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Essentially, what Elliot is charged with is using the computer or the cell phone to put up an announcement that said that the police had issued an order to disperse. Having done that and having informed people that the police had issued the order, then it is claimed that that announcement hindered prosecution somehow by, I guess, having people avoid being arrested. It would seem to me that that is something that provides some benefit to the police department, in terms of saving them the expenditure of resources in processing people. But they've decided to criminalize that communication, or at least in their complaint that's what they say, that the communication that said, "Hey, there's been a dispersal order; everybody be aware of it," somehow turns into a crime of hindering prosecution. The communication facility then, the cell phone or the computer that was used to post that message, becomes an instrument of the crime, and the use of that mass communication facility becomes, they claim under Pennsylvania law, a third crime.

We're the first in this country. During the Twitter revolution going on in Iran, in Moldova, in Guatemala, in the earlier newscast about Honduras, in all those cases, repressive governments have arrested folks for using Twitter. The only difference is, in all those cases the State Department, the US State Department, has condemned the arrest of these Twitter activists and had gone so far in the Iranian situation, the State Department, according to an article, asked Twitter to postpone its regular maintenance so as not to interfere with Iranian protesters to be able to send out their tweets. So the only difference is we're the first arrested here. But this is a—over the past two years, repressive governments have been arresting people. The only difference is, the State Department has supported—I'm expecting the State Department will come out and support us also.

Author Arundhati Roy on the Human Costs of India's Ec... 1

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But here in India, there's the smell of fascism in the air. Earlier, it was a kind of an anti-Muslim, religious fascism. Now we have a secular government, and it's a kind of right-wing ruthlessness, where people openly say, you know, every country that has progressed and is developed, whether you look at Europe or America or China or Russia, they have a quote-unquote "past," you know, they have a cruel past, and it's time that India stepped up to the plate and realized that there are some people that are holding back this kind of progress and that we need to be ruthless and move in, as Israel did recently in Gaza, as Sri Lanka has recently done with its hundreds of thousands of Tamils in concentration camps. So why not India? You know? Why not just do away with the poor so that we can be a proper superpower, instead of a super-poor superpower?

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و من حسن الحظ أن الحركة الجماهيرية "المحدودة" كانت تفهم أكثر مما يطرحه الأستاذ علي هنا ففتيات بان يتخذ النظام الحرب وسيلة للاستسلام و أطلقت وقتها المقولة "يا خوفي من يوم النصر... ترجع سينا و تضعي يا مصر"



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دخل إضراب عمال الشركة الإقتصادية للتنمية الصناعية (المصبغة) بالعاشر من رمضان يومه الثالث احتجاجا على تراجع وزيرة القوى العاملة لعودها لهم بصرف رواتبهم التي تقدر ب 280 ألف جنية من صندوق الطوارئ

إضراب ضد الحكومة؟

2) (صلاح الأنصاري محمد - نقابات وانشاوات) 1

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عن الأمير عباس حليم

باس حليم انشأ شركة للسجائر باسم (شركة سجائر الاتحاد) في عام 1935 نسبة إلى اتحاد نقابات القطر المصري؛ ودفع من جيبه راس مالها الذي بلغ ثلاثين ألف جنيه ؛ على أن يشتري العمال أسهمها بالتقسيط حتى يكونوا هم أصحابها

State to award social networking grants in Middle East, ... 1

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Music to my ears

The State Department recently unveiled a pilot program that will award up to \$5 million in grants to expand the use of social networking technologies in the Middle East with the goal of increasing citizen engagement and civic participation.

In an [announcement](#) released on Sept. 25, the department said it will award five organizations between \$500,000 and \$2.5 million to expand the availability of social networking and new media capabilities in the Middle East and North Africa. The program is sponsored by the Middle East Partnership Initiative, part of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department.

سعيد: الماركسية مطروحة للوراثة وليس للتمجيد والتأييد | البوصلة 1

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ملاحظة قصيرة لسعيد عن المصدر الوطني لأغلب الماركسيين المصريين

أغلبية من دخلوا الحركة الشيوعية كانوا في الجوه شعبيين لديهم غضب شديد على الاستعمار الغربي، وغير مستعدين للاستمرار في تبنى في أسلوب حزب الوفد في التعامل مع قضية الاستقلال، وظلوا وطنيين شعبيين من الناحية الفكرية والفلسفية، وكانوا يميلون إلى التبنى المبتدل والميتسر لمقولات ومصطلحات التحليلات الماركسية والقيام بتحليلات للواقع بشكل جزافي بدون فهم عميق لخصوصية الجدل التاريخي في بلادنا.

و في جيل محمد السيد سعيد نفسه، و في الجيل الحالي أيضا

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Kill the Mexican reality show: In January 2008, the State of Texas announced it would install 200 mobile cameras along the Texas-Mexico border, to enable anyone with an Internet connection to watch the border and report sightings of alleged illegal immigrants to border patrol agents



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3 قلووي ، والكاتب مجدي الشافعي بشأن رواية " مترو " | موقع قضايا

Oct 7, 2009

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in Outliner: Reclaiming Grownds

المادة 178 عقوبات غير دستورية

يقول حكم محكمة شمال القاهرة في الدعوى رقم 3987 لسنة 1985 استئناف شمال القاهرة والذي برئ ساحة المتهم من جريمة حيازة وبيع مطبوعات تحوى ألفاظا ورسوما مخلة بالآداب العامة وهى (نسخ من كتاب ألف ليلة وليلة) إن عرض صورة عارية لا جريمة فيه إذا كان الجو الذي يحيط بالعرض جوا علميا أو فنيا يقتضيه أو يبرره ، ولكنه يعتبر انتهاكا للآداب وحسن الأخلاق إذا كان القصد منه اهاجة تطلع ممقوت أو الإثارة الشهوانيةويستكمل الحكم حيثياته بالقول – أن ما استقر في وجدان هذه المحكمة لا يعتبر كتابا في الجنس كما لم يكتب أو يباع بغرض خدش الحياء العام كما ثبت في وجدانها انه متداول بالسوق المصرية كتب عديدة للتراث المطبوع بمعرفة هيئات ودور نشر مصرية وعربية وبعضها حكومية تضمنت من عبارات الغزل الصريح ما يفوق كما ونوعا ما ورد بالكتاب المضبوط وبناء على هذه الحثيات المتقدمة حكمت المحكمة بإلغاء الحكم المستأنف والقضاء ببراءة المتهم مما نسب إليه

عدم دستورية نص المادة 178 من قانون العقوبات لمخالفتها نص المادة 49 من الدستور

النوع الثاني من الحقوق والحريات الدستورية فهي غير قابلة للتنظيم التشريعي بشكل مطلق ومثال ذلك (حرية الإبداع) فنص المادة 49 من الدستور لم يحيل تنظيم ممارسة المواطنين لحرية الإبداع إلى القانون وهو من النصوص الدستورية النادرة التي نظمها الدستور تنظيما نهائيا. وهى تلك الحريات التي لا يجوز لأي سلطة في الدولة أن تنظمها على خلاف مقتضى النص الدستوري المقرر لها، بما في ذلك سلطة البرلمان ذاته وهى تلك الحريات التي لم تفرق بعبارة في حدود القانون أو وفقا للقانون

1 ..قراطية وديكتاتورية البروليتاريا | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

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من سنة 1999

لن يكون تحول العمال إلى الوعي الاشتراكي سهلا خاصة في البلاد التي سقطت فيها الستالينية. بل على العكس، ستكون هذه العملية عملية طويلة ومعقدة. فجميع الأفكار الفوضوية والسينديكالية والإصلاحية وكذلك الأفكار الشوفينية القومية، سوف تجد جمهورا يتبناها. ورغم ذلك، فإن حدة الأزمة الاقتصادية وعدم قدرة هذه الأفكار السياسية على إحداث تغيير يعنى أن تأثيرها سيكون متذبذبا وغير مستقر. إن الصراع بين المصالح الطبقية يحتدم في بلاد رأسمالية الدولة السابقة، وتناقضات الأفكار السائدة في الحركة العمالية تتقلص لدرجة أن الصراع من أجل الديمقراطية الاشتراكية سيكون صراعا متواترا في السنوات القادمة. ومع اكتساب الديمقراطية طبقة من وجهة نظر العمال، فسوف تصبح عاملا أيديولوجيا ديناميكيا في عودة ميلاد الاشتراكية الثورية.

1 ..: سبب (الدوشة) عدم تنفيذ الحكومة 10 أحكام فقط - بوابة الشروق

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وواصل خلوصى قائلا: نعم ترفض الحكومة تنفيذ بعض الأحكام لاعتبارات المصلحة العامة، ولكنها لا تتجاوز 10 أحكام فقط منها حكم وقف تصدير الغاز لإسرائيل، وأوقفت تنفيذه فيما بعد المحكمة الإدارية العليا، فلماذا يتم غض الطرف عن ملايين الأحكام التي يتم تنفيذها والتركيز على بعض الأحكام القليلة.

وذكر أنه على سبيل المثال يكون لدى المباحث معلومات عن أن أحد الأشخاص خطير على الأمن العام، ويدرج وزير الداخلية اسمه على قوائم الممنوعين من السفر، ولكن نظرا لعدم وجود أدلة تؤيد المعلومات المتوافرة تصدر المحكمة حكما بالسماح له بالسفر، ولا يتم تنفيذ الحكم للصالح العام.

هو مش المفروض لما قاضي يقول حاجة زي دي يعزل؟



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in Outliner: Amnesty, Reclaiming Grownds

Ethan is right on, as his habit

I observed earlier this year that the internet is helping us realize that the value of an ad impression is much, much lower than we believed they were in the age of newspapers. Clay Shirky has sharpened that argument and used it to make the case that newspapers will fail as a model before we're able to invent a sufficient alternative.

I'd broaden that argument somewhat – services like Facebook and Twitter are emerging as critical pieces of social infrastructure. It may be worth thinking of them as public goods. We know a lot of different ways to provision public goods – states maintain them using taxation, private entities build them and charge access fees, communities build them and rely on user support, NGOs provide services and use a hybrid of user fees, donations and foundation support. I don't think it's crazy to think that this might be how we choose to build social networks in the future... or perhaps if any of the tools we rely on becomes less reliable.

There are early indications that some firms may be trying to restrict their offerings in developing nations, offering "lite" versions as a way of reducing costs to users less likely to generate revenues. But the real potential of these tools may be in organizing political and social movements in places where other media is closed off. I can imagine a future in which a foundation offers some grant money to seed social media communities designed to provide ubiquity in developing nations for reasons of protecting and encouraging free speech... and I can even imagine these communities becoming more useful and vital than the tools we've so rapidly come to rely on in our current social media universe.

1 . نفع الجديد للإمبريالية الأمريكية | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

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موقف مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية و حوار عليه بين حسن خليل و هيثم جبر

كان ماركس قد تنبأ بان الفشل فى الوصول للاشتراكية سيعنى العودة للبربرية . وهذا تحديدا ما نراه فى مجتمعاتنا بدرجات مختلفة العودة الكاملة للبربرية مثل الصومال

1 . ليل لطبيعة الانتفاضات الطلابية | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

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إن ما يسمى باليسار الجديد والذي ظهر في إطار الانتفاضات الطلابية في أوروبا في الستينات، كان يطرح أن الطلبة هم القوة الاجتماعية البديلة للطبقة العاملة التي فقدت ثورتها، وأنهم بتحالفهم مع المثقفين، قادرين على تحرير العمال وتحرير العالم من النظام الرأسمالي، ونحن كاشتراكيين ثوريين نرى في هذا الطرح تمييزاً للصراع الطبقي واستبدالية فجة، فالطبقة العاملة هي القوة الاجتماعية الوحيدة القادرة على تدمير الرأسمالي، وتحرير نفسها وتغيير العالم، والطلبة ليسوا طبقة اجتماعية ولا يمكن أن يكونوا، فهم - كما ذكرنا من قبل - جماعة من الشباب من طبقات اجتماعية مختلفة في مرحلة انتقالية مضطهدون ويعانون من أزمة معرفية وحالة اغتراب عامة، وهذه الأزمة وحالة الاغتراب تسمح لأعداد كبيرة منهم أن يتبنوا رؤية ماركسية ثورية، لكن هذا لا يمكن أن يتحقق، دون أن يكون مطروحا عليهم برنامج ثوري في إطاره السياسي والتنظيمي، يبتعد عن الأوهام القومية، ويطرح استراتيجية طبقية ثورية.

3 (صلاح الانصارى محمد - عمال المحلة ما بين 1927 - 1947) 1

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فجاء وقادته لجنة سرية للاحتجاج على الظروف السيئة التي كان يعمل فيها عمال النسيج فى شركة مصر بالمحلة الكبرى

وكان الاضراب عنيفا غاية العنف و حطم العمال الالات وبعض الابنية , واستخدمت الحكومة قوات الجيش والبوليس فى القضاء على الاضراب , وحدثت مجزرة رهيبه جرح فيها المئات والقى القبض على 150 من .. العمال قدموا للمحاكمة . وحكم على 50 منهم بالسجن , وقد استمر هذا الاضراب حوالى شهرين

ولكن من الملاحظات الهامة التى يجب ان نسجلها هنا عن التحول الهام فى اضرابات هذه المرحلة , ان بعض الاضرابات والمظاهرات نظمت من اجل مطلب يهم الطبقة العاملة كلها و هو المطالبة بضرورة اصدار . تشريع للعمل .

Dialogue with Ahali on the Kurdish question and anarc... 1

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Anarchism

NationalLiberationMovements

On the other hand, the Turkish popular movement, as it is "modernist", is divided from the Kurdish movement, whose theory is getting closer to anarchism by its relentless criticism of State-centred socialism. Especially over the last ten years, the Kurdish movement has turned away from a State-centred struggle to a more thorough idea of social revolution. This is sometimes named as "democratic confederalism" or sometimes "democratic comunalism" etc. But we can say this theory is getting richer with the views of social ecology, inspired by the teachings of Murray Bookchin.

Boston Review — Evgeny Morozov: Texting Toward Uto... 8

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Regime change by text messaging may seem realistic in cyberspace, but no dictators have been toppled via *Second Life*, and no real elections have been won there either; otherwise, Ron Paul would be president.

Yes, so that's Evgeny for you

Cyber-utopians' biggest conceptual mistake is treating cyberspace as some kind of anarchist zone, which the authorities dare not enter except to shut things down. Media reports encourage this view of authoritarian governments as technophobic Internet censors.

But why would authorities not pursue a two-pronged strategy, both restricting access to the most undesirable Web sites and using the Web to manipulate public opinion? This is precisely how authoritarian governments have dealt with more significant media threats in the past. The Soviets did not ban radio; they jammed certain Western stations, cracked down on dissenting broadcasters at home, and exploited the medium to promote their ideology. The Nazis took a similar approach to cinema, which became a preferred propaganda tool in the Third Reich.

Valid, but also misses the point. Internet is a far more democratic medium compared to cinema and radio. Internet is much less capital-intensive. Although not perfectly flat due to digital divide, a 40% democracy is certainly better than a 2% democracy.

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«السماح بمشاركة القطاع الخاص في إدارة المياه الجوفية و«النيل»... 4

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معالجتها للتأكد من صلاحيتها للاستخدام الزراعي، وكذلك إقامة محطات تحليه البحار ومياه الآبار الجوفية شبه المالحة

الأمطار و المياه الجوفية دا زي بوليفيا

تشجيع إنشاء روابط مستخدمى المياه فى الأراضى القديمة المروية علىى المجارى المائية والآبار العامة

طبقا لمشروع القانون الجديد، فإنه يضع نظم يتم بموجبها تعهد القطاع الخاص والأهلى بإدارة وتشغيل وصيانة جزء أو أجزاء من منشآت الري والصرف، وفقا لطرق الإسناد التى تنص عليها قواعد المناقصات والمزايدات العامة للدولة وتحت إشراف ومتابعة أجهزة الوزارة

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عقب الضابط مصعب على كل الرسائل .. رسالة رسالة ، و كان يسألني عن كل شخص أرسل لي رسالة ، و عما إذا كان مدونا أم لا ، و عن اسم مدونته ان امكن ، و عن و عن

1 .ونى : استقالة الخضيرى من القضاء (فرقة) إعلامية - بوابة الشروق

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Judiciary

وقال لـ"الشروق" إن الخضيرى يهدف للفرقة الإعلامية، حيث إن استقالته ليس لها معنى لأنه كان سيترك "القضاء بعض بضعة شهور لبلوغه سن التقاعد، وبالتالي " كان خارج خارج

وأوضح بسيونى الذى تمكن من هزيمة الخضيرى فى انتخابات القضاة بالإسكندرية منذ عامين، وأزاحه عن رئاسة النادي أن الخضيرى يبلغ من العمر 69 عاما، وكان من المقرر إحالته للتقاعد فى شهر يونيو المقبل أى بعد 9 شهور، وبالتالي لم يكن هناك داع للعجلة على الاستقالة، فكان سيخرج بطريقة طبيعية، لكنه رغب فى لفت الأنظار إليه.

1 [مجاهيل و مشاهير-Islam-Online]

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NoamChomsky

Islamism

MuslimBrotherhood

أسامة القفاش بيكتب فى إسلام أونلاين إن تشومسكى متشائم علشان ملحد

بينما تتعدد إحباطات العلماني، ولا يرى فى الجنس البشرى الذى يحبه ويؤمن بقدراته إلا دمارًا وكرهية وهزائم متكررة، ولا يجد منبعًا يستمد منه الإيمان، ومن ثم لا مناص من إحساسه بالفشل والإحباط رغم استمراره فى العمل الدؤوب لتغيير هذا إن تشومسكى مثال لهذا المثقف الإنسانى العلماني الذى يحب الإنسانية، ولكنه لا يجد القدرة على الأمل؛ لافتقاد الإيمان

-د.أسامة القفاش-

3 Ending Africa's Hunger | Stuffed and Starved

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Food

RajPatel

BillGates

Comparison between the Green Revolution and the current agricultural work done by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

As John Perkins writes in his magisterial Geopolitics and the Green Revolution, it was instigated by the US government not out of a direct concern for the well-being of the world's hungry but from a worry that a hungry urban poor might take to the streets and demand left-wing changes in



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the shah of Iran. I call it the Green Revolution." Steeped in the cold war, the first Green Revolution was designed to prevent any other revolutions from happening.

From 1970 to 1990 the amount of food available per person rose by 11 percent, and more than 150 million people were lifted from the ranks of the world's hungry. But most of that rise was driven by transformations inside China. Subtract China from the picture and the heyday of the Green Revolution saw global hunger increase by 11 percent.

Furthermore, the first Green Revolution was made possible through the philanthropy of a billionaire American family--the Rockefellers; the second is bankrolled by Gates. This is not a superficial coincidence: the destinies of millions of the world's poorest farmers are again being shaped by the richest Americans, and philanthropic choices are very different from democratic ones.

Normalization with Israel not a dead end « Bikya Masr 1

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in **Outliner**: Reclaiming Grownds

Joseph Mayton is against BDS

What needs to happen is a full and complete normalization with Israel. In doing so, Egyptian journalists and cultural organizations will be able to gain the proper respect and ability to accurately attack the Jewish state for its continued policies toward the Palestinians. Journalists can interview and ask the hard questions, demanding an answer to the atrocities that Israel continues to perpetuate across the region. It is a win-win situation for all. Israel would be forced to answer to their Arab neighbors the questions that have been off-limits for years.

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Forest a Desert, Cool the World -- Inman 2009 (914): 2 -- ... 1

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ClimateChange

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Considerations about the Anarchist Programme - Engli... 1

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A revolutionary programme is, in a few words, a set of very precise and concrete proposals to advance towards profound social transformations. It is not revolutionary...



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movement; studies potential allies and enemies; and proposes a series of changes, as well as a way to reach them by means of struggle. In all of these moments of elaboration of the programme, theory serves as a guide. Theory, not understood as dogma, but as a tool to better comprehend the world.

1 ودراسته في البرلمان تتوقف عند نقطة (تافهة جدًا) - بوابة الشروق

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Women

Law

Judiciary

واستوقفنا اتفاقية واحدة خاصة بحقوق المرأة في البلدان الأفريقية، حيث تبين أنها تضم مخالفات صارخة للقانون والدستور المصري، وتلغى تماما الشريعة الإسلامية، حيث تتيح للمرأة تعدد الأزواج، وتلغى فكرة الولي الشرعى على الأبناء، كما تساوى بين الرجل والمرأة فى التوريث.

وكشف فرغلى أن الحكومة لم تعرض عليه طوال رئاسته لقسم التشريع إلا 5 اتفاقيات دولية وقعت عليها مصر على هامش مؤتمر للدول الأفريقية استضافته مصر منذ سنوات، رغم أن القانون نص على وجوب عرض هذه الاتفاقيات خاصة ما سيتحول منها إلى جزء من الدستور المصرى العامل على مجلس الدولة، فيقول: فوجئت ذات صباح بمساعد وزير الخارجية أحمد أبو الغيط يرسل لى 5 اتفاقيات دولية، تمهيدا لتوقيع مصر عليها مع الدول الأفريقية، مع توصية بمراجعتها سريعا لأن حفل التوقيع سيكون مساء نفس اليوم.

واستطرد فرغلى: عقدت جلسة طارئة لقسم التشريع لبحث الاتفاقيات الخمس، حيث كانت منها 4 اتفاقيات إجرائية عادية، واستوقفنا اتفاقية واحدة خاصة بحقوق المرأة فى البلدان الأفريقية، حيث تبين أنها تضم مخالفات صارخة للقانون والدستور المصري، وتلغى تماما الشريعة الإسلامية، حيث تتيح للمرأة تعدد الأزواج، وتلغى فكرة الولي الشرعى على الأبناء، كما تساوى بين الرجل والمرأة فى التوريث.

1 وأنتظر حكم الدستورية في (العائدين للمسيحية) - بوابة الشروق

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Judiciary

MuslimBrotherhood

وعن رأيه فى قرارات رئيس الجمهورية بإحالة المدنيين للمحاكمة العسكرية، ومنهم خيرت الشاطر النائب الثانى لمرشد الإخوان، خصوصا أن دعاوى إلغاء هذه القرارات تدخل فى اختصاص الدائرة التى سترأسها من أكتوبر المقبل، قال فرغلى إن «المادة 6 فقرة ب» من قانون المحاكم العسكرية تمنح الرئيس صلاحية إحالة أنواع معينة من الجرائم والقضايا إلى القضاء العسكرى، ولا تمنحه سلطة إحالة متهمين بعينهم

والواقع أنه تتم إحالة قيادات الإخوان المسلمين إلى المحكمة العسكرية فى قضايا عادية مثل غسل الأموال، ويحاكم المتهمون الآخرون فيها أمام المحاكم العادية، مما يمثل مخالفة صارخة للدستور والقانون، علما بأن التأصيل القانونى لها واضح، ولا يستحق الإحالة للمحكمة الدستورية العليا كما يطالب البعض

1 Sustainable cities are the solution | David Lepasca | Co...

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ClimateChange

Urban

Sustainability

The carbon footprint of urban dwellers is relatively light, says [a report by David Dodman](#) in the April issue of Environment and Urbanisation. Dodman, a researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development, examined emissions reports from cities in the Americas, Asia and Europe.

He found that New Yorkers emit a third less greenhouse gases than the average American and that Barcelonans and Londoners emit about half of their national averages. And urban Brazilians are truly green: the residents of Sao Paolo and Rio de Janeiro are responsible for only one-third the national emissions average. Dodman's paper complements an earlier study by IIED senior fellow David Satterthwaite, who argued that [cities emit about 40% of all greenhouse gases](#), as opposed to the oft-cited 80%.



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Protecting climate change refugees | Steve Trent | Co... 1

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ClimateChange

Every year, climate change leaves more than 300,000 people dead, 325 million people seriously affected, and economic losses of \$125bn. If anyone should be in any doubt as to the comparative costs of propping up failing economies, and of protecting millions of people from climate change, the UN has estimated that annual global spending to mitigate the worst effects of climate change amounts to about \$0.5bn. Compare that with the \$150bn spent by the US federal government to bail out just one failing insurance company, or the top nine US banks which gave over \$32bn in bonuses alone that same year.

Lessons for the anarchist movement of the Israeli-Leba... 5

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Anarchism

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Hizbullah

Instead, I propose a different anarchist approach: Revolutionary anarchists should, at the same time, (1) be in solidarity with the people of the oppressed nation against the oppressor (in this case Lebanon against the U.S.-Israel), while (2) politically opposing all bourgeois-statist (nationalist, Islamist, etc.) programs and leaderships (here Hezbollah, other nationalists, etc.) in favor of revolutionary, internationalist socialist-anarchism. By "solidarity" I mean being "on the side of" the people of the oppressed nation, supporting them against attacks from their oppressors. (Which does not prevent us from sympathy for Israeli--and U.S.--soldiers, but this is a sympathy due to their humanity and their working class background, not a solidarity with their being soldiers.)

This issue is an aspect of a broader question: the relationship between class issues and specific nonclass issues when seeking liberation. The problem of oppression may be divided between class exploitation and other, nonclass, forms of oppression. Class exploitation refers to the way the capitalists pump surplus value out of the workers (and also to the exploitation of peasants by landlords and capitalists). Nonclass oppressions include the oppression of women (gender), of People of Color (race), of Gays and Lesbians (homophobia), of minority religions, of youth, etc., as well as national oppression. Working class oppression is specific to capitalism and its resolution requires socialist revolution. The other oppressions (even that of the peasants--who are still a large proportion of humanity) are often remnants from pre-capitalism. They are forms of oppression which capitalism, in its revolutionary youth, "promised" to abolish. This was the bourgeois-democratic program as raised in the great capitalist revolutions of England, the U.S., France, and Latin America.

Historically, the class struggle tendency within anarchism (anarchist-syndicalism and most anarchist-communism) has focused on the workers' class struggle against the capitalists. They have often treated nonclass oppressions as unimportant, as illusions created by the capitalists to trick the workers, to split and weaken the working class. Once this is pointed out to the workers, supposedly, they would see through this trick and unite against the bosses. This simplistic view is also raised in a crude version of Marxism.

An understanding of the reality of special oppressions does not deny the valid insights of historical materialism. It does not deny the importance of class analysis. To repeat, many oppressions were created by current or past material (class) factors. All of them interact with capitalism (that is, the capital-labor relationship). All are affected by capitalism, as they affect it in turn (dialectically, shall we say). For example, the oppression of women predates capitalism, and



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In reaction to foreign oppression, the people of these nations develop a desire for national freedom. First they want their "own" state, and then other measures of independence from the imperialists, such as not being invaded, as well as not being economically dominated. In the absence of an alternative they turn to nationalism. Nationalism is not just a love of one's country and a desire for its freedom. As a developed program, it means the unity of all sectors of a country, the rich and poor, capitalists and workers, landlords and peasants, patriarchal men and women, the dominant nation and minorities, all "united" against other nations, including THEIR workers, peasants, women, and national/racial minorities. The aim is an independent national state, with its own army, secret police, flag, and postage stamps, and its own national rulers. Meanwhile the capitalists of the imperialist countries encourage nationalism (or patriotism) among their workers, to maintain their rule and use the workers as soldiers against the oppressed nations.

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Eyewitness Lebanon: In the land of the Blind - Anarkismo 1

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Anarchism

Lebanon

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Syria

Syria/Lebanon's anarchist history is slender, but a ground-breaking study by Ilham Khuri-Makdisi (12) shows that from about 1904, a group of Syrian/Lebanese radicals grouped around the figure of Daud Muja'is began disseminating socialist thought, and established night schools and reading rooms in Beirut and in Mount Lebanon (then a semi-autonomous province of the Ottoman Empire). This network interacted with other revolutionary networks in the region, notably the multi-ethnic network in Alexandria and Cairo that established the Free Popular University in Egypt in 1901, and the International League of Cigarette Workers and Millers of Cairo in 1908 (Egypt had been represented by Errico Malatesta in the Black International as far back as 1881 and by 1895, the first Arabic anarchist translations appeared).

أفق بين حركة كفاية والحزب الوطني حول التوريث - بوابة الشروق 4

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Democracy

Kifaya

in Outliner: Reclaiming Grownds

أعلن الدكتور هانى عنان، أحد أبرز مؤسسى حركة كفاية، تأييد وصول جمال مبارك للحكم شرط تغيير أو تعديل المادة 77 من الدستور، التى تتيح إعادة انتخاب رئيس الجمهورية لفترات متتالية غير محدودة.

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جاء التصريح المفاجئ لعنان مساء الخميس فى إطار حوار مع الزميل جابر القرموطى فى برنامج مانشيت حذر فيه العضو القيادى فى حركة كفاية التى قامت على شعار: «لا توريث» من التفكك، on tv، على فضائية والاستقطاب بل والخراب الذى يمكن أن يحل بالبلاد لو لم يتول أمرها شخص من داخل النظام.

وكانت «الشروق» علمت من مصادر قريبة من لجنة السياسات بالحزب الوطنى عن وجود استعداد داخل قيادة الحزب الحاكم للتحرك فى اتجاه تعديل المادة 77، بما يشمل تحديد فترات إعادة انتخاب رئيس الجمهورية، فيما لو تم التوصل إلى توافق عام بين المعارضة والحزب على ذلك.

ومن غير المعروف إذا ما كانت تصريحات عنان قد جاءت فى سياق صفقة أو توافقات جار الحوار بشأنها بين الحزب الوطنى وحركة كفاية، حيث أكد عنان فى الحوار نفسه أن مصر تاريخيا لم يحكمها أحد من خارج النظام، مؤكدا أن الشعب المصرى يسعى إلى الاستقرار والحفاظ على مكاسبه من الحرية مهما تكن هشة، وهو الأمر الذى قد يتعرض للتهديد فى حالة ما إذا وصل إلى الحكم شخص من خارج النظام. كما أبدى عنان تخوفا من وصول الإخوان للحكم، وهو ما اعتبره مأساة على مصر التى ستتحول حينها إلى إيران أخرى.



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Egypt

Tanta

Flax

Textile

Workers

Autonomy

in **Outliner:** Reclaiming Grownds

Gamal Othman, a strike leader at the Tanta Flax & Oils Company, took to the podium and announced the nationalization of the Company. Othman and his fellow workers commemorated the 105th Day of their strike and agreed that "the company no longer belongs to the Saudi Investor Abdelallah Saleh El Kaaki, the company belongs to the workers."

A cyberspace Lenin-why not? 7

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the fundamental lesson of revolutionary materialism is that revolution must strike twice, and for essential reasons. The gap is not simply the gap between form and content. What the 'first revolution' misses is not the content, but the form itself--it remains stuck in the old form, thinking that freedom and justice can be accomplished if we simply put to use the already existing state apparatus and its democratic mechanisms.

Along the same lines, the partisans of the 'first revolution' want to subvert the capitalist domination within the very political form of capitalist democracy. This is the Hegelian 'negation of the negation': first the old order is negated within its own ideologico-political form; then this form itself has to be negated.

Is there not also an explosive potential for capitalism itself in the world wide web? Is not the lesson of the Microsoft monopoly precisely the Leninist one: instead of fighting its monopoly through the state apparatus (recall the court-ordered split of the Microsoft corporation), would it not be more 'logical' just to *socialise* it, rendering it freely accessible? Today one is thus tempted to paraphrase Lenin's well-known motto, 'Socialism = electrification + the power of the soviets': 'Socialism = free access to internet + the power of the soviets.'

Do we insist that only those involved in 'real' material production are the working class, or do we accomplish the fateful step of accepting that the 'symbolic workers' are the (true) proletarians today? One should resist this step, because it obfuscates the *division* between immaterial and material production, the *split* in the working class between (as a rule geographically separated) cyber-workers and material workers (programmers in the US or India, the sweatshops in China or Indonesia).

Perhaps it is the figure of the *unemployed* who stands for the pure proletarian today: the unemployed's substantial determination remains that of a worker, but they are prevented from actualising it *or* from renouncing it, so they remain suspended in the potentiality of workers who cannot work. Perhaps we are today in a sense 'all jobless'--jobs tend to be more and more based on short term contracts, so that the jobless state is the rule, the zero level, and the temporary job the exception.

If today's 'post-industrial' society needs fewer and fewer workers to reproduce itself (20 percent of the workforce, on some accounts), then it is not workers who are in excess, but capital itself.

However, the outcome of this crisis of private property of the means of production is by no means guaranteed--it is *here* that one should take into account the ultimate paradox of Stalinist society. Against the capitalism which is the class society, but in principle egalitarian, without direct hierarchical divisions, 'mature' Stalinism is a classless society articulated in precisely defined hierarchical groups (top *nomenklatura*, technical workers, army, etc). What this means is that, already for Stalinism the classic Marxist notion of the class struggle is no longer adequate to



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travel, education). And perhaps the ultimate irony of history will be that, in the same way, Lenin's vision of 'central bank socialism' can be properly read only retroactively, from today's world wide web. The Soviet Union provided the first model of the developed 'post-property' society, of the true 'late capitalism' in which the ruling class will be defined by direct access to the (informational, administrative) means of social power and control and to other material and social privileges: the point will no longer be to own companies, but directly to run them, to have the right to use a private jet, to have access to top healthcare, etc--privileges which will be acquired not by property, but by other mechanisms (educational, managerial, etc).

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1 . استعداد لمقاضاة وزارة الداخلية بسبب حقوق البهائيين - بوابة الشروق

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Egypt

Baha'i

ID

رفضت مصلحة الأحوال المدنية استخراج البطاقات للأزواج والزوجات البهائيين نظرا لأن عقد الزواج البهائي غير معترف به من الدولة ، ورفضت المصلحة استخراج أي بطاقات هوية للأزواج والزوجات ، واقتصر استخراجها على غير المتزوجين.

1 Digital Music Can Save the Planet

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ecogeek.org

Music

Internet

P2P

ClimateChange

The study found that buying digital music results in a 40 to 80 percent reduction in energy use and carbon emissions compared to distributing CDs, and that factors in the energy used to download the files over the Internet. The study compared four different ways of obtaining and listening to music, listed from most energy intensive to the least: buying a CD in-person at a record store, buying a CD online, downloading an album and then burning it to a CD (both with and without a jewel case) and downloading an album and listening to it digitally.

Also, if the album size is 260 MB (compared to the standard 60 to 100 MB) or more, then that would equal the energy and emissions of buying a CD online because of the extra energy needed to download it.

Hmmm. I udownload FLAC, which is usually more than 260 MB an album.

1 وزير البترول يحذر من أزمة بنزين خطيرة - بوابة الشروق

Aug 21, 2009

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Egypt

Fuel

Oil

وقال إن معدل الزيادة فى استهلاك البنزين خلال الفترة من 90 وحتى 2000 لم يزد على 1%، لكن معدل الزيادة قفز أكثر من 17 ضعفا خلال العام الماضى وتراوح معدل الزيادة فى الاستهلاك ما بين 15% و17%. هل تعلمون أن معدل الزيادة فى استهلاك البنزين خلال العامين الماضيين وصل إلى 31%؟

This is the same period when suburbia flourished in Cairo.

1 SHE2I2: Tanta Flax Company Strike Enters its 80th Day

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Egypt

Textile

Workers

Strikes

Tanta

JanoCharbel

in Outliner: Reclaiming Grownds

This strike is the first one to ever be authorized by the General Union for Textile Workers. Commenting as to why the general union authorized this strike and not any other strike since 1957, el Gehary said "this is a special case. In its attempts to reclaim these workers' rights, the



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Twitter is Not An Emergency Broadcast System 1

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Twitter

Activism

Twitter co-founder Evan Williams said specifically in one of the meetings that [TechCrunch posted notes from](#) that "Twitter is not an alert system."

Those same documents made it clear that the Twitter Terms of Service are subject to extensive revision as well. It wouldn't be a surprise at all to see those Terms changed to prohibit use of Twitter for emergency broadcast purposes.

.. "البيئة" تنفى.. والخبراء يؤكدون أنها تدخل على هيئة "بضائع مهربة" 1

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Environment

Clemenceau

وزارة البيئة بتتكم عن اتفاقية بازل

وزارة البيئة من جانبها برأت ساحتها، على لسان مصدر مسئول بوزارة البيئة، أكد أن مصر لا تستقبل أى نفايات من الخارج فى إطار الالتزام باتفاقية "بازل" التى تمنع نقل النفايات الخطرة عبر الحدود دي الاتفاقية ال الحكومة خالفتها لما عدت حاملة الطائرات الخردة كليمنصو

2 عفوًا: الجيش لا يصنع ثورة! | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

Aug 4, 2009

www.e-socialists.net

Egypt

Nasser

Army

KamalKhalil

بالرغم من أن قوانين الإصلاح الزراعي، التي طبقت في العهد الناصري، كانت مكسباً إصلاحياً هاماً لمئات الآلاف من الفلاحين المصريين، حيث تم توزيع أراضي على الفلاحين، لكنهم لم يحصلوا على أية عقود ملكية لتلك الأراضي، رغم أنهم سدّدوا ثمن الأراضي على أقساط طوال عشرات السنين، وحينما تم رفع الحراسة عن ممتلكات الإقطاعيين السابقين، سنت قوانين تلو قوانين لهذا الغرض، بدأ طرد الفلاحين من أراضيهم، في سراندو، وبهوت، ودكرنس، وغيرها، وأمام المحاكم لم يكن لديهم سندات ملكية، وتخلت عنهم هيئة الإصلاح الزراعي، تمتع الفلاحون بالأرض حينما أصدر القائد والزعيم قوانين للإصلاح الزراعي، ويموت القائد تبخرت القوانين، وطرد الفلاحين من الأرض.

رغم أنني أعرف أن "لو" تفتح عمل الشيطان، وأن كلمة "لو" لا محل لها من الإعراب الآن، لكنني مضطر لقولها، وملعون أبو الشيطان: " لو استمرت الحركة الشعبية في الأربعينيات، واتسعت موجات الإضرابات، واتسع تمرد الفلاحين في كفر نجم وبهوت وغيرها، و سارت حركة الكفاح المسلح ضد الإنجليز في طريقها، الذي بدأت في أوائل الخمسينات، وتعمق الطريق الذي بدأه الطلبة والعمال في "اللجنة التحضيرية للطلبة والعمال"، وتعمق مجرى النضال الشعبي، ولو لم يتم قطع الطريق عليه، لكان حال الجماهير والتاريخ في مصر مختلف كل الاختلاف، ولشق التاريخ مجرى آخر مجرى النضال من أسفل، مجرى القرارات التي تنبع من القاعدة الجماهيرية، مجرى استقلال الحركة الجماهيرية، وعدم تبعيتها للعسكر"

لكن بدلاً من أن تفتح عمل الشيطان تعالوا نقول:

إن 23 يوليو تحتاج الآن لثورة جديدة، والثورة الجديدة والتغيير لازم يكون من أسفل، من تحت، من قلب الجماهير، مش من العسكر، أما تعليق الآمال على تحرك الجنرالات، ورجال المخابرات، والصراعات في كواليس السلطة يبقى خيبة، خيبة كبيرة قوي، هذا الوهم الموجود في ذهن البعض، إذا حدث فمعناه أن تفقد الحركة الجماهيرية استقلالها، بل ربما تفقد وجودها ذاته، حيث لا يمكن أن تدخل كلمة "جيش" في جملة شعبية مفيدة، إلا إذا قلنا: "تجيش تقتلني".

MySpace to Unveil Integration With Sites Around the W... 2

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MySpace

SocialNetworks

First as Facebook grows rapidly in both user numbers and integration with sites around the web



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connection with MySpace. The microformatted markup makes this a lot smarter than Facebook Connect, frankly.

Keller says that MySpace is working on and will soon deploy technology that closely monitors what kind of friend updates users show interest in. If I often click on your photos but never read your blog posts, or I am very interested in your book reviews but don't care about your events listings, then MySpace will feature those kinds of your updates in my friends' activity feeds more or less prominently. Knowing what kinds of activities are being brought in from other sites will help make that more possible. The same information will facilitate smarter recommendations of content you might like.

Permaculture Global Report: Greening the Desert 1

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Jordan

Desert

Permaculture

A second set of courses were taught with much enthusiasm and many local farmers began to use permaculture techniques and inquire how we had achieved such positive results on such poor land. But the site had to stand its first real test, the extreme climatic conditions of the intense dry season, which it did remarkably well, and as the rains began again and the temperatures cooled in October 2001 planting was recommenced and the rapid growth continued, with the best annual rainfall in twenty years of 200mm. In December 2001 the irrigation was switched off for 1 month, an incredible test of strength for such a young system. There was some slight stress in the guavas but no losses and no negative effect on the whole system. The rapid growth continued a crop of winter Barley and a commercial crop of organic onions was grown between the swales with astounding success and the total site turned green.

برای بازگفتن - ترجمه انگلیسی مقاله من "بچه های اعماق" واقعی 1

Aug 2, 2009

bazgooftan.blogfa.com

Iran

Protests

Translator's note: Fuad is a young activist/intellectual and blogger. In his recent blog entry, he objects to an older Iranian leftist intellectual who calls Ahmadinejad's supporters the "youth of the lower depths." Fuad describes his own view of the class and social composition of the protests that have taken place in Tehran after the fraudulent June 12, 2009 election. Excerpts follow. -- Frieda Afary

Our dear intellectuals who still act like "leftists," have a problem. They have turned leftism into a religion. A religion that has certain rites. These rites begin with insulting the U.S. and the West. They include mythologizing the worker. These rites equate a modern lifestyle to being too westernized and Americanized and sissy. They classify anyone in this category as part of the "velvet revolution." They ignore the fact that the youth who are screaming in the streets and demand an honorable modern life, are mostly from the lower-middle classes. The problem is not that the working class and the poor are supporters of Ahmadinejad and do not protest. The problem lies in the definition and typical outlook propounded by the so-called leftist intellectuals. These gentlemen still define a worker as someone who is "ugly, has calloused hands, is dishevelled, foul-mouthed, lumpen, backward, uncultured, unfamiliar with the internet and satellite T.V., sexist, listens to the music of Ahangaran [reference to Sadeq Ahangaran's lyrics about war and mourning], rides a motorcycle, smells like alcohol, onions and rose water"... Therefore they have the illusion that truncheon bearing, motorcycle riding "plainclothesmen" are the "youth of the lower depths."...



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In 1964 he was fired from his job on the railway for being politically active against the white Rhodesian government. He was told by the government that he would never work again in any position. Having to support a family of eight, Mr Phiri turned to the only two things he had, a three- hectare family landholding and the Bible. He didn't just use the Bible for spiritual guidance or inspiration, he used it as a gardening manual. Reading Genesis he saw that everything Adam and Eve needed was provided by the Garden of Eden. "So", thought Mr Phiri, "I must create my own Garden of Eden". Mr Phiri also realised though, that Adam and Eve had the Tigris and Euphrates rivers in their region - he didn't even have an ephemeral creek. "So", thought Mr Phiri, "I must also create my own rivers". He has done both.

Now this makes his work better than God's, no?

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The Clearances (firing) of the Scottish highland forests in the seventeenth century is a good example. This devastated the economy and culture of the Highlanders who ran highland cattle in the diverse and productive forests. The ecological effects were catastrophic and the pastoral farming of wool for the British textile industry which replaced the forests ensured no regeneration.

The current destruction of the Amazonian food forests and dispossession of the indigenous peoples by beef cattle ranchers is one of the final stages of a historical process which has spread from the Middle East over the last 4,000 years.

Little is known about the mysterious Etruscan who predated Roman civilisation in central Italy but it is known that they developed a highly productive tree crop agriculture and that the central Italian landscape which the Romans inherited was the resource base from which the Empire sprang. Once Rome established domination over colonies the inflow of external resource reduced the importance of local systems. Affluence led to land amalgamation and degradation, loss of agricultural skills and dependence on foreign food. When the navy could no longer ensure the arrival of the grain ships from N. Africa attempts to redevelop local production were largely a failure. The natural and cultural resource base had been destroyed. Amongst other impacts, deforestation of the uplands led to hydrological changes which gave rise to the Pontine marshes. These marshes were a source of malaria affecting the people of the area for the next 2,000 years until they were drained and maintained dry by the planting of Blue gums early this century.

The demise of the Mycenaean civilisation in the eastern Mediterranean provides another example of dependence on forests. Marshall Massey (Massey, M. Carrying Capacity and the Greek Dark Ages in Co-Evolution Quarterly no. 40 1983) puts the case for ecological catastrophe in the Greek islands about 1200 BC which prevented the resettlement of whole areas for over four centuries. The wealth and culture of the Mycenaeans was based on land resources but the nature of their land use is not known. However in the eastern Mediterranean mountain cloud forests collected moisture which sustained aquifer systems necessary for productive agriculture and urban development on the lower slopes. Desertification and loss of the soil resource would have followed loss of the high forests. The details of these processes are not known from the historical record.

It could be argued that the spread of potatoes as an alternative staple to grains in Europe was so fast partly because potato crops stored in the ground represent an even greater flexibility in the face of warfare which ravaged so many regions of Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries.

The objective of sustainable agriculture is an illusion without addressing the incredibly



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Permaculture Reflections: India: The Talupula Site, Part... 2

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India

Designing the water-harvesting system, I did not want the site to be plagued by undersized swales. For one thing, I wanted them to be able to hold a lot of water before excess would go over their spillways. Also, if they did not have gradual enough walls, they would be more prone to erosion. Over time, swales gradually fill in, too. With larger swales, they would be around longer.

As I wanted the swales to be around 1 metre from the bottom of the trench to the top of the mound, I designed the trench to be about 4 metres across (a little smaller on two of the swales) and about 4 metres across on the mound. The site was nearly devoid of vegetation, so to be on the safe side, I assumed 55% runoff, meaning a coefficient of runoff of 0.55. To determine the spacing of the swales, I used the formula

Spacing = Holding capacity per m ÷ (Runoff coefficient X Maximum rainfall in one event)

The volume of the swales per metre was to be around 1.7 cubic metres. The maximum rain in one large event in the area is 10 cm. From this, I calculated the approximate spacing for the spaces at 30 metres. Using the GPS, I was able to find the level for the second swale, 30m down from the top, then the 3rd level, 30 m down from there.

Report: Social Networks Growing while Other Social Me... 4

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SocialNetworks

the latest report shows that internet users are beginning to now center their digital life around social networks like [Facebook](#), [MySpace](#), and [Orkut](#), choosing to share their content within these sites instead of on services with a single focus, like [Blogger](#) or [Flickr](#).

General-purpose social network is the way to go. When we have a free and distributed social network, we will be able to build an activism sub-network.

Surprisingly, the only activity to see a dip is uploading videos to video sharing sites. Still, video watching is now seeing a high penetration rate among active internet users at 83%, a number consistent with last year. But when you look at how many people are uploading video to social networking sites, it's there that you see the growth. 33% upload videos to their social network profiles, up from 16.9% last year, as previously noted.

Blogging also has reached a saturation point, it appears. UM notes that 71% of users report reading blogs - an increase of only 1% since last year. This seems to correlate with recent [findings from Forrester Research](#), who also reported that no increase in blog reading was reported over last year.

Time to resign after 5 years.

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Skype As We Know It May Not Exist Much Longer, eBay ... 3

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Skype

Internet

VoIP

The only real Web 2.0 success story. Interesting. Great opportunity for free SIP alternatives

Joseph Calento at Bloomberg News cites Fourth Angle, an analyst at Info Tech Research Group



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Skype is one of the shiniest stars in eBay's portfolio of companies and is aimed to spin out as an independent company that can sell its own stock in an IPO sometime soon. That's unlikely to happen until this most important of several lawsuits the company faces is somehow resolved.

I was thinking why this is so late now.

Skype continues to grow very quickly. Now with 480 million users around the world, it is twice the size of Facebook and adding users almost as fast.

الموقف اليساري: ٢١ فبراير ١٩٤٦ 2

Jul 21, 2009

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Democracy

1946

غلب من أنتخب لهذه اللجنة من أنصار اليسار المصري الشيوعيين و الطليعة الوفدية كما أنتخب عدد من الإخوان لكنهم سرعان ما انسحبوا من اللجنة . و شكل الإخوان لجنة مناوئة سموها اللجنة القومية ثم انسحبوا منها هي الأخرى. و أنجازوا إلي صف رئيس الوزراء إسماعيل صدقي الذي كانت المظاهرات ضده بالأساس

و أستمرت الحركة في عام 47 حيث وقع نحو 400 إضراب عمالي. و كان من الممكن لهذه الحركة الجبارة أن تتطور و تتجاوز نواقصها و تتبنى شعارات اجتماعية واضحة و تتعمق لتصل للريف المصري و يتسع أفقها لطرح الجمهورية الديمقراطية الشعبية بديلا عن الملكية المكمروهة. لكن القصر لجاء إلي حرب 48 كوسيلة لصرف أنظار الشعب وزج بالجيش في معركة مباحه مسبقا . و باسم فلسطين تم القبض على كل نشطاء الحركة الشعبية المصرية المطالبة بالغاء. و باسم فلسطين جرت محاولة تخريب الحركة الشعبية و جرّها للعداء للمصريين اليهود بل حتى المصريين المسيحيين. و باسم فلسطين قام الإخوان بحملات إرهابية بحق كلا الطائفتين. و من يومها أصبحت فلسطين الحق الذي يراد به باطل و كلمة السر لوأد حركة الشعب لحياة حرة كريمة.

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Social Media, Democracy and GDP

What are the determinants that a social media campaign during a period of political unrest will be effective?

After watching a [video debate](#) (which started off talking about cyber war, then ventured into broader discussions around the use and viability of social media during a political emergency), between [Ethan Zuckerman](#) and [Evgeny Morozov](#), it made me think of the current book I'm reading (*Wars, Guns & Votes* by Paul Collier). In it Collier talks about the inverse relationship between democracy in the bottom billion and democracy in the developed world. Basically, democracy is counterproductive in most countries where people live on less than \$7/day.

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This raise a question to me. **Has anyone done qualitative research following the same lines of thinking within the blogging and social media space?** Where they contrast the social media use, and results of that use, relative to the GDP of the country where the blogging is being done.

The Angry Arab News Service/وكالة أنباء العربي الغاضب: Th... 1

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Lebanon

Journalism

Salim Al-Lawzi (the highly corrupt--in every way possible--founder and editor of the highly successful magazine, Al-Hawadith, in the 1960s and early 1970s) for example would himself write the letters to the editors and would often attack in them some reporters and journalists in his staff that he would be mad at for one reason or another.

Hehe. He is grandfather of a friend of mine

BBC NEWS | Technology | Arabic blogosphere begins t... 2

Jul 11, 2009

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Egypt

Blogs

USA

in **Outliner**: Reclaiming Grownds

The study, carried out by the Berkman Center for the Internet and Society at Harvard analyzed some 35,000 active Arabic language blogs in 18 different countries. This included several thousand blogs that mixed Arabic and English, or Arabic and French.

The study was paid for largely with US State Department funds. The findings were presented publicly at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, DC.



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the state-backed General Federation of Trade Unions has reacted largely with hostility, with most of its officials denouncing or aborting protests by workers on the factory floor. The federation, founded in 1957, had never officially endorsed a strike except once in 1993 when the General Union of Mining, Construction and Carpentry lent its support to a brief national strike by the miners.

Twittered out of trouble | The Arabist 1

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Egypt

Twitter

Activism

It was interesting to see the story unfold from the early morning, when Wael started posting what was happening to him on Twitter, the reaction of the Egyptian Twitosphere, most notably that of [Hisham Kassem](#), the president of the Egyptian Organization of Human Rights (EOHR), a prominent commentator on Egyptian politics and publisher (he was the CEO al-Masri al-Youm at its launch in 2004 till 2007 and previously owned the Cairo Times). Hisham is also a Twitter addict, and it was fascinating to see him provide Wael and the wider community dispatches about his efforts to dispatch EOHR lawyers, talk to security, and try to get Wael out of his situation. It may not be a Twitter revolution, but it's a very practical, transparent and engaging way to rally people around a cause. Congrats to Hisham on getting Wael out of trouble and letting us know how it's done. And Wael, rest well and I hope you get your laptop back soon!

Hamid Dabashi on Iran Protests: "This is Not Another R... 3

Jun 29, 2009

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Iran

DemocracyNow

In Iran, supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi have called for another protest in Tehran today in defiance of the government ban. At least nineteen demonstrators have been killed in the ten days since the election of June 12th. The government continues to detain journalists and activists and has set up a special court for demonstrators. We speak with Columbia University Professor Hamid Dabashi. He writes, "I see the moment we are witnessing as a civil rights movement rather than a push to topple the regime." [includes rush transcript]

This, in my judgment, is a post-ideological generation. My generation was divided into third world socialists, anti-colonial nationalists and militant Islamists. These are the three dominant ideologies with which we grew up. But if you look at the composition of Iranian society today, 70 percent of it is under the age of thirty—namely, born after the Islamic Revolution. They no longer are divided along those ideological lines.

And if you read their newspapers, if you watch their movies, if you listen to the lyrics of their underground music, to their contemporary arts, etc., which we have been doing over the past thirty years, this, to me, is a civil rights movement. They are operating within the Constitution of the Islamic Republic. They don't want to topple the regime. If you look—come outside, from the right of the right, in the US Senate to the left, is waiting for yet another revolution to happen. I don't think this is another revolution. This is a civil rights movement. They're demanding their civil rights that are being denied, even within the Constitution of the Islamic Republic. From their chants that they are doing in the streets to their newspapers, to their magazines, to their websites, to their Facebook, to their Twitters, everywhere that you look, this is a demand for civil liberties and not—

There are, of course, underlying economic factors, statistically. The unemployment in the age cohort of fifteen to twenty-nine is 70 percent. So this is not a class warfare. In other words, people that we see in the streets, 70 percent of them, that a majority of them are young, 70



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Gucci revolutionaries on the side of Mousavi and poor on the side of Ahmadinejad is completely false.

A Look at the Gay Rights Movement Beyond Marriage a... 1

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Well, they're arguing for—they're arguing for an adult joint support registry at a statewide level. And that means that if it were your cousin or your best friend or your lover, you can register and have access to medical decision making and inheritance rights and certain basic recognitions that people who are economically interdependent and residentially interdependent need, without having to show what your sexual life is like or asking the state, in some sense, to recognize your romantic or sexual life. Instead, you're just registering who it is you need these particular set of benefits with. So, that actually offers protections to a broader group of people than lesbian and gay couples than marriage would and also to people who are straight also, who may not want the full marriage rights and obligations and benefits that go along with marriage, to register people, whoever it is that they want to be able to share their responsibilities with. So that turns out offering more to more people.

They also really are emphasizing the fact that there are many things that are needed nationwide that are not offered by marriage, though marriage has become almost a stand-in for full civil equality. So, you know, in many states, people don't have basic housing protection or basic job—

...My heart's in Accra » Twitter and the news cycle, perf... 1

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www.ethanzuckerman.com

Twitter

Journalism

MichaelJackson

EthanZuckerman

What's really interesting to me is the extent to which news reporters seem to have chosen Twitter as the go-to source for reactions to news events. It makes sense - there's a premium in the news business on speed, on having a story faster than anyone else does, so the need for the quick quote makes Google hours to slow to help you. And the 140 character limit guarantees that whoever you quote will be pithy and limited to a single soundbite.

This, in turn, also increases the chance that you'll be wrong. A proper quote from me would probably have been something like: "The search string 'Michael Jackson' is getting intense interest on Twitter at the moment, showing up in between 13-20% of tweets. It's unlikely this level of intensity will continue through the night, but at the moment, it exceeds the intensity I've seen on Twitter during slower-breaking stories like #swineflu, #pman and #IranElection." That, unfortunately, is 337 characters - far too long for anyone to read anymore. And a clarification in the form of a blogpost? That's so 2006.

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The second key political institution is the legal system. In most western societies it is based on the principle of equal rights, or formal equality. All citizens enjoy the same rights and duties in a state that is governed by the rule of law, regardless of class, gender, race, ethnicity, or other characteristics. However, as feminists and other critics of the principle of equal rights point out, formal equality results in greater material or substantive inequality when those who are being treated equally are materially unequal.

Civil society, defined as the free association of citizens outside of formal government or economic



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"identity politics" lines. That is, people organize on the basis of identification with one's ethnic group, gender group, or class group (although, the latter is generally not included), such as women's rights groups, groups representing ethnic or racial minorities, groups representing a particular sexual orientation, or similar types of groups. While this type of civil society organization was necessary to call into question the false universalism of civil society groups that made universalistic claims, such as that of leftist political parties or socialist movements, and of the supposedly universalistic principles of the political system in general, the time has come to transcend identity politics in many countries. Identity politics tends to be based on and to foster a type of solidarity that is limited to one's own identity group and thus severely limits the potential power of mass movements based on solving problems of social injustice in general.

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A fuller analysis of the relationship between P2P, participatory economics, and capitalism is still needed for a fuller understanding of how these dynamics are playing and will play out. The outline here is merely meant to be suggestive of what might be possible and how this potentiality is and could be applied to Venezuela's transformation.

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The boundaries between race and religion | Afua Hirsch... 2

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Racism

Judaism

UK

Court confused on whether Judaism is race or religion. Very interesting. I wonder how far this can be used to reintroduce justice in Palestine to the public opinion in the UK

M, a 12-year-old boy, was refused admission to JFS – a school in North London which describes itself as having "a religious character in accordance with the principles of Orthodox Judaism".

Although M's mother had converted to Judaism, her conversion was not recognised by the chief rabbi and so the boy, despite considering himself Jewish and regularly attending a progressive synagogue, was not recognised by the school as Jewish either.

Lord Justice Sedley added, "It appears clear to us... that Jews constitute a racial group defined



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حول ما تنشره بعض الصحف لتشويه صورة الحركة « شباب 6 ابريل» 1

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"ووضح في الاجتماع ان كل من طالب باقالة احمد ماهر هم مجموعة صغيرة اغلبيهم ينتمون الى حزب العمل"
المجمد

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ما هو لو فاهمين يبقوا خطر، و لو مش فاهمين يبقوا أخطر.

How Facebook Could Create a Revolution, Do Good, an... 1

Jun 27, 2009

www.readwriteweb.com Marketing SocialNetworks Facebook VRM

The VRM model says, "I, the consumer, will tell you, the vendor, the terms under which I am willing to buy your product or service." A lovely idea. Consumers who have felt burned for decades would love it. It would do particularly well right now, when times are tough, and particularly in emerging markets where Facebook is growing and in which traditional consumer marketers (i.e. US marketers) are not interested because the consumers there are not rich enough.

Sursock: Iran—a split in the ruling class 4

Jun 17, 2009

sursock.blogspot.com Iran Elections Democracy

This faction has coalesced around the incumbent president Mahmud Ahmadinijad. They see his populist appeal as an important bulwark against the deep discontent that is sweeping the country.

A second section fears that the widespread corruption at the heart of the system is undermining popular support for the republic. They want the economy opened up and strip from power those they see as lining their pockets.

This faction, that includes many senior figures in the religious establishment, has put its hopes in Mir-Hossein Mousavi.

His advocates sweeping neoliberal economic policies as part of making the state-owned sector more "efficient". But these policies have little popular appeal. So Mousavi also promised sweeping social reforms.

Mousavi pledged to declaw the much feared morality police that enforce strict rules on dress and behaviour. He promised to open the top posts in government to women and "review" the laws that limit their rights.

He said who would bring the police under presidential control. At present the security forces are answerable only to unelected supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

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The Angry Arab News Service: Iranian developments 1

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angryarab.blogspot.com Iran Elections

When he [Moussavi] was prime minister back in the 1980s, he presided over a regime far more



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oppressive than Ahmadinajad's. And why has no Western media really commented on his rhetoric during his own campaign: the man kept saying that he wants a "return" to the teachings of Khomeini. I in no way support a man who wants a "return" to the teachings of Khomeini.

Yes, good point. We are now arguing who is worse at the moment. I believe the elections were rigged, if that means anything.

In all cases, the people are in the streets, a stone is thrown in the pond, and the state is fighting itself. I am a happy man.

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Egypt

Communism

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Socialism

History

خلال التطور اللاحق للحركة الشيوعية المصرية، ساد بين الشيوعيين تصور مؤداه أن مشكلة الحزب الشيوعي المصري الأول تمثلت في عدائه غير المبرر للبرجوازية الوطنية وحزبها الوفد. وراحت الحركة الشيوعية تندفع يمينا نحو مستنقع التحالفات مع مختلف القوى البرجوازية، وتم استبدال سياسة المواجهة الطبقيّة بسياسة "التعاون الطبقي لمصلحة الوطن الأم". إن هذه الاستراتيجية قد قادت اليسار المصري إلى الإفلاس التام وفقدان المصداقية. أما الحزب الشيوعي المصري الوليد فإن مشكلته الحقيقية في أوائل العشرينات تمثلت ليس في عدائه للبرجوازية، وإنما في إفراطه في الثقة في "ديمقراطية الوفد" وغموض استراتيجيته الثورية، مما أوقعه في مواجهة مبكرة غير متكافئة مع عدو طبقي شرس عازم على القضاء على أي تهديد للبنية الطبقيّة للمجتمع المصري. كان مقتل الحزب في عدم إدراكه لأهمية العمل السري في ظل مناخ سياسي لا تتوفر فيه من الديمقراطية البرجوازية إلا أكثر مظاهرها سطحية.

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من هذه الحالات مثلا روسيا قبل ثورة 1917 التي لم يكن مركز التنظيم العمالي بها هو النقابات المستقلة، بل كان لجنا لتأمين الصحي للعمال أنشأتها الدولة لامتصاص الحركة، فإذا بها في ظل تخطيط ثوري ناجح من جانب البلاشفة قد أصبحت قلاعا للنضالية العمالية من أسفل. كذلك هناك حالة إسبانيا التي ساهم حزبها الشيوعي، الستاليني للأسف، في إنشاء شبكة لجان قاعدية مصنعية لعبت دورا جوهريا في الحركة الصاعدة قبل سقوط ديكتاتورية فرانكو.

ذلك أن الدرس الرئيسي الذي قدمه التحليل الماركسي لمسألة النقابات هو أن النقابات التقليدية بهيكلها وتركيبها، سواء كانت مستقلة تماما أو نصف مستقلة، تخلق بالضرورة بيروقراطية نقابية تمثل، في نهاية المطاف، مصالح طبقية غير عمالية. وإنه لهذا لا بد أن يقوم انخراط الثوريين بها على إدراك لمثل هذا التناقض الهام. من هنا فإن القاعدية داخل تلك النقابات ذات الهياكل البيروقراطية، حتى اليسارية منها، وكذلك القاعدية المستقلة عن النقابات التقليدية، أي الآتية من خلال إنشاء تنظيمات عمالية قاعدية كلجان المندوبين وأمثالها، هي السلاح الرئيسي للتيار الراديكالي داخل الحركة العمالية لمواجهة البيروقراطية وتقوية الحركة من أسفل في مواجهة الدولة.

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وفي السنوات الأخيرة، شارك اليسار الراديكالي في النضال ضد بناء جدار الفصل العنصري وفضح تبعاته الحسمة على الفلسطينيين. وقد تركز نشاطه بشكل خاص، في، قريته، سلعة، وعامه. وكذلك نحو نشطاء من،



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و دول يا جماعة اسمهم تحريريون ضد الجدار

هناك عناصر محدودة من بين صفوف اليسار الراديكالي ترى أن المجتمع الإسرائيلي متعفن حتى النخاع ولا أمل في إصلاحه من الداخل. كثير من هؤلاء انتقل إلى المعسكر الآخر وانضم إلى منظمات عسكرية من اليسار الفلسطيني. وبعضهم اتهمته أجهزة الأمن، كما أسلفنا، بتسريب معلومات لدول عربية. واختار آخرون، ممن بأسوا من إمكانية الإصلاح من الداخل، أن يهاجروا من إسرائيل. وبذلك، أصبح من بقوا هم فقط من يؤمنون بإمكانية الإصلاح من الداخل. فكما لو أن طبيعة وتداعيات الصراع في إسرائيل يفرضان، جسدياً قبل فكرياً، على اليسار الراديكالي الحقيقي أن يخرج من دائرة الدولة ليستطيع أن يعارضها جذرياً.

والحقيقة أن لهذه الظاهرة، نعني تآكل اليسار الراديكالي الحقيقي داخل إسرائيل، جذور بنيوية داخل المجتمع الإسرائيلي بطبيعته الصهيونية. فإسرائيل، بالدعم الإمبريالي غير المحدود، وبسياسة الفصل العنصري المؤسسية لوجودها، مجتمع متماسك داخلياً إلى أقصى مدى يتغذى على معاداته للآخر الفلسطيني ولا تظهر بداخله تشققات طبقية-سياسية كبرى ذات مغزى. مجتمع كهذا لا يمكن إسقاط أسسه من الداخل، بل لابد أن تأتي الضربة من خارجه، من ثورة الطبقات العاملة العربية. وهذا بالتحديد هو ما يجعل من وجود يسار راديكالي حقيقي، كتيار له تأثير، أمراً بعيد المنال في تلك الدولة. وهو كذلك ما يدفع من يرفضون الصهيونية جذرياً، أي يرفضون وجود الدولة الإسرائيلية، إلى مغادرة إسرائيل جسدياً أو إلى الانتقال الشامل إلى معسكر الثورة الفلسطينية.



1 دروس مصر والعراق | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

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وكان من أهم الإنجازات الديمقراطية للحركة أنها صهرت جيلاً جديداً من القادة السياسيين معظمهم كانوا عمالاً ومزارعين. فقد كان النشطاء النقابيون على سبيل المثال يبحثون عادة عن رعاة وقادة من خارج الطبقة العاملة لدعم مطالبهم، كالنبيل عباس حليم أو مسئول حزب الوفد. لكن في الأربعينات تم تهميش هؤلاء الرعاة الخارجيون وحل محلهم قادة قادمين من صفوف الطبقة العاملة مثل يوسف المدرك من نقابة عمال التجارة وطه سعد عثمان ومحمود العسكري من نقابة عمال الغزل وعطية الصيرفي من نقابة عمال النقل. هذه الشريحة الجديدة دافعت بحمية عن استقلالها إزاء "الأفضل" اجتماعياً وتعليمياً. فمثلاً عمل طه سعد عثمان وزملاؤه عن قرب مع المحامي الشيوعي يوسف درويش، ولكنهم رفضوا منحه دوراً علنياً في لجنة العمال للتحرير القومي التي أنشأوها عام 1945.

1 كيف تتحرر فلسطين؟ | مركز الدراسات الاشتراكية - مصر

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أما حماس (حركة المقاومة الإسلامية)، والجهاد الإسلامي في فلسطين، وهما القوتان الأهم المعارضتان لمنظمة التحرير الفلسطينية ولفتح اليوم، فإن إيديولوجيتها المختلفة شكلاً لا تعني اختلافاً كبيراً في المضمون. فصلاوات الود والقنوات التي تفتحها حماس مع الأنظمة العربية معروفة للجميع (استقبل الشيخ باسند، زعيم حماس، الود، استقبال الأبطال، في الأردن، بعد إطلاق سراحه من السجون الإسرائيلية، وزاره



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الإرهاب الفردي الحماسية. حماس لا تعتمد على الجماهير ولا تضعها في حساباتها؛ حماس ترى فقط المعارك الخاطفة لمناضلين أفراد. والنتيجة المعلومة سلفًا لهذه السياسة هي زيادة القمع الوحشي الإسرائيلي، بدون أن تهتز أسس الاحتلال.

هل هذا تحليل الحزب عام 2000؟ هل تغير؟ لم؟

مشروع قانون يجرم اعتناق أديان غير سماوية - بوابة الشروق 2

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منع اعتناق أى عقيدة أخرى أو أى ديانة أرضية.

ستكون هناك إجراءات معينة لتنفيذ القرار منها الحصول على حكم محكمة تفيد بأن المتقدم لوضع (-) فى خانة الديانة بهائى

.يعني غلشان يقصروا الشرطة على البهائيين، هيثبتوا الديانة البهائية.

Beyond Resistance | Anarchist Federation pamphlet | ... 8

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Beyond Resistance is the Anarchist Federation's analysis of the capitalist world in crisis, suggestions about what the alternative anarchist communist society could be like, and evaluation of social and organisational forces which play a part in the revolutionary process.

The politics of the two superpowers (Cold War then peaceful coexistence) was based on a tacit agreement. Economic imperialism would be operated by both blocs, and conflict between the blocs would be acted out in the countries of the Third ('under-developed') World. At the same time most Third World elites came to power on the backs of national liberation movements, playing on the rivalry between the superpowers to realise their dreams of 'national independence' and to create post-colonial states.

If we as Anarchist Communists still see the working class movement as decisive it is not because of its supposed capacities as an emancipatory class but because workers are those who produce the wealth and are at the heart of the mechanism of production of capital. In the countries of the capitalist heartland, the numbers of the class remain the same as they were about 20 years ago, especially if we include all those wage earners in contemporary Capitalism. But our class has lost importance in the capitalist heartlands because it has weakened its capacity to produce capital, and hence to hold Capitalism to hostage, and to destroy it. The old workers movement is still strong only in Germany. But this is the sole European capitalist country to have preserved its industrial base (as has Japan) and not to have seriously broken with Keynesianism - with the boss class redistributing some of its profits to ensure social peace and consumerism. The burden of reunification may change all this. In other countries the trade union movement has been thoroughly integrated into Capitalism as a recognised and consulted mediator, and has lost its importance when the rules of the game changed.

Nowadays the working class, who always faced problems outside of work, has to put up with the general aggravation of life the landlord, taxes, social security, transport, the health service for the young, the education system, the workfare schemes etc., the difficulty of finding a job or home. For women, there is the double day of work - in the workplace and at home - aggravated by the attack on women going out to work. For ethnic minorities and immigrants, there is an increase in racist attacks and discrimination.



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will be no recomposition of the class without the unity of struggles, without re-creating the sense of a class in opposition to the social order. Revolutionaries must not just adopt simple voluntarism and participate in these struggles, they must advance alternative perspectives. Otherwise these struggles risk the danger of recuperation, where resistance is diverted so you end up supporting who you're supposed to be fighting e.g. by taking nationalist forms of defending the standard of living like 'Buying British'. The new movement we are talking about must go beyond defending wages and jobs (although it must do these as well). It must question the legitimacy of the capitalist system, of production for production's sake. It must question the logic of work under Capitalism. For many the need to work has become impossible because the economic system has no need (or no regular need) of their capacity to work. To give cohesion to a new movement, we have to pose all the needs of social liberation.

Of the alternatives which the workers' movement has offered, some are less useful than others. Rank and File-ism, for example, involves a 'bottom up' approach where radical workplace representatives rather than paid union convenors take the initiative. Whilst this poses a threat to slow moving and back-sliding union bureaucracy, its emphasis is still reformist and its vision limited by existing trade union structures and lack of vision. Such initiatives have sometimes proved to be vehicles for leftists climbing their organisation's career ladder, by proving themselves to be more effective reformists than the union's officials.

For similar reasons we are sceptical about the potential of syndicalism and anarcho-syndicalism as revolutionary methods. Syndicalists aim to set up alternative unions as a means to bring about revolution and such tactics have proved popular with anarchists. However, despite such unions adopting anarchist principles and often being militant in both industrial and social struggles, unions are incapable of bringing about revolutionary change. Permanent economic organisations, whatever label or ideology they adhere to, invariably become integrated into capitalism. In practice, syndicalist unions have become as bureaucratic as other unions because of their permanent position of mediation between bosses and workers. The working class should aim not only to take control of the workplace but to be liberated from it.

Recent years have seen a huge increase in wildcat strikes, industrial sabotage and attacks on the Capitalist infra-structure. Effective action has gone beyond the confines of individual workplaces and industries. For example; secretive secondary action undertaken by other workers and activists; support groups revolving around working class communities as well as involving the families of workers in dispute and making links with other non-industrial struggles; the formation of international links directly with other workers irrespective of the global collusion between bosses and unions. These tactics are now employed by workers as part of a conscious attempt to be self-active in their own defence and make effective use of their time - not handing their power over to the useless unions.

Obviously, what is emerging in an alternative workers movement which is both economic and social. Revolutionaries need to give thought to the question of how this should be structured. The AF has discussed whether the establishment of a permanent support groups network is a good idea, as the matter has been raised by workers. We should be wary of establishing any permanent structures, useful though they may seem in the short term. They may become as paralysed by bureaucracy as the unions, have to have full-time or paid workers, be prey to leftist take-over, or worst of all, have limited resources and have to decide which struggles to allocate them to and which to neglect. Not least, if they are permanent, then the State can attack them.

تضامن مصر

What is needed is the growth of a new culture of economic resistance without a permanent structure but able to produce high levels of militant activity as and when it is needed. this is not to



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means that their members cannot be identified, victimised or bought off by management, and they can concentrate on action and theory, not on self-perpetuation. Such groups must not seek to be alternative unions. They must be anti-capitalist, anti-company, anti-union and anti-party political and have no respect for legality. They should advocate class war and practise direct action to achieve their objectives. Such groups would have a propaganda function (pushing resistance and rebellion, slagging management, attacking trade and alternative unionism, advocating go-slows, non-cooperation, sabotage and unofficial action, mass sick-days etc.) and an active function (co-ordinating such activity in practice).

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One of these day, I am going to cut you down into little pieces

دم الخنزير نفسه يحتوى على جميع أنواع الأوبئة والديدان الخطيرة

كما ينقل الخنزير للإنسان الذي يأكل لحمه عادات سيئة وخصال غير حميدة لدى الخنزير مثل بلادة الإحساس وعدم الغيرة على أنثاه حيث اكتشف العلماء أن الخنزير هو الحيوان الوحيد الذي لا يغير على زوجته وعندما يرى أنثاه تعاشر ذكر خنزير آخر فإنه لا يقاتل ولا يهتم، وهو ما يفسر البعض به حالة عدم الغيرة الموجودة لدى بعض الشعوب الغربية التي تحل أكل الخنزير، فالأب مثلا لا يغير على زوجته أو ابنته والزوجة لا تغير على زوجها أيضا، كما أن الخنازير من الممكن أن تتبادل الزوجات فالخنزير يعاشر زوجه آخر والآخر يعاشر زوجته

أيضا أثبتت المشاهدات العلمية أن الخنازير تقوم بممارسه الجنس الجماعي، وللأسف انتشرت في المجتمع الغربي أيضا هذه الخصال السيئة ولعل هذا ما يفسر حكمة الخالق جل وعلى من تحريم هذا اللحم نهائيا، هذا بخلاف أن الخنزير أصلا شكله مقزز، لا يتحمل احد أن يرى شكله ، ويكفى أن الله سبحانه وتعالى حين أراد معاقبة بني إسرائيل حولهم إلى قردة وخنازير مرتين، فكيف يأكل البشر لحمه أساسا، فهذا سبب كافي أن يقلع الناس عن أكله.

Index on Censorship » These pirates won't be sunk 1

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Håkan Roswall, acting on behalf of the content companies, argued successfully that the defendants were culpable, citing a Swedish Supreme Court decision from 1963, that ruled that a defendant who held a friend's coat while the friend duffed somebody up was also culpable in the attack.

But to my mind, the very companies suing Pirate Bay have also been complicit in much the same way. If you set aside the fact that they foisted digital technology on the public in the 1980s, they then went forward and developed a set of technologies — the re-writable digital versatile disc being just one example — that have helped spread piracy in much the same way as Pirate Bay. They not so much took hold the friend's coat, but helped fashion the knuckleduster with which to beat the victim. And if you extend the logic that by creating a technology that can assist piracy you are also culpable of piracy, why stop at the Pirate Bay? Surely a whole network of agents collude to help filesharers engage in the act, including Google, Internet service providers, the inventors of BitTorrent and the telecommunications companies that distribute content to the Internet.

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Although Egypt is no stranger to strikes - the first recorded sit-in was held by Theban graveyard workers, protesting against a shortage of burying ointments during the reign of Ramses III - the latest dissent has few parallels. "It's almost unprecedented," says Bein, "it's the most democratic thing happening in Egypt."

1 الرئيس المُحْتَضُّ أو تابع التابع | جريدة الأخبار

Apr 19, 2009

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مرثية مبكرة لمبارك يكتبها أسعد

لكن حزب الله لم يتوصّل بعد إلى ما توصّل إليه جورج حبش ووديع حدّاد بعد 1967: أن هدف تحرير فلسطين يتعارض ويتناقض فعلاً وقولاً مع مهادنة الأنظمة العربيّة (وحدات الجبهة الشعيبيّة في ما بعد عن الرئيس فؤاد السنيورة (أرشيّف - أ ف ب) هذا الاستنتاج). لكن حزب الله معذور في تفضيله عدم فتح معركة مع الأنظمة، لأن سلاح الفتنة المذهبيّة، الذي تحوّل إلى سلاح ماضٍ رسمي بأيدي المعسكر السعودي، يضعف قوة حزب الله بسبب سهولة انتقاده نتيجة تركيبته الطائفيّة وأيديولوجيّته غير الجامعة. يُلام الحزب لعدم اهتمامه ببناء جبهة مساندة للمقاومة على نسق الجبهة المساندة للثورة الفلسطينيّة التي أنشأها كمال جنبلاط، ويُلام أيضاً لعدم ارتياحه إلى التحالف مع الجناح العلماني — اليساري من المقاومة في لبنان وفي غير لبنان، وإن كان لا يُلام لعدم رغبته أو قدرته على انتهاج عقيدة مغايرة لعقيدته.

2. لرب المواعيد.. و«المصري لحقوق المرأة» يعتبرها «انتقاداً للقضاء

Apr 19, 2009

www.almasry-alyoum.com Egypt Blogs Women Activism

في هذا السياق رفضت نهاد أبو القمصان، رئيس المركز المصري لحقوق المرأة، المشاركة في هذه الوقفة «رغم تبنيتها حملة شارع آمن للجميع»، مؤكدة أن هذه الوقفة تعد انتقاداً لحكم قضائي صدر ببراءة المتهم في قضية التحرش مع أسير باسر. وقالت نهاد إن وجه اعتراضها هو أنه «لا يجوز الرد على حكم قضائي بوقفة اعتراضية»، كما أن منظمي الوقفة استخدموا الشعار الخاص بحملة المركز المصري لحقوق المرأة «مش هاسيب حقي»، لمواجهة التحرش، دون إذن من المركز، مما تسبب للمركز في مشكلات مع الأمن.

في الثمّان ذاته قالت السفيرة مشيرة خطاب، وزيرة الأسرة والسكان: «إن ظاهرة التحرش الجنسي تعتبر جديدة على المجتمع المصري، ولا تتفق بأي حال مع تقاليد مجتمعنا ولا مع معتقداتنا أو عقائدنا، وتحمل وراءها فكراً ينم عن غوغائية لا تتناسب بأي حال مع مجتمع يعتنق الإسلام والمسيحية اللذين يعلمان من قيمة حقوق الإنسان ومن قيمة الحرية الشخصية.

Taliban Exploit Class Rifts in Pakistan - NYTimes.com 2

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In Swat, accounts from those who have fled now make clear that the Taliban seized control by pushing out about four dozen landlords who held the most power.

To do so, the militants organized peasants into armed gangs that became their shock troops, the residents, government officials and analysts said.

The approach allowed the Taliban to offer economic spoils to people frustrated with lax and corrupt government even as the militants imposed a strict form of Islam through terror and intimidation.

The Taliban's ability to exploit class divisions adds a new dimension to the insurgency and is raising alarm about the risks to Pakistan, which remains largely feudal.



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it happens to be the first graphic novel in Arabic

Not true. The first dangerous graphic novel, at best.

On 6 April last year – around the same time that western audiences were flocking to see a film based on the graphic novel Persepolis, set in Iran and published in Paris – Metro's publisher in Cairo was raided by the police (without a warrant).

BBCArabic.com | عدام عاشقين افغانيين علنا لانهما حاولا الزواج. 1

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وصرح حاكم نمرور غلام داستاجير آزاد ان عملية الاعدام جرت بعد اصدار رجال دين محليين فتوى تقول ان "ارتباط الشابين بعلاقة حب تعتبر" اساءة للاسلام.

واضاف الحاكم ان الشابين الذين ارتبطا بعلاقة حب حاولا الزواج واضطرا الى الهرب معا بعد رفض اسرتيهما زواجهما.

عدم المغتصب علناً.. وأزهريون يرون العلانية رادعاً - بوابة الشروق 1

Apr 9, 2009

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وأضاف الشيخ أن قوله تعالى: «وليشهد عذابهما طائفة من المؤمنين» متحقق في وجود رجال الشرطة والنيابة

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The 2006 Living Planet report assesses sustainable development by using the United Nation's Development Program's (UNDP) Human Development Index (HDI) and the ecological footprint. The HDI is calculated from life expectancy, literacy and education, and per capita GDP. The UNDP considers an HDI value of more than 0.8 to be high human development. An ecological footprint, which is a measure of demand on the biosphere, lower than 1.8 global hectares per head denotes sustainability. The only country in the world that meets both of the above criteria is Cuba.

The statistics are impressive, the country is currently consuming 34% of the kerosene, 40% of the liquefied petroleum gas(LPG) and 80% of the petroluem (gasoline) it used to consume before the implementation of the energy revolution a mere two years earlier.

I wonder if there is someone with another side of the story here. It would still be a great achievement, though.

Prior to the 1959 Cuban Revolution, 56% of the country was electrified. With the socialist revolution came a push to electrify even the remotest communities. By 1989, 95% of the country was electrified -- mostly with cheap oil traded for sugar with the Soviet Union

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مصطفى خليل – أحد عمال المعاش من شركة أسمنت طره – قال: إن العمال سيشاركون فى إضراب 6 أبريل القادم، احتجاجا على عدم صرف الشركة لنسبتهم فى الأرباح التى وصلت إلى أكثر من مليار جنيه، والتى يطالبون بها منذ عام 1990، مضيفا أنهم سيقومون بإغلاق المصنع ويمنعون دخول أى عربات إليه.

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أن الحركة اختارت يوم السبت المقبل لإعلان النقابة نظراً لما يمثله اليوم من دلالة رمزية باعتباره يوم الغضب، موضحاً أن ذلك الإعلان هو جزء من الدلالة الرمزية لغضب الإداريين مما يحدث معهم من تجاهل الحكومة لهم ولمطالبهم، ودعا جموع الإداريين لارتداء الشارات السوداء

أكد عبدالفتاح أن النقابة الجديدة مفتوحة أمام كل من الإدارى والعامل والمدرس، موضحاً أنها تحمل صفة الشرعية بموجب الدستور، خاصة المادة ٥٦ التى تمنح الحق فى تكوين التنظيمات النقابية، ودعا أعضاء نقابة العاملين بالتعليم والبحث العلمى إلى التوقف عن دفع اشتراكات النقابة، كما دعا الإداريين لزيارة مدونة الحركة وإرسال أسمائهم وبياناتهم إلى المدونة لتكوين النقابة الجديدة.

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يصل عدد البهائيين بالمحافظة - حسب المصدر - إلى ١٨٢ شخصاً

البهائيين اتخذوا من قرية الشورانية مكاناً لنشر معتقداتهم منه قبل ١٣ عاماً، وبدأت الدعوة للمعتقد بواسطة شخص يدعى عبدالسميع السيد أبو العلا وشقيقه أحمد، واستطاعا إقناع العديد من أبناء القرية، خاصة من نجى «الكبير» و«الصعابدة»، بالدخول معهما فى المعتقد الجديد

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قال بعض أهالى المنطقة إن معتنقى البهائية تربطهم علاقة جيدة مع الجميع، ولم يحدث معهم أى خلاف، ويشاركونهم فى الأفراح والأحزان، مؤكدين أن لكل شخص الحق فى اعتناق أى فكر يشاء. وأوضحوا أن البهائيين فى الحى عائلة واحدة تتكون من ثلاثة أشقاء وأسرهم.

أخلت النيابة سبيل ١١ من أهالى قرية الشورانية، متهمين بتكسير واجهات منازل قبل وقوع الحريق بيوم واحد

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Shafee and El-Sharqawy are being charged under article 178 of the Egyptian penal code which criminalizes the printing or distribution of publications which "infringe public decency."

"Under article 198 of the criminal procedures code the police has the right to seize publications which it regards as contrary to public morals," Ragheb explained.

"We could accept a trial in newspapers carried out by critics which gives the author and the publisher the right of reply. But we cannot accept that a judge — who has no connection with comics, with this written form of art — be the arbitrator," El-Sharqawy told the press conference.

"دا شرقاوي بتاع "لا حرية لأعداء الحرية

"They're scared of anything new, scared of comics which are usually for kids and which are suddenly being read by adults; comics which are dealing with the events of May 25 [2006, when female protestors and journalists were sexually assaulted by thugs while the police stood by and watched], with concerns of ordinary citizens.

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أكدت السيدة أم شحاتة والدة زوجة عبد السميع أنها لا تعرف شيئاً غير قراءة الفاتحة ولا تعلم شيئاً عن البهائية، مشيرة إلى أن ابنتها متزوجة من عبد السميع ولديها 5 أطفال وعلاقتها بها علاقة عادية وكانت تزورها بين حين وحين ولم تحاول استدراجها لهذا الدين، قائلة "أنا بريئة من بنتى ليوم الدين والأهالى هنا طيبين ما". حاولوش يؤذونى لأنهم عارفين أنى مش راضية عن بنتى ولا عن الدين ده

سعد محمد أحمد ابن عم الأشقاء الأربعة، أكد أنه عندما ظهرت البهائية على يد أقاربه، كان أهل القرية



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الشيخ أحمد حمدى- إمام وخطيب – أكد أن البهائية ظهرت فى قرية الشورانية منذ 13 عاما على يد هذه العائلة وتصدت لهم القرية بأكملها إلا أنهم رفضوا العودة فقطع أهالى القرية الصلة بهم ولم يتعاملوا معهم

الغريب أن أهل القرية جميعا معترفون بأنهم وراء حريق المنازل بل ويتسابقون لإعلان هذه المعلومة، ومع ذلك لم يتدخل الأمن لاعتقال أى منهم حتى الآن، حيث أشار عبد العال محمود على - مدير مدرسة- إلى أنه لولا تدخل قوات الأمن لكانوا أقاموا الحد على هؤلاء البهائيين وقطعوا رقابهم بالسيوف، وأضاف أن الأمن قام بتهربهم إلى خارج القرية قبل تطور الأحداث.

عبد الله على محمد السيد – طالب بالحقوق- أشار إلى أن هؤلاء البهائيين لو كانوا ظهوروا فى أى مكان آخر فى الكون غير الشورانية لكانوا عاشوا فى سلام لأن الإسلام قوى جدا فى هذه القرية ولا يسمح أهلها لأحد باختراقها بديانات أخرى أو تلوينها.

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Egypt's leading role in restricting free speech in the UN:

The United Nations Human Rights Council today passed a resolution aimed at restricting criticism of religion, or 'religious defamation'. Roy W Brown examines why the UN is putting protection of ideas above freedom of expression

At the same time, the concept that human rights are universal and vested in the individual has been challenged by the introduction of rights vested in the group — such as 'the right to development' — and by regional and cultural variants on universality. For example, the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights has added 'peoples' as the rightful beneficiaries of human rights, so that governments, as their legal representatives, have assumed for themselves the rights of their people.

I do not like this one. The UN mandate is in the name of 'We, the people', but governments have been active all along, maybe the right type of governments according to the author.

The idea that member states had to sign up to the full package of human rights law had been quietly dropped in favour of a pledge to 'work towards' universal acceptance, and member states were to be elected not on the basis of their human rights record, but by region. The result is a Council comprising 47 member states, 17 of whom are members of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) who, together with their allies, Russia, China, Cuba and the African Group, make up a permanent 2/3 majority in the Council. The old 'like-minded' group of human rights abusers that once dominated the Commission has been replaced by this group united in its opposition to 'western' values.

In June 2008, the Egypt delegate brought Council proceedings to a halt for almost an hour when he insisted that no reference could be made to Islam, Sharia law or fatwas. Faced with a vote that could have overturned his decision to let the speaker continue, the president backed down, and when the meeting resumed he told the Council that 'we do not need to discuss religion in this Council, nor shall we'. Islam had won a free pass and is now officially absolved of any responsibility for any human rights abuse carried out in its name.

In March 2008, after a vote engineered by the OIC and supported by its allies, the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Freedom of Expression was changed to require him to report on not only violations but on 'abuses' of that right; thereby, in the words of the Canadian delegate, 'turning the mandate on its head'



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rights. To achieve this they needed to tackle head on freedom of expression. Their chosen method was to introduce a resolution 'combating defamation of religion'.

Resolutions combating defamation of religion have now been adopted by the Commission and by the Council every year since 1999, and by the UN General Assembly since 2007. While they are not binding on member states, they are permissive and legitimise any blasphemy laws adopted anywhere in the world — and this despite the fact that the concept of 'defamation of religion' has no validity in international law and the resolution is incompatible with the provisions of the ICCPR safeguarding freedom of expression.

Not only does the concept of defamation of religion have no validity in international law, the resolution is unnecessary because the problem it purports to address, increasing discrimination and incitement to hatred experienced by Muslims, is already dealt with under international law. Article 20 of the ICCPR specifies the steps that states must take to outlaw incitement to hatred or violence. So it is clear that the OIC have another reason for pushing these resolutions; namely, extending restrictions on freedom of expression that already exist in the Islamic states — blasphemy laws — into international law, and thereby silencing critics of Islam in the rest of the world.

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The Ecosocialist International Network meeting in Belem was a success - what do we do next? This article by Joel Kovel aims to initiate an international discussion on that question.

the Ecosocialist International Network was founded on the Seventh of October, 2007 in the Parisian suburb of Montreuil

Three principles define the EIN and unite its members — recognition of the ecocidal character of capital accumulation; the necessity for a socialist alternative as a model for surpassing capital; and the requirement that this new, or "eco" socialism must do more than deal with the toxic effects of accumulation, but needs also solve the great problem of social production: how to live



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Mr Reppe also reportedly maintains one of the most popular anonymous proxy servers in Germany.

This is probably the real reason. Germany has raided Tor server hosteres before and claimed I ooking for child pornography'.

I cannot think of any technological thing more useful than what this man is starting: a decentr alised and annoymised Internet.

In the past week, Wikileaks published three lists all purporting to be the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA's) blacklist of websites.

While ACMA and Communications Minister Stephen Conroy last week denied the list belonged to ACMA, they both warned that the Australian Federal Police (AFP) would investigate its distribution.

The lists contained apparent links to child pornography websites, gambling sites, as well as relatively innocuous sites including those of a dentist and canteen manager.

UPDATE (26/10) - The German raid was not based on a referral from ACMA, the watchdog says. More to come.

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