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2024: END THE TYRANNY OF CONSERVATIVE RULE!

The Conservatives are the class enemy representing the interests of big business and the most reactionary ideas in our society. As the founder of the NHS, Nye Bevan, said, “they are lower than vermin. They condemned millions of people to semi-starvation.” Any crushing defeat for the Tories is something we celebrate, along with millions of other working people exhausted by 14 years of austerity, vicious racism, and callous disregard for the cost of living.

This is why we do not hesitate to say: **Kick the Tories out, keep up the struggles, and organise the resistance!**

What do we mean by ‘keep up the struggles’? Under a new Labour government, there’s no time to pause or ease up in our fight. We can’t afford to wait for them to ‘settle in’. We are clamouring for a progressive shift from the previous Tory regime—that is clear. The unions must demand that a Labour government be a catalyst for radical change, not a reason to become inactive.

This election makes the 22nd June Restore Nature Now protest even more important. It should be a clarion call that the environment is the central battle. It is not a separate issue; it is about the very basis of life on this planet. We must fight to build our movements even during election periods; the battle of politics will be won through mass action to fight for the future.

Labour policies rarely diverge significantly from Conservative ones, but Labour’s foundation in the mass trade union movement and its integration into these working-class organisations is a unique advantage. This presents an opportunity to advocate for a socialist agenda using more avenues to power than under a Tory government.

The unions should leverage this influence to drive policies on wages and working conditions that address the cost of living crisis. Labour must eliminate all anti-union legislation and establish a ‘bill of rights’ for working people and reverse a decade of austerity that has devastated our communities and lives. King’s College London estimated that 148,000 people died due to government austerity policies between 2010 and 2020.

Some policies need to be addressed immediately:

scrap Rwanda legislation; end the war on refugees and immigration raids; scrap the Cass recommendations; implement rent controls, scrap the right to buy, and massively expand council housing; end the blight of food banks through higher wages and better social security; end the two-child benefit cap. A Labour government must

gas extraction, and rapidly shift towards a low-carbon economy with free accessible public transport and renewable energy.

Tory attacks on democratic rights to protest have also been declared unlawful by the Supreme Court.

In the context of Cass, we demand emergency funding and radical reform of the NHS based on co-production, and full bodily autonomy for women, disabled people, trans people, and for everyone.

After the election, we should be watchful and ready to organise against any resurgence of the far right, many of whom are waiting for a ‘woke’ Labour government to start mobilising, taking advantage of reactionary social resentments increasingly expressed by younger men. Even the lukewarm measures of a Labour government are too much for these enraged fascists, determined to obliterate any sense of hope for a better future. We can see the growth of Reform UK as evidence that the bitter pain of capitalism is forcing

not insignificant numbers of people into the arms of reactionary politics, where they see racist hate against refugees as the only way to make sense of the world.

ACR is clear that no parliamentary elections can solve any fundamental issues people struggle with. Parliament isn’t neutral; it is wrapped up with the power of capital. Democracy under capitalism is distorted; limited to only the realm of ‘politics’ and not the wider economy where we spend most of our lives working; distorted by wealth and tradition, weighed down by money flowing into the media, advertising, and promotion for the parties backed by the rich.

We stand for a radical vision of society—where we have participatory democracy, workplace control, and a socialised economy based on human need, not private profit—a society aligned with planetary boundaries, not wrecking our environment in the name of growth and business.

A world of radical abundance and public wealth, not one of scarcity and misery for billions. This is our vision of the future world—it is one we are committed to fighting for.



This protester offers a blod programme for the incoming Labour government

call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and halt all arms sales and ostrategic support for Israel, scrap the recent restrictions on the right to protest. Farage has made his hate fuelled agenda clear; “Whether the mainstream parties like it or not, we will turn this into an immigration election.”

We are in solidarity with the oppressed during and after the election, which will prominently feature the “culture war” and foresee a heightening of attacks – certainly if the far right get their way. We defend and support refugees (against immigration raids and the Rwanda deportation policy), disabled people (against attacks on social provision), Gypsy, Roma, and Travellers (against legislative attacks on their way of life), trans people (facing attacks on medical autonomy and increasing hate crimes), Muslims (with Islamophobia set against the ongoing genocide in Gaza), and Ukrainians and Palestinians fighting for national liberation against horrific colonial violence.

Two Conservative climate policies were ruled unlawful for failing to provide enough evidence that they were sufficient to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A Labour government must prioritise the climate, end North Sea oil and

THE FIGHT FOR TRANS* LIBERATION

Transphobia is endemic in Britain. Gender is mercilessly policed to ensure compliance with the needs of capitalism and to enforce traditional so-called values.

The Conservative Party and the reactionary press lead the charge, in alliance with religious reactionaries and some 'feminist' groups who see trans* people as a threat to their views on gender. They whip up hatred and fear of trans* people, something that has already led to pain and murder. Trans* hate crimes reached record levels in 2023. Sixteen-year-old Brianna Ghey was murdered that year. An 18-year-old trans woman was stabbed repeatedly in February 2024 at a birthday party by four other teenagers.

The hate and violence have to stop, and we need an organised mass movement to show that there is enormous solidarity with the trans* community.

Sadly, Labour is retreating on its commitments around trans* rights and has accepted the findings of the recent transphobic Cass Review despite the report's credentials being rubbished internationally. Fears in the community grow that a Labour government led by Keir Starmer will be no friend to the trans* community and will only continue or even deepen some of the attacks. Recent news that Anneliese Dodd met with LGB Alliance, an aggressive transphobic hate group, is deeply concerning.

A*CR is committed to trans* liberation. This is crucial to any project for a socialist revolution seeking to free all of humanity so that each man, woman and nonbinary person can flourish and develop on their terms in an ecosocialist future of human abundance that nourishes individuality rather than seeks to crush and deny it.

We support people living as they wish and having the medical, social, and psychological care they need to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

We not only welcome trans* voices into the movement that can dream and realise the future but demand their voices be front and centre in the fight for their liberation.

We will be loud advocates of trans* liberation within trade unions, community groups, the Labour Party, and any other forums where we are present.

Those who seek to silence and harm our trans* siblings – including those misguided people also within the left who advocate transphobic views – must be challenged clearly and openly.

We fight for

- The complete repudiation of the Cass Review
- Full healthcare access for trans* youth and adults on a co-productive basis
- The end of all nonconsensual and unnecessary medical interventions on intersex people and their full participation, whether trans* or cis, in the co-production of their healthcare
- Trans inclusive ban on conversion therapy that acknowledges that transition care is not conversion therapy, and that conversion therapy includes all excessive waits for this healthcare and any form of medical gatekeeping, i.e. making care dependent on diagnoses of gender dysphoria
- CAMHS to receive emergency funding to bring it up to standards befitting its role, and to be reformed also on a co-productive basis
- Nonbinary inclusive, universal, non-medical self-ID.

This statement was adopted unanimously at the ACR 2024 conference held on 1-2 June

Trans* Strike Back!

On April 20, 2024, hundreds of people gathered in Parliament Square to protest the outrageous recent assault on trans* humanity in Britain. Anti*Capitalist Resistance (A*CR) members, cis and trans*, joined them to participate in this crucial event and share our own repudiation of the Cass Review in a new

Trans*Mission broadsheet that was warmly received on the day.

The demo was an outpouring of just rage at the denial of human autonomy that has been an ongoing process for over half a decade in the anti-trans moral panic, coming together in the reprehensible Cass Review. Trans* people are made to suffer for social tensions they had no hand in, but that day showed that this suffering is not passive.

That day was an opportunity for trans* voices to be heard, to prefigure a world in which the oppressed can genuinely say, in the slogan of the Disabled People's Movement, "Nothing about us, without us!" It was only fitting, then, that the demo had been called by a group of young trans* people, Trans Strike Back!, who led the march with brave conviction.

While A*CR was joined by other socialist organisations such as revolutionary socialism in the 21st century (rs21), the Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG) and Alliance for Workers' Liberty (AWL), all of the unions were most notable chiefly for their absence.

The labour movement must become more deeply connected to this vital struggle, a working-class one for medical access and against oppression. They must because the undermining of trans* healthcare wounds the very principle of universal healthcare. For the labour movement, solidarity is the lifeblood of its existence, and failures to show up create fissures that undermine the possibility of a better world.



Recent articles on our website include:

A Trans* Guide to Cis Solidarity

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Cass Means Social Murder– our response to the Cass report

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CAPITAL IS SCARCITY

Our lives are dominated by difficult financial choices but capitalism has produced immense wealth for a tiny minority. Simon Hannah examines the role of scarcity.

It sounds strange to accuse capitalism of scarcity while food is thrown away, too many cars are built, and more carbon is pumped into the atmosphere. Even in the 1840s, Marx wrote that the crisis of capitalism was one of overproduction,¹ But living under capital means living in a condition of artificial scarcity; with negative impacts on our lives and psychologies. It is the basis of much reactionary thought.

Enforced scarcity

Capital as private property, owned by a small fraction of humanity who get most of the wealth generated through the labour of the majority. This is the bedrock of modern scarcity.

Capital cannot exist without waged labour. Workers must be hired and paid for the economy to function. Because workers are not paid anywhere near the value of their labour, most live an existence defined as much by what we cannot afford as by what we can..

A capitalist economy is irrational for us but rational for capitalists.

- It destroys products to prevent them from being used for free.
- Planned obsolescence is endemic.
- Cuts can force people into the private sector. Free at the point of use, the NHS is a public good, but to make money, the capitalists starve it of funds forcing people into private health care. This turns people against each other, blaming people out of work for not contributing rather than blaming the rich for not paying taxes and adequately funding services.
- Governments and private sector house builders never create enough housing, driving up prices for owners and tenants.

Capital damages the environment eg by polluting water. This creates investment opportunities for capital to come and clean up the mess.

Public goods, private wealth

Scarcity is a precondition for profit, since things that are abundant cannot embody much exchange value. This has profound implications. An ecosocialist vision is based on expanding public goods to encompass all aspects of life. The capitalist vision is a world in which private wealth structures lives—a world of austerity, privatisation, and violence.

What appears irrational to us is rational to them. What is good for us is not what is good for them. They have to put energy into complex regimes of propaganda and social control to ensure compliance with a system fundamentally against the interests of the majority.

Scarcity and fear

Frequently, worries about housing, money, future employment, and dominate our conversations and our



thoughts. This drives people in different directions politically. It can inspire them to form collective organisations to overcome the system that makes us live so precariously.

Or it can drive them into a racist frenzy, blaming foreigners and hating refugees seen to threatening what little existing citizens have. For the right, scarcity is inevitable as are the riches of the capitalist class, leaving working people fighting over the scraps. Arguments around immigration are rooted in the language of scarcity. 'Taking our jobs', 'leaching off benefits', 'driving down wages' (even 'taking our women' as if women were also a scarce resource like other 'commodities').

Scarcity versus universalism

Universal services are crucial to imagining a future free from scarcity.

One of the greatest achievements of post-war British social democracy was the NHS. The founding belief of the NHS was universalism. Whether you were the richest person in Britain or the poorest; you would receive the same healthcare free at point of delivery. This was hard fought for, but it is an essential philosophy of healthcare, which even the most neoliberal Tory government has struggled to shift. This principle hasn't extended to other areas e.g. welfare. The left in the 1920s argued that social security should *not* be means-tested. It was wrong for the poor to have to beg for money by proving how poor they were, which is degrading and dehumanising. Universal provision establishes a basis for equality; it was *a right and a good thing*. And where a provision is means tested, many who would meet the means test don't apply because they don't see it as a right—as they would if it were universal—but as a 'hand out'. That results in means-testing, excluding many in desperate need.

Under a regime of scarcity, some on the left succumb to the idea that people with a bit more money should *not* access 'generous' state provision. This can seem common sense but it means accepting a scarcity

model. Under capitalism, the rich should pay their taxes in progressive and steep increments to fund welfare. If they then want to access welfare, which their taxes contribute towards, this should be allowed. Of course, this is putting to one side the wider socialist argument that there should be no rich and poor people.

A future of abundance and public goods

Capital thrives through controlling the production and distribution of goods. Scarcity is essential for profit. If there was an abundance of anything, the price would collapse or the argument to make something free would be strengthened.

Global warming will cause even more scarcity of food and habitable areas. Far right arguments are gaining more of a hearing. Ecosocialists need to explain how our socialism will be different. Our end goal is a society without class and division, where human needs are met through democratic planning.

We can't abolish all scarcity but removing that imposed by the logic of capital leave us only with the scarcity imposed by the natural environment, allowing us to better meet our needs and wants within a sustainable and direct framework, not mediated through the market or profit.

Ecosocialism allows a proper distribution of work ensuring meaningful work for everyone, but only for a few hours a day. Not mountains of consumer goods and piles of plastic but food, housing, transport, and an abundance of common wealth—sports, museums, art galleries, music, parks, and more free time. Under ecosocialism, we can have an abundance of public goods to meet human needs within planetary limits.

But to get there, we have to overthrow the capitalist class and the ideology of scarcity that props up their system.

What do we mean by “Ecosocialism”?

Humans deserve a good quality of life, and we must preserve our environment for future generations. This means ensuring a sustainable relationship with the natural world, including other life forms. We cannot prevent further rises in global warming or provide a just existence for humanity so long as capitalism continues. This is why we define our project as one of ecosocialism.

We use ecosocialism because the ecocide threatened by the capitalist system is the defining character of our epoch and as such we need to clearly orientate the socialist project to the struggle for our future survival. It also marks a clear differentiation from the old productivist forms of some left wing movements where industrial capacity was prioritised without proper consideration of planetary limits.

For us, ecosocialism is based on democratic decision making by the majority – producers and consumers. Unlike the one party Stalinist states of the 20th century, ecosocialist societies will have free association of people to argue for specific and particular interests, with their views incorporated into democratic social planning.

We are much more cautious of the way that some previous generations believed modern technology would enable us to manipulate the environment to our will with no consequences. This has been called Prometheism, the supremacy of technology over nature in a way that ignores ecology. But we also reject primitivist proposals.

We cannot build a sustainable future for humanity through a ‘retreat to nature’ or requiring everyone to become subsistence farmers. A world of only rural subsistence farming is static. We aim to restore the balance between town and country, rural and metropolitan, urban and farm.

Ecosocialism is a society where the economy has been taken out of the hands of the capitalist class through being socialised, becoming a collectively owned part of human society. It is a world where we have participatory democracy over economic decisions and where we are progressively dismantling the racist and sexist social division of labour under capitalism. Any ecosocialist planned economy will have to grapple with competing demands and challenges that will require us to make informed decisions at every level, from local to global. The debates over investment or production, over meat, over what kind of energy we use, will require an open and informed discussion, not top down diktat by unelected bureaucrats. The end goal of this is to create a fair economy that is consistent with human needs within a sustainable relationship to other life forms and the environment.

We will need to restructure the economy as part of the ecosocialist strategy. We advocate a planned reduction of destructive and less necessary forms of production and consumption by rich economies (such as fossil fuels, fast fashion and advertising). This would reduce the energy and materials used, allowing for a rapid transition to low-carbon economies at a rate quick enough to stop ecological breakdown, redistributing income and resources fairly to global populations.

This is a positive program of an ecosocialist society, based on democratic planning, self-management, production of use values instead of commodities, gratuity of basic services, and free time for the development of human desires and capacities.

It is a society without exploitation, class domination, patriarchy, and all forms of social exclusion. It is a society without exploitation, class, systemic misogyny and sexism, racism, disablism and LGBTQIA+ phobia.

The movement we need to win

Any mass ecosocialist movement must do two things. First, fight for changes in the here and now that slow the destruction of the biosphere by capital, giving us more time to organise and coordinate. Secondly, promote forms of organisation that target capital directly.

We favour a mass movement coordinated internationally that struggles for immediate reforms but also looks to a different kind of world. We want a fighting unity of all ‘single issue’ environmental campaigns and their integration into a working class movement that is organised around not just industrial demands but also political ones.

We fight for a movement to tackle the big issues; expropriation of business and private wealth, socialising housing and land, ending the market economy, dismantling imperialism, fighting for abolition of borders, militarism and authoritarian policing practices, and social transformation of the economy from the ground up.

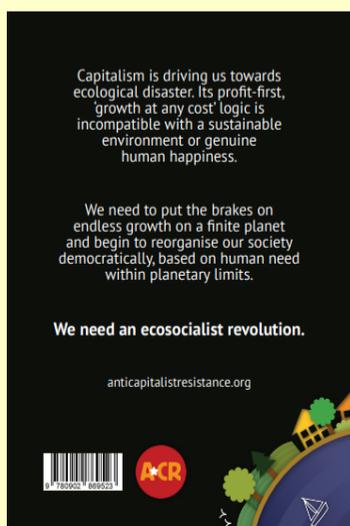
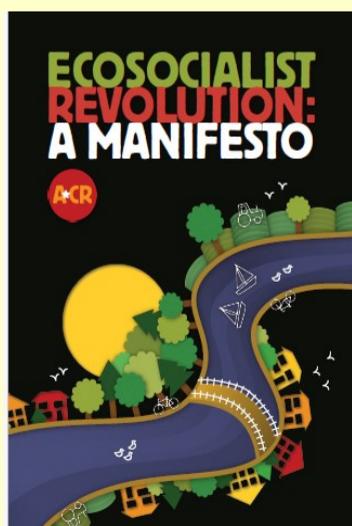
Whilst socialists must engage in the mass organisations of the working class such as trade unions, we recognise that institutions like the Labour Party in Britain and trade unions are integrated into capitalism. They seek to reform it but often it is capitalism that ‘reforms’ them, turning them into neutered organisations obedient to capital.

Capital can only rule over us because it divides us along gender, ethnicity, nationality or any other pretext. These aren’t artificial divisions, in the real world there are real wage gaps and opportunity gaps for different workers that bind better off workers to capitalism whilst excluding and dismissing others.

Trade unions need to become leaders of wider struggles, not just focus on the terms and conditions of their members in narrow ‘trade disputes’. Trade unions should align and bring their resources into social movements, around housing, abortion rights and against pollution.

When it comes to wage struggles the unions must move beyond sectional disputes and focus on fighting for decent wages for *all* workers, on improving living standards and for a universal conception of what it means to be human. Only in this way can we transform narrow trade union struggles into political struggles that create a real workers’ movement, not just a trade union movement.

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Solidarity with the Palestinian People

For months, Israel has been waging a genocidal war against the Palestinians in Gaza. They have also stepped up their murderous campaign of ethnic cleansing in the occupied West Bank, and tightened the repression of Palestinians within the Israeli state itself.

Over 40,000 Palestinians - half of them children - have been killed in Gaza, with many thousands more buried under the rubble. Many thousands more have been

The 1947-9 war expelled some 800,000 Palestinians from their homes, partitioned Palestine, and divided its people. The Palestinian struggle since has demanded the reunification of the land and the people.

The nature of Israel's existence as a settler colonial implant in the heart of the Arab world means that it is necessarily an ally of the western imperialist powers, without whose support it could not exist. Israel has

Our solidarity with Palestine is unconditional but critical. It does not depend on the nature of the leadership, nor the acts committed in the name of this struggle. The liberation of Palestine is just, and a central part of a global struggle against imperialism and racism. But we reserve the right to say that some acts are politically damaging to the cause

Since October 2023, there has been a huge upsurge in solidarity activity in Britain and internationally, developing a hugely diverse movement, with both young and racialised people playing a pivotal role. For many, this is their first involvement in a solidarity movement, and there is space for political discussion. Muslim organisations are key mobilisers. The visibility of young women leading actions, and the welcoming of visibly queer and Jewish contingents, is positive.

Jews have been visibly and vocally opposing the Israeli and Zionism since long before 1948. But the response of Israel since the development of the BDS movement means that this has become even more vital, making it more difficult for our opponents to weaponise antisemitism, despite all their efforts.

The Palestinian-led international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign is key. It promotes a strategic approach in support of its triple aims of ending the 1967 occupation, achieving equality for Palestinian citizens of Israel, and promoting the right of return. While calling for an economic, cultural and academic boycott of Israel, it does not issue an unfeasibly long list of potential targets, focusing on more limited but achievable goals.

The BDS campaign calls for divestment. Many pension funds invest heavily in Israel as do banks and building societies. Local authorities, universities etc may also have such investments. People should become involved in appropriate campaigns.

The campaign calls for sanctions, including military, economic, cultural and diplomatic links with Israel. This means not only state-level sanctions but direct action by workers to prevent the supply of strategic equipment to Israel.

Activists have set up twinning links with Palestinian communities with almost forty groups affiliated to the Britain Palestine Friendship and Twinning Network. These establish direct links including between schools, union branches, women's and youth groups. They exchange visits, share information and experience, and provide material aid.

Demonstrations are important. They are watched in Gaza and give an immense boost to Palestinian morale.

Student occupations are vital. Students are demanding that universities divest from Israeli companies, cease academic collaboration with Israeli bodies that maintain the occupation, support Palestinian universities, academics and students, decolonise their curricula, and make provision to support Palestinian students in universities outside Palestine.



injured, many with life-changing injuries. About 60% of the buildings in Gaza have been damaged or destroyed, and more than 70% of the schools and hospitals. In the West Bank, some 500 Palestinians have been killed, and several villages entirely emptied of their population.

Over 1½ million Palestinians were herded into the small border town of Rafah, which they were then ordered to evacuate for a makeshift camp in the desert - which Israel then bombed.

Israel's restrictions on food imports into Gaza, the destruction or damage to water, sewage and electricity networks, and the almost total destruction of the health service mean the imminent danger of famine and disease.

This war did not begin October 2023, nor even in 1967, but with the 1948 establishment of the Israeli state on the ruins of Palestine, and the preceding half-century of Zionist colonisation.

Zionist settler colonialism differed from other European projects, since the purpose was not to extract wealth and export it, but to remain and exploit that wealth. It also differed from white colonisation of South Africa, since Zionism was based on the exclusion, rather than the exploitation, of the indigenous population. It had more in common with the genocidal colonisation of North and South America, of Australia and New Zealand.

played a key role in imperialist domination of the region, both providing support (often covert) for reactionary regimes and threatening any radical forces seeking to use the region's resources for the benefit of the people. This and not the supposed power of a "Jewish lobby", explains the steadfast support for Israel from the US and its allies.

Specific factors help to explain the timing and nature of this latest Israeli onslaught - Netanyahu's determination to hang on to office at all costs to avoid trial, and almost-certain conviction, on corruption charges. Without the removal from power of Netanyahu and his far-right allies, there is no prospect of even a partial halt to the genocide.

But, although the removal of Netanyahu is necessary, it is far from sufficient. His likely successors might agree to a prisoner exchange with Hamas, and easing of the siege of Gaza, but remain just as committed to Israeli control over Gaza and the West Bank, and just as opposed to even limited Palestinian sovereignty.

The only political demands able to put an end to three-quarters of a century of war and ethnic cleansing are to reverse the crimes of 1948 and after, the return of Palestinians to their homes and lands, compensation for the loss of life, property and freedom, and the abolition of the system of laws and regulations in Israel which codify the exclusion of Palestinians and privilege Jews.

Anti-Capitalist Resistance is a revolutionary Marxist organisation in England & Cymru/Wales.



The world faces unprecedented, interrelated crises of economic collapse, social decay, inequality, mass impoverishment, militarisation, and creeping authoritarianism. Capitalist liberal institutions and parties no longer sustain the status quo as the profit drive eats at society and deepens a

metabolic rift between people and planet.

Change is urgent. We need mass movements to win victories for democracy and social, climate and economic justice. We support expanding democracy under capitalism, Proportional Representation and abolishing the monarchy and the Lords. We organise for action and reforms now, but also for a global reorganisation of society.

Ecosocialism

Anti-Capitalist Resistance is ecosocialist; the ecological crisis redefines the socialist project. We are engaged not just in a socialist struggle to end capitalism, but for a viable planet. We fight for a society consistent with human needs and a sustainable relationship to other life and the environment.

Internationalism

We are internationalist and oppose imperialism, nationalism and militarism. Capitalism is international, so the struggle for socialism must be too, uniting workers of all countries. We oppose imperialism – the subjugation of weaker nations by stronger ones – and support the self-determination of oppressed nations and national liberation. Anti-Capitalist Resistance supports the right of people to challenge colonialism, apartheid and to demand self-determination, including for the people of Palestine. We support a united Ireland, and Scotland and Cymru/Wales's right to self-determination, up to and including independence.

Liberation for the oppressed

Capitalism divides working class people along sexual, gender, ethnic, national and other lines; the oppressed suffer most. The labour movement and socialists must champion liberation struggles, recognising the right of the oppressed to lead these struggles and formulate their own demands. We support the self-organisation of women, Black people, disabled people and LGBTQIA+ people to combat all discrimination, oppression and bigotry.

We are against racism from the state and in any other form, immigration controls and borders, and support migrant rights.

Socialism

Poverty, exploitation, oppression and war are products of capitalism, in which a minority ruling class benefits from the majority's labour. The alternative is socialism, where wealth is owned in common, assets such as industry and finance are socialised and democratic planning meets society's needs. Social-democratic parties like the Labour Party no longer refer to socialism and, in practice, support continued capitalism, with occasional minor reforms to offset the worst effects. Neither the USSR nor China under Mao was socialist. Participatory democracy is central to any socialist society and this was utterly lacking.

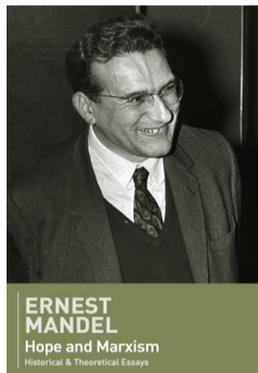
Anti-Capitalist Resistance is pluralist and internationalist; we learn from struggles across the world. We are democratic revolutionary socialists and oppose the top-down model of 'democratic-centralism'. We encourage convergence with other revolutionary Marxist activists and organisations and we aim to be rooted in working class and oppressed struggles. ACR is committed to debate, initiative, and self-activity.

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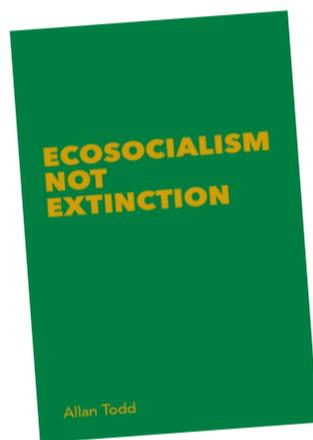
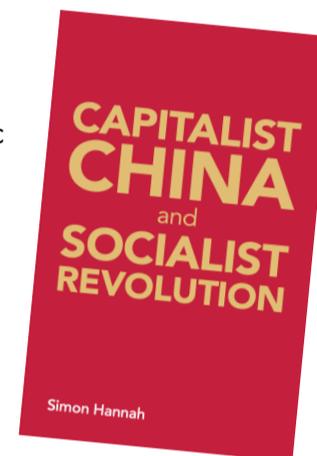
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The planet faces an existential crisis. We need to fight for system change towards an ecosocialist society if we are not to face extinction. This book by Allan Todd is an introduction to ecosocialism and how to fight for it.

ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

by Gilbert Achcar

Israel has seized the opportunity of Hamas's operation on 7 October 2023 to devastate Gaza, reducing it to rubble, massacring a huge number of its inhabitants and forcing the rest to flee. Another Nakba is underway, 75 years after the creation of Israel. This booklet includes articles by Gilbert Achcar written as the Israeli onslaught started unfolding in Gaza. He explains why the population of Gaza is facing such 'massive extermination', and argues that the refusal of Western governments to call for a ceasefire is making them accomplices to crimes against humanity.

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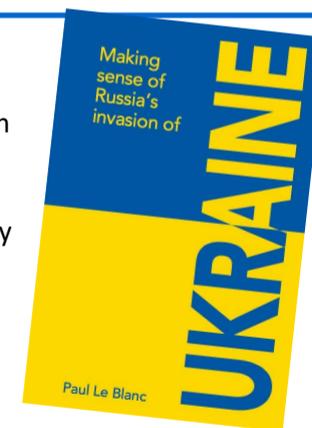


Making Sense of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

by Paul Le Blanc

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