

Understanding the Greek Crisis – is there a way out?

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Abstract:

The majority of the people, politicians and scholars tend to believe that the implementation of neo-liberal, neo-keynesian or Keynesian policies is the solution to the Greek debt crisis. However, a close reading of the Greek debt crisis reveals that any economic approach is one-dimensional and problematic since the crisis goes beyond economy, it is profoundly anthropological. On the one hand capitalism in Greece like everywhere else in the world is attempting to control states and people through debt, privatize - commercialize all the spheres of public space, exploit all natural resources, exacerbate the living conditions of the poor, set up centralized undemocratic institutions and governments in order to remove any significant power from the citizens and last but not least support ultra-right wing movements and parties. On the other hand the social movements are attempting to regain their lives by creating alternative forms of economy and displaying solidarity. These movements are based on the principles of direct democracy and are organized on an anti-centralization basis. The crisis in Europe provides us with the possibility of moving towards a world that reharmonizes human communities with the natural world while at the same time celebrating diversity, creativity and freedom.

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