioned in the first Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Troika and the Portuguese government, signed in May 2011 by all governing parties (PS, PSD and CDS). The MoU imposes profound economic and (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» Greece. Human Rights on the Procrustean bed

Twenty trade unions, human rights and civil society organisations from across Europe sent a letter to the President of the European Parliament to ask him to undertake a Report on the situation of human rights, the rule of law and democracy in the country holding the Presidency of the European (...) [\[Read more\]](#)



» **D19-20 ALLIANCE DAY OF ACTION: looking back as the smoke clears**

by Corporate Europe Observatory

It's 7am and the crowds are beginning to arrive, weaving their way out of the darkness towards the blazing bonfire, flaming hay bales and wooden pallets warming up what would ordinarily be a very busy crossroad in the middle of the EU quarter, Brussels. Instead it has been occupied by farmers (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between UE and Mercosur



» **FTA EU-MERCOSUR: Why do only the negotiators want to sign it?**

by Aram Aharonian

A Free Trade Agreement (FTA), under the conditions posed by the European Union (EU) for other countries (such as Colombia and Peru), is totally in contradiction with the goal of independent economic development that governments of Mercosur (the Common Market of the South) have repeatedly put (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

Latin America



» **The Sunday elections in Santiago, Chile**

by Franck Gaudichaud

Sunday, December 15, Santiago, Chile, 15:00 hrs: the sun is at its apogee, the sky clear and temporarily free of the polluted halo that clings daily to the foothills of the Andes dominating the city. The suffocating heat of the southern summer is already here. Facing the municipal building in (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

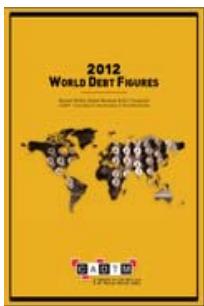
Women's rights



» **Joint statement by Europa laica (Spain), the Atheists and Free Thinkers' Union of Spain, and the French National Federation of the Free Thought (France)**

Another crime against the rights of women to freely decide for their own body is being prepared in Spain !!! The Popular Party, which holds an absolute majority of MPs in Spain, is pushing to change the law on abortion implemented since (...) [\[Read more\]](#)

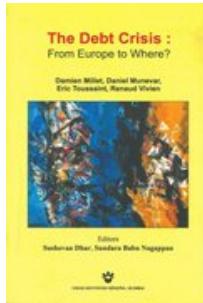
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