

IPW LECTURES

Systemic Alternatives. Breaking with global Capitalism. Presentation and discussion of Pablo Solon's book in german translation

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Abstract:

The premise of this evening event is that we are living a systemic crisis that can only be solved through systemic alternatives. Humanity is facing a complex set of crises from environmental, economic, social to civilizational crisis. Strategies that focus only on one dimension of the crisis will not be able to solve the current systemic crisis and can even aggravate the current situation.

Alternatives to the current system can only be constructed if we deepen our understanding of the process of reconfiguration of capitalism, but also if we confront and overcome patriarchy, productivism, extractivism and anthropocentrism. But there is not just one alternative. There are many alternatives.

Alternatives do not emerge in the vacuum. They emerge in the struggles of social movements, in their concrete experiences, initiatives, victories, defeats and resurgences. They emerge in a process of analysis, practice and proposals that are validated in reality.

This is why in this lecture the focus will not remain at the presentation of different concepts of systemic alternatives but will rather lie on the discussion of strategies to achieve a transformative process. How do social movements struggle in Latin America? How are they doing in Europe, in Austria...? What can be learnt from the exchange of experiences? What can be done, what should be done, what must be done right now?

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