### The Regime of Emergency

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It's high time to defend social advances and civil rights against the spread of the new totalitarianism.

Ruling elites find themselves in the middle of a moral panic. Parts of the middle class are experiencing the looming turning point in the form of a psychological furor of deeply-felt mass psychosis. The critical intelligentsia is called upon now as never before to defend liberal personal freedoms, science, the presumption of innocence, the total freedom to publish, and social advancements against much worse. How it can go on? Three scenarios, complete with instructions for use [?? - patient information leaflet is technical term in Europe].

The best news first: The Covid-19 virus is virtually not fatal, even for the infected (1).

The - according to the current level of information, relatively mild – wave of infection named "Corona" (2, 3) conceals an epochal upheaval. The leading elites of the Northern Hemisphere are in the middle of a moral panic. If ever a critical intelligentsia were needed, then it's now:

Liberal personal freedoms and social advancements need to be peacefully but unmistakably restored. If we can achieve that, then future prospects are actually quite positive.

#### **Instructions for Use:**

- 1. We find ourselves at the beginning of a turning point. Corona is only its surface. Our lives can become better and more democratic if we act deliberately and consequentially now. Hygiene regulations should be respected for the time being.
- 2. Individual members of the government, some functionaries and a number of fanaticized citizens are currently in a psychological state of emergency or are already acting like psychopaths. They need to be identified, named, and peacefully contained or deposed.
- 3. In order to maintain or restore personal freedoms, the presumption of innocence and social advancements, we need to build wide democratic networks like #unteilbar [#indivisible1], which is now facing a test of character, NOW.

<sup>1</sup> Grammatakalisches Problem für mich – rec. Umformulierung in – like #unteilbar, which is now confronted with a test of character → don't know how diese Netze, die eigentlich noch nicht existieren wie ich das verstehe, eine Charakterprüfung gestellt sein könnten.

- 4. Assemblies are currently prohibited. As a precaution, we need to plan how, when and where we'll communicate in the event that telephones and internet also disappear.
- 5. Public and covert bulletin boards in supermarkets, municipal businesses, alternative centers, churches, theaters, and neighborhood centers are suited to the task.

The emergence of panic in the ruling elite and in parts of the lower and upper middle-classes as a result of the Corona infection still presents several riddles. In the following, we undertake the attempt to comprehend the evolving situation and to take a realistic look into the short and middle-term.

#### A truly liberal communal spirit is needed!

#### "Corona is way too serious to be in a panic!"

With these warm words, philosopher Slavoj Zizek classified the Corona-wave as an invitation to international cooperation, love and mutual assistance. Society needs a "spirituality" of communal feeling against a virus that's possibly best understood as a great metaphor (4).

Those who like it a bit cozier can treat themselves to the title song and text from the TV series Baywatch: "...it's gonna be alright!" (5).

#### The incorruptible intelligentsia needs to speak out!

Obviously, all hospital and supermarket colleagues deserve respect, their workload should be alleviated. That also includes following the hygiene recommendations until further notice.

If, however, you can handle more than warm words and don't harbor the hope of sinking into the arms of attractive TV-Starlets, then you've come to the right place. Or, a bit more nonchalantly expressed: this isn't how we're going down!" If ever an incorruptible oppositional intelligentsia was needed, it's now!

#### Not a word about Sundays!

Because the truth isn't so uncomfortable: the virus infection "Corona" isn't, according to the current state of information, any more dangerous than the waves of colds that occur at every turn of year throughout the Northern Hemisphere (6).

This year's cold and flu infections even look comparatively milder than last winter's (7). The old (officially used) statistical material and especially the ways in which it was acquired and interpreted are unscientific (8).

One thing is currently certain: Personal freedoms are falling by the wayside in unprecedented ways at the municipal, federal, national and global level, without allowing the population to determine whether

they want that or not. Parliaments are being sent on vacation or rubber-stamping emergency measures in a state of moral panic.

#### The constitution stands!

The constitution is valid, but it is currently being circumvented: freedom of movement is abolished. People are forbidden to assemble or practice their professions. People are called upon not to touch one another. Surveillance is being carried out without court orders. Since Wednesday, we've even been confined to our homes by curfew measures (9). Freedom of speech and freedom to publish could be abolished upon request (10).

Lower Saxony's Minister of the Interior, Boris Pistorius (SPD), even demanded a ban on oppositional statements about the Corona virus (11). For the general validation of facts, we have journalists, scientists and a judiciary as independent as possible – or that's what we're supposed to have. Members of the government are never allowed to determine how publications should be handled. The attempt is a menacing enough portent and should be banned.

### Stop censorship!

Large media corporations aren't cutting a very a fine figure at the moment. Critical voices and serious scientists virtually never appear. In their place, the fear of death is fanned and a boundless fascisization of civil life is plied and abetted — and that at the wishes of a select few fanaticized citizens from the middle class (12).

Some states have already introduced total surveillance through emergency measures usually reserved for "combating terrorism." With constant, down-to-the-meter localization of mobile phones, the infected and other suspect individuals are permanently located and their paths followed (13). Recently, Deutsche Telekom AG transported all the movement data of mobile phone owners to the Robert Kock Institute (14). The RKI is one of the highest federal authorities under the purview of the Federal Ministry of Health in the German system of governance (15).

# Opposition and a critical Intelligentsia are needed!

For that reason, let's attempt to proceed logically and systematically. That means, in this order:

- 1. Analysis of the event
- 2. Evaluation and interpretation
- 3. Options for collective action

Currently, we're still working hard in the realm of phase two, evaluation and interpretation, which is why multiple variations open up before us under 2 and 3 that

necessarily contain speculative moments. We need to discuss openly and prepare ourselves soberly for the possibility that, in the worst case, telephone and internet may soon no longer be available. But one thing at a time.

#### 1. Analysis of the event

What is it? Well, before all else, we need to estimate the real danger of the viral infection. The medical analysis of the actual danger of the virus is by now widely complete.

As long as decisive information isn't being withheld from us, *Covid-19* or *SARS-CoV-2* (Corona) is nothing other than a virus that most often isn't even noticed or that causes one of the usual winter flu infections (16). Neither is the mortality rate higher than in previous winters, nor are the chances of infection and spread unprecedented or abnormal. Even the course of illness differs little to not at all from the waves of infection which occur at every change of year in the entire Northern Hemisphere (17).

Against this information stand a few scientists, presented to the public as prevailing authorities, who accompany the government's regime of emergency. They do this by transfiguring the *possibility* of lung infections – which are certainly no joke – into an apocalyptic scenario.

# Questionable Conduct of scientists close to the government

A relatively young Berlin doctor spoke early on of well over 200,000 casualties in the Federal Republic of Germany unless measures like the ones we're now seeing were taken (18). A number with five zeroes, based on the projection of unscientific statistics, themselves resting on an unscientific test procedure that was probably applied unscientifically and was developed by the same institute at which the doctor himself works. This expert has since demanded clearance from the federal government for untested vaccines (20).

Viruses aren't demonic intruders in an otherwise clean human body, but rather are present in all mammals. Only 3,000 from around 1.8 million types of viruses have been named and identified (21). Very few viruses cause severe illnesses, like the well-known HI-Virus. The Corona Virus *Covid-19* causes coughing, high temperature and a runny nose in normal, healthy people (22). It can now be said with some certainty that *Covid-19* is not a virus that could carry off hundreds of thousands of people.

# Already known successes in combatting the infection

That said, one thing certainly stands sure today: the unprecedented measures to combat the epidemic will be successful. Nobel Prizes, orders and promotions will be awarded. Governments will pat one another on the back. Police, border patrol, military and surveillance agencies will be honored with ceremonies and awards. For workers active in healthcare, this may well be long overdue.

The worldwide cohesion of nation-states can, however, be traced back to the fact that this virus as such does not represent a real danger to humanity. At bottom, elites are securing their own power by hitting the off switch, bringing civil life to a stand-still, and for that reason taxing overwhelmed emergency services well beyond their limits. But to the interpretation later. This moratorium with a restart-scenario also harbors very good chances.

### Lung infections and mortality

First of all, it should be stated that the almost every basic right, personal freedom, and also human right has been suspended by the worldwide, panic-inducing exaggeration of an unremarkable infection. Civil life has come to a stand-still because older people in the last quarter of life can, under certain conditions, die from a resulting lung infection, without this indicating a different quality in relation to the previous years (23). Of course, the sick and dying deserve treatment and dignity.

The de-facto dictatorial regimes of emergency currently installed throughout the entire Northern Hemisphere can hardly have a particularly social agenda in mind — that's indicated by the abolition of the ban on Sunday work without a parliamentary resolution. This seemingly peripheral occurrence is exemplary, which is why it needs to be elaborated on here (24).

For the transition to the evaluation and interpretation of the culmination of the current crisis, it's important to understand recent developments in the social conditions of production. Those who have already grasped the course of the Neoliberal Era can skip ahead to the end of this section and to the second.

# Hope for more social warmth could be deceptive

Experience shows that once steps backward in terms of the limitations on work hours and of compensation begin, this ground is never regained. Compare the extension in store opening hours since the mid-1990s in the Federal Republic or the destruction of

much progress in labor rights after the end of the competition between systems in East and West Germany.

Wage-laborers haven't seen a return from increases in productivity (25) for a long time; on the contrary, we're subject to increasingly sordid conditions (26). This happened with the justification that the world market was a force of nature, a kind of higher power in consequence of which the lives of human beings on planet earth could no longer be shaped by themselves; previously agreed settlements were obsolete (27).

The federal republic took steps backwards socially and in terms of basic rights with its unconstitutional bombardment of the city of Belgrade by German bomber pilots, the suppression – under the banner of Peter Hartz - of social and labor legislation it took two centuries to carve out, and the extensive elimination of the freedom of research and teaching at German universities through the Bologna reform and the forced recourse to external funding, to name only the most cutting examples.

It's still unsettling for all progressives that the high phase of the neoliberal era in Germany was carried out by a regime that campaigned in red and green (28).

### Whoever wants to understand this crisis needs to understand Neo-Liberalism

The neoliberal era was accompanied from the first by the attempt to make the implications of a world market absolute.

The neoliberal Agenda culminated in the paradigm that socially engaged nation-states needed to be given up for the benefit of global capitalism, without creating a similarly or more valuable replacement for the social advancements that had been fought for internationally by the workers' movement but codified in national legal systems.

Through this agenda, the case was made for a neo-feudalism to which some on the left also succumbed, because they subscribed to the belief that, if the nation-state could be left behind as an empty skeleton, the path to informal mutual cooperation beyond institutions and a "Socialism of the Deed" would finally lay open.

The socially engaged constitutional state was supposed to be replaced by the voluntary charity of the profiteers for that reason. A single mania, that, in Manchester capitalism, had already provoked immiseration, epidemics — and, in consequence, uprisings and revolutions: from the short-lived Paris Commune to the establishment of the Soviet Union, which, even taking into account all criticism necessitated by historical standards, existed for seven decades without capitalists.

# Social and civil rights gains of the past

Under the shadow of the Russian Soviet Republic, social-democratic reforms could also be put into place in all Western countries from 1917 up until the 1970s. Western capitalists were simply afraid that they might completely lose their benefices<sup>2</sup> [??] – as it happened 'over there' – and they had, as a result, to consort with the common people, who only had a single apartment, had to do the shopping themselves, had to clean up their own filth, could only go on vacation twice a year and even had to bring the kids to public kindergartens themselves.

Consideration of this repugnance to their perceived descent from portions of the middle and upper classes in the West is important for understanding the social-psychological character of the currently-occurring collapse. A short excursus into the being of the neoliberal era is therefore necessary because the crisis of the capitalist mode of production has intensified since 2007 in the form of the so-called financial crisis. Since then, the upper and parts of the middle classes find themselves time and again in their own exceptional situations. Their positions of power are no longer secure.

This is due to tremendous gains in productivity, saturated markets and the difficulty for capital to find new, profitable markets to expand to. The money supply increased and sloshed visibly across the planet, let once-developed regions fall into misery, and fell once again upon the rental housing market. The movements of big money became increasingly hectic and irrational, while even the average life expectancy for wage-laborers in North America decreased (29).

### System acceptance not found

A phase of mass protests like the yellow vests in France or at the G20 Conference in Hamburg made clear that the economic system finds increasing little acceptance. Even in the middle classes, dissatisfaction spread, and it found only its most obvious expressions in yoga-gurus, crisis investment advisors, or intellectual disingenuousness. The jeremiad of climate research and the environmental movement struck a chord. That will need to be discussed later.

The – necessarily tentative – evaluation and interpretation of the contemporary regime of emergency give us every reason to assume that we are dealing with a crisis of capitalism as we know it, as well as a crisis of related government policies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This should translate Pfründe – if you want the medieval sense to convey (and be more readable) in English, I would use privileges – but of course that word has its own context in international discourse in English today, so benefices, while awkward, might be better.

During the crisis, nothing is as it was. And afterwards, much will likely need to be organized and regulated differently. How that will happen is currently completely open – and its on us to work together on it decisively and not to allow our courage to be forever dampened. The suspension of most basic rights needs to end as soon as possible. We must not go back to the time before achieved social and institutional advancements.

With that, we come to the second point, to the attempt to evaluate the contemporary global de-facto dictatorial regime of emergency.

# 2. Evaluation and Interpretation (alternatives A, B, C)

Let's proceed with the evaluation in sequence, even if we run the risk of repeating a few points: the German constitution, the Basic Law, guarantees, in the irremovable first twenty articles, the basic rights due to each individual person without exception. Particularly deserving of mention during the contemporary regime of emergency are:

- The freedom of movement that means, the ability to freely move everywhere and to publicly and privately remain wherever you want; the freedom of your person.
- The freedom to choose and exercise a profession
- The freedom to unite, the freedom to assemble
- The freedom of expression and the freedom to publish and publicize it
- "There shall be no censorship," and that in all cases, and only with the possibility after serious, individual, level-headed court decisions to have to possibly print an opposing point of view, without being able to eliminate the contents completely
- Freedom of the arts and science from political and economic influence, the freedom of research and teaching
- The rule of law that means an independent judiciary and the presumption of innocence
- The right to lead labor disputes and to be allowed to contend for larger shares of revenues, social resources and the extension of intracompany democracy
- Inviolable privacy of correspondence, posts and telecommunications. That means
  no one is allowed to listen in on telephones, to read the letters, messages, or
  emails of any kind of others, that's strictly forbidden and protected (all proven by
  reference 30)
- The civil rights attained historically through the removal of clergy and nobility (31)
- The general and true-to-word validity of human rights (32)

The curtailment or abolition of all these rights has taken place or is being publicly threatened. Parliaments were dissolved or sent on mandatory vacation. Votes are not being cast. Important elections did not occur.

This is justified by the fact that we find ourselves in an extraordinary situation. Governments are taking over the total exercise of power and making decrees up to the most intimate detail about what we're to do and what we're to let alone. The justification for it is a viral epidemic that can lead to lung infections. Three coherent explanatory patterns come to mind.

These alternatives will be portrayed in the following.

# ALTERNATIVE A – Panic attacks from aging elites without successors?

States of mortal fear can be accompanied by hot flashes, sweating, shortness of breath and panic attacks and lead to irrational behavior (33). Parts of the ruling and middle classes currently find themselves, in this reading, in a state of insanity that they transfer onto wide sections of the world population.

Those struck by lung infections that were, under bad circumstances, *facilitated* by Covid-19 are especially people weakened by age who are relatively near to the end of their natural life expectancies (34).

The average age of the government cabinet of the Federal Republic of Germany lies currently at around 54 years, whereby the average age is pulled down especially by Minister of Health Jens Spahn (39, CDU) and Minister for Family Affairs Franziska Giffey (41, SPD). In other countries, governments, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the average age of the authoritative leadership and functionary levels is often similarly high or higher.

For decades, however, only the economic feasibility of the retirement system and a superficial demographic shift have been debated. The following, however, is not to be overlooked: all assets, all capital and property, as well as relevant monthly incomes sit extremely disproportionately amongst elderly people over 60 in Germany (35)<sub>3</sub>. [??]

Thus the interpretation that the government's current conduct is a kind of hysteria based on an unadmitted fear of death isn't so far-fetched, possibly even in combination with the feeling of no longer being loved.

Older, wealthy and more powerful fractions of the population could, accordingly, have fallen prey to collective states of fear because they're afraid of being infected, maybe by children, maybe by young people, by travelers, by homeless people, immigrants and

3 NOTE: Not clear in the original what the 10% applies to; checked the article but the table didn't seem to refer to it; recommend reviewing your sentence a little – it makes it sound (to me) like people over 60 own a disproportional amount of all wealth at 10%, which, with current demographics in Germany, doesn't make sense to me – sorry.

poorer people, since they, by virtue of their own beginning dotage, could be threatened with death from a potential lung infection. And they've possibly already exhibited the symptoms of stress and isolation.

# ALTERNATIVE B - Covering up the crash of capitalism?

Everyone knows at bottom that the capitalist world-system – at least in its present form – saw its best days long ago. The West has been trending towards absent prosperity, creeping decline, exclusion and states of anxiety (36). This often-demonstrated and interpreted development should be called the Neoliberal Era.

Once-gained progress and standards were circumvented or even purposely destroyed in this time period. Since the so-called financial crisis of 2007, the capitalist system only works by infringing upon its own theoretical-economic, legal and fiscal basic requirements. Since the financial crisis in 2007, the West managed to keep the machine running with a fiscally exceptional regime that was built on sand. Everyone knew it, too, but it had to be maintained because of the pressure coming from the halls of business and because of the fear of revolutions.

In all European and North American countries throughout this time, new rightwing organizations and parties formed who sought a retreat from the pure world market and neoliberalism – often combined with ethnic positions. Parties like the AfD in Germany and the Republicans under Donald Trump in America demand the strengthening of precisely those capital fractions that proved to be incapable of globalization.

### The Emergence of the New Right

The new currents also found adherents amongst industrial workers and citizens who are interested to see large industrial complexes pass into the private ownership of individual industrialists. They're primarily supported in mid and south-east Germany by grassroots movements who invoke a general shared identity placed above class antagonisms with national symbols, powerful speakers and ostentatious remembrance of the better sides of German history. For them, the dividing line doesn't run between landlord and rent-payer, capitalist and worker, rich against poor, but rather between inside and outside, member of the national community und those who, according to this theory, shouldn't belong to it.

What's sought is a national truce between capital and wage-labor on the social-democratic model, and with a sharp differentiation from the bogeyman of socialism and forms of social economy.

Under the auspices of patriotism or ethno-nationalism, savings, stock transactions, and medium-sized businesses should ostensibly be protected, but at bottom the interests of national oligarchs, a de-facto feudal nobility who differs little from global oligarchs, are

what's protected. Overall, in terms of demography and economic reality, the old West-German Republic from 1949 to 1973 should be recreated (37), in which everyone could still be "the smith of his own happiness," (38). Some want to go back even further.

#### New fascistic truce

This political line needs to be labeled as at least fascistic in historical terms, but reverts in the meantime to with regard to several areas of actual government .... (39). [??]<sub>4</sub>

Sharpened thesis: We're seeing at this time a globally-oriented and – only temporarily? – increasingly fascistic government at work, who's becoming increasingly panicked under the influence of a national-fascistic opposition of a new kind. They demand a traditional form of re-nationalization and restoration that's being pushed through by the ruling elites via Corona.

In this reading, the Corona crisis is a fresh start for capitalism on a neo-national basis, by way of which certain rollback procedures for the western social and economic model can attach it to that of the post-war era. In order to maintain capitalism in conditions of empty and overheating capital markets, and to keep the growth-based system of huge real estate conglomerates, landlords, large property owners and gigantic asset managers [??]<sub>5</sub>, a new large-scale war became necessary. To instigate one failed in the recent past because of the decisive refusal of the western population to engage in a military confrontation with Russia.

To artificially instigate the kind of boom needed to maintain the rate of profit – without falling into trade wars or to militarily blast one another into ash and rubble – a collapse had to be brought about developed on a mass psychological scale and drifted about for years in the form of a largely unarticulated psychological overload, or even as the longing for perdition. This economically determined psycho-collapse is currently breaking ground as Corona hysteria, but its goal is the renationalization of capital.

### Longed-for collapse?

The flu infection and nascent hysteria will then just be used as a welcome vehicle to stabilize the economic regime. Similarly to the Grecian crisis, the important thing is something other than what is being implemented on the surface (40). Welcome side-effects are that oil-exporting countries are being brought to their knees and that the countries of the Northern Hemisphere are being forced to chart a perhaps national, but common and contemporaneous course of renewal (42).

In a worse version of alternative B, we are seeing a concerted effort to take power on behalf of global corporations who intentionally infiltrated governments and many large media and scientific institutions to amplify a small crisis so that they could build a

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<sup>5</sup> I couldn't translate the medieval element – but this has the same sense, as far as I can tell, and reads well-ish.

global, totalitarian surveillance system in its aftermath to spread their own system of power and benefices [??]<sub>6</sub>.

A relatively minor model for this scenario would be the Tamiflu scandal in conjunction with the swine and bird flus; such structures were demonstrated in their wake (43). The author believes this reading of version B to be relatively unlikely in the evaluation of the contemporary crisis – for the time being. A conspiracy of this kind doesn't seem feasible on a global scale and would have unpredictable consequences in the population (44).

# VERSION C: Action to protect the climate

The climate problem needs to be described as obvious (45). A significant portion of human influence on climate change through the burning of oil, coal and wood also needs to be assumed. The effects of a 1.5 degree Celsius/Kelvin increase of the average planetary temperature are already violent. An increase of 2 degrees could likely only be managed with losses. Any more than that and the scenarios start to look apocalyptic (46).

It's been shown in the previous decades that no solution for the suicidal tendencies of the human mode of production on planet earth is possible from within the system. Succinctly: people want to consume like maniacs, drive cars like fanatics, jet-set on vacation like queens<sub>7</sub> and to have a lot of technology and appliances in their own homes. They've seen it as worth striving for, lived it as their *right* for centuries. Hopes of personal development, of being loved and of self-efficacy attach themselves to consumption.

Wage-laborers of the earth voted for parties or supported business leaders who corresponded to their desire for consumption, flying, driving, and daily shopping. The materialistic worldview of the dominant competitors in the system, of the liberals and of the socialists, were unable to offer much against this inclination: who wants to contest the individual's desire for cool little machines or permanently improved consumer goods, especially when it's the prerequisite of both the corporate rate of profit and the state's tax income?

# The Environment won't wait for insightful consumers

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Double-check this to make sure you use the same translation as above for Pfruende

<sup>7</sup> I wonder if we might change this to kings to avoid an accidentally sexist turn of phrase?

No change proved possible under the auspices of capitalism and democracy. The planet threatens to become almost uninhabitable for humans in the future, and a successful reversal or transformation becomes less likely with each passing year.

Every reform measure was unpopular and was quashed again and again by lobbyists, businesses and voters, because the logic of capitalism doesn't allow it to be otherwise: growth and profit maximization can't be had alongside climate protection. A shut-down scenario was necessary to make people see reason.

In this reading, the whole contemporary culmination of the crisis is an interdisciplinary self-empowerment of science. Science had to empower itself in order to show the economy its limits and to save human life on earth.

## Interdisciplinary scientific conspiracy

What we're experiencing would thus be a climatological and epidemiological campaign in which interdisciplinary scientific expertise collaborates with government action in the form of an emergence-phenomenon. China and the core EU countries would be cooperating internationally. The USA, England and Russia aren't following or do so sullenly, but at the end can't act differently because their populaces demand protection from the virus.

Alternative C would be the most human alternative to explain the what-it-is that we're currently experiencing. And, as we've already noticed, the world doesn't end when it takes a break. In pictures: human kind has a high temperature and a bad case of the sniffles with the danger of a potentially fatal lung infection. The air could stay out of it – she called in sick for five weeks, and might stay a little longer in the intensive care unit.

As a logical conclusion, the slogan #CoronaIsNotTheProblem was spray-painted at many hospital entrances by trade unions, medical personnel and doctors (47). Many employees in the medical industry and research worldwide know that the corona virus can't be the real problem, even in China. While many criticisms can be levied against the Chinese government, they don't usually act irrationally or unscientifically. Every government has access to the knowledge that climate change exists on earth, and at such a scale that it could threaten all that's human.

# A green conspiracy to save the planet?

But what happens when global warming isn't really human-caused? The after-us-the-flood attitude shown by some on the right is fatalistic: if there's a chance to mitigate global warming, it needs to be used. Even in the event that human emissions aren't a factor at all, because it nevertheless would become dangerously warmer for humans. Even in the event of a false evaluation of the causes, all necessary resources should be expended to increase the chance of protecting life on earth.

Extraordinary actions are appropriate and reasonable in that case. Liberal and social basic rights will be completely re-established at the end of the basically harmless Corona infection-wave. After the corona crisis, a new, climate-sparing mode of production will suddenly be put into place. With all the complex consequences that will have.

A green conspiracy? To whomever everything that isn't covered by the 8 o'clock news comes across as one giant conspiracy theory — even the special programs later contain small deviations — let it be said: Welcome to realitys! (48).

Let's now get to the sphere of action remaining to us in the current state of emergency.

### 3. Our courses of action

Our courses of action take their cues from our analysis and estimation of the danger of the epidemic. They should have been shown under Point 1. As a result, the evaluation and interpretation of government policies play the most important role in our approach.

At this point, every coherent opinion and every plausible interpretation should be heard. They need to be formulated more sharply if necessary. That we're dealing with complex economic interests, social-psychological structures and other scientifically ascertainable factors when dealing with human mass phenomena is given from the outset.

Three primary explanatory patterns become apparent that have been prevented as theses under point two. We can extrapolate three scenarios from them around which we can orient our actions or our decision to wait and see in the near and medium term. We're making the assumption that the values inscribed in the first 20 articles of the German Basic Law are of serious interest to us all.

# SCENARIO A: Demand elections, dissolve the government!

For Scenario A, we're assuming the following, that we will perhaps be able to retrospectively sketch out in the future:

The, on average, aging governments and capital's equally aging ruling elite had a psychosomatically conditioned fear of death. 24,000 people in hunger, 15,000 children dying every day — these things didn't really interest them, or at least not enough for them to invoke states of emergency. Nor did the G20 protests, the Yellow Vests, or Fridays for Future in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Governments didn't give a damn unless it served the interests of capitalists or their own re-election in one way or another. That was considered amoral in their environment, but

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had its own inbuilt rationality. It guaranteed their personal success. Their leeway, determined by the system, was highly limited.

Recession and even total crash scenarios have been making themselves heard in the stock markets for a long time now (57). As about 1,000 older people passed on after a lung infection just after the ides of March in 2020 (49) – fewer than in the previous year at the same time (50) – the ruling elites also landed in the vortex of a budding mass psychosis and functioned as a catalyst. They shut civilization down.

It was an extraordinary event, a combination of various factors and accidents that led to this panicked course of action from these aging elites. They acted out of the fear of death and felt themselves surrounded by the infected. They projected this psychopathological state onto global society.

Conclusion: In the case that this isn't the case, we need to immediately, from one week to the next, hold new elections with the goal of toppling the panicked governments and their false advisors. The Bavarian municipal elections [last month] have already shown that elections can be held during the universal quarantine (51).

A new federal government would then need to offset the consequences of the panic and then more or less continue as before.

# SCENARIO B - Constitutional reform with economic principles

Wage-laborers and farmers generated the entire wealth of civilization; it's only deployed by political functionaries and economic elites. In the event that Western governments, in cooperation with fractions of national or global capital are currently using the virus as an excuse to stage a coup, then the democratic foundation of society is at risk.

To that end, a comparatively harmless cause and the beginnings of a panic would have been used not to hit the brakes, but rather to intentionally suspend basic rights on an epochal scale.

In the event that the governing parties want to arm themselves against the new right without completely giving up on their own party programs – so to carry out a de-facto rationalization of many juridical and economic areas in order to regain acceptance for rash global economic developments that are being rejected by the majority of Western populations – and thereby to bring about a "reset" at the nation-state level, a massive journalistic, civil-rights, trade-union and peace-based political strategy to accompany this plot would be of the utmost importance.

# The Corona Crisis may not be extended past the 17th of April,

# 2020. The following weekend would be constitutionally essential!

We need to keep an exact note of the rights and legal entitlements the government is now taking from us in order to threaten a complete overthrow with a constitutional assembly should they not be completely restored. We need to be ready to submit the likely introduction of new rules for financial markets, labor laws, and economic rules to precise control and democratically guide them (52). Without votes, referendums and democratic elections, nothing like that should be able to happen anyways (53). The federal government limited the regime of emergency to Sunday, the 19th of April, 2020. The weekend before, we need to be – one way or another - peaceably on the streets, if necessary with a safety distance of 1.5 Meters from each other.

We have to oppose: a few members of the government who are potentially more trustworthy for the progressive, oppositional intelligentsia than a majority of the people who are currently trying to bring about a paradigm shift AND a completely private, professional and public shut-down AND deal with a stoked fear of death from a virus at the same time. 9

For the – hopefully – unlikely case that these developments indicate a conspiracy of global corporations who want to thrust our planet into a global capitalist dystopia, we have to act immediately and call a constitutional assembly that would proclaim a new republic while maintaining the first twenty articles of the constitution.

This resistance would be difficult, because progressive forces are weakened and the leftist intelligentsia has been going through its own crises for decades. At bottom, all we can do in this case is say: Godspeed! [Glück auf is hard to translate – we don't have an equivalent that's so deeply embedded in working class tradition that I can think of – I think Godspeed carries the best compromise, but worst case we can just say Good luck!]

Conclusion: The limitations on and abolition of every legal freedom needs to be completely reversed. The corona crisis cannot be extended beyond the 17th of April. The following weekend would be constitutionally essential!

# SCENARIO C - Welcome to the New Era!

At core, we're all having an interesting experience at the moment. The world doesn't end when it takes a break. The wheels are standing still. Production has been ramped down. Planes are grounded. Energy use is sinking. People stay at home more. Work time is radically shortened. Friends, family, kids and collegiality are taking priority.

Time to plant vegetables or to play guitar on the balcony for the neighbors. The sun's shining, spring's coming. Fertile fields and the most important factories are still being worked by capable workers and farmers. The social and medical institutions are stable. Infrastructure's burdens are reduced and it's being preserved. You've got time to read a book. And then another (54).

The crisis passes. An unconditional basic income will be introduced, something the development of the productive forces has made possible for a long time already. Banks and key industries will be nationalized and put under parliamentary control. That keeps the state from having to tax employment income. The standard work week will be reduced to 20 hours, renumeration will be administered in three levels. Whoever would like to work more can.

The automobile industry would be handed over to public ownership and responsible for the preparation and maintenance of mobility in the form of taxi, bus, and mobility systems for everyone. At bottom, everything will be switched over to ecology and social equity, although some elements of competition for independent small and mid-sized businesses and independent contractors will remain, since they've proven to be constitutive of their psyches.

For the heads of industry, there are fewer problems. Most of them have resigned since the end of 2019; resignation.info counted 12,000 business leaders from 9000 businesses who stepped down in the time before the panic (56). We can presume that they've temporarily disappeared into their bunkers (57).

Addendum: On Thursday, the day before the day this work appeared, it became known that Italy had abruptly nationalized the airline Alitalia. It won't stop at that: almost all European banks and many large corporations that operate nationally will follow. It'll come to a complete restructuring of financial institutions. The character of whole states will likely change fundamentally. That shouldn't cause fear, but rather hides huge chances, like debt relief and a form of new prosperity for all.

# The Danger of the middle classes losing their minds

And now we've reached the crux: The middle classes of the Northern Hemisphere may tend to Calvinism and fascistic models, but they're afraid of everything, like this virus. And in a moment of fitful collective cohesion in the form of the March experience of

2020 carefully keep critical understanding running, like the former football keeper Jens Lehmann (58). [??]

The cult of the body, health questions and sexuality were the big themes of the western middle class in the past decades that covered over absent prosperity and their own political ignorance. While it may have led to a few entertaining bloopers on the side of the progressive camp, which should fundamentally be all the more oriented towards the light of empirical science and all the less on the gloom of religious and quasi-religious emotional states.

At bottom, the only thing uniting the middle class was its own interest in the maintenance of its bourgeois lifestyle, based on consumption, distinctions recognized by their educated middle-class peers, meritocracy, and the expansion of their own property and profit.

**Middle-class people** [??]<sub>10</sub> vote across the whole color spectrum. They've decreed "colorful" as their liberal color spectrum that they differentiate from the national newright like the AfD for ethical reasons, although they spring from the same class. And, in the meantime, occupy all parliaments and institutions together. In a certain way, united in constant conflict.

# Neoliberal thinking intrinsically rooted

Middle-class people would like to have many little helpers to manage their own lives, and they want to pay them as little as possible. And they want to feel superior to them. At bottom, the middle-class person strives to become a member of the feudal nobility – even if it's rarely successful.

It might prove only possible with great difficulty to convey to these sections of the middle classes that they're way of life is no longer sustainable and that the worst thing that could happen to them would be unconditional welfare. They tend to think that they've already suffered enough and that they actually deserve more — more cars, more flights, more consumer goods, more clothes, more vacation, more energy-intensive free time, more high-quality food, more status, more of everything than the others.

That's ultimately the elementary being of the middle-class way of life, which is deeply marked by the need to assert oneself in competition and to be convinced that one has successfully carried it off because they're fundamentally better than others. They believe they've acquired what they have (had) because they worked hard for it, and thus deeply deserve it.

# Maximized fear of losses amongst the fans of the maximized performance principle

This psychosocial self-constitution makes the middle-class man – and woman – an occasionally highly volatile and aggressive contemporary. And they are often not wrong when they say that some on the left also want to give up, through economic equality, competition for the true, the beautiful, and the good. So the free and clear pronouncement of opinions, sophisticated aesthetics and the erotic or serious quality in production and innovation – which is completely perverse and absolutely not leftist or simply progressive, but rather regressive.

Some middle-class people don't want to give up their self-understanding – which, from an economic and a cultural point of view, is completely unwarranted, but as an image creates a distinct reality and has brought about some interesting results behind which we shouldn't fall – but rather see their own achievements, the small savings and the, let's say, three rentable apartments better protected by fascistic organizations than by scientifically organized democracies. For years, middle-class people could have been observed in wholly private states of emergency, worrying about the loss of their status.

With the contemporary crisis, many psycho-citizens have joined them, and more will come (58). The middle class accounts for only about 20 percent of society, the others orient themselves on the middle-class lifestyle, but they're often *de facto* freelancers without property or small business owners, farmers, workers on temporary contracts, laborers, day-laborers, low and mid-grade employees in special situations, bankrupts, artists, the sick, the unemployed, and so on. In the end, everyone who's dependent on sales or incoming payments to live. Apart from that, there are very few – and they are hardly represented in parliament, at that. Those who currently *de facto* no longer play a role.

### **New Qualities**

The recognition of one's own meaninglessness can have something deeply activating, humanitarian, life-affirming and uplifting about it. It can lead to doing useful things or to wanting to create a real quality. For people who get their feeling of self-worth from a relative value, who draw their indicators of success for their own professional or intrinsic success solely from a comparison with other people, the project of a social economy has always been hell on earth.

A sector needs to be maintained for them in which they can compete and outdo each other, like they're used to and like they want to, even if it might appear anachronistic in light of the development of productive powers.

Conclusion: Scenario C would mark a gentle transition into an ecological, social, liberal and democratic era, brought about in the form of an interdisciplinary scientific putsch by way of the eco-catastrophe — although factors from A and B might play a contributing role. The task for the critical intelligentsia would be to facilitate this process, secure it, and to insist on liberal basic rights.

#### **SUMMARY**

CoronaIsntTheProblem. The Virus isn't especially threatening. What we're living through is caused either by:

A - a psychosomatic collapse of the ruling elites of the Northern Hemisphere. We need to demand and carry out elections quickly to end the regime of emergency!

or

B – a national government overthrow that's bringing about a capitalist reset or installing a global surveillance regime. On the weekend of April 17th, we need to come together for a constitutional assembly!

or

C – the beginning of an ecological and social change of eras, in which liberal freedoms will be restored and production will be quickly adapted to scientific insights. We need to support and constructively criticize this process!

Probably, a combination of all three scenarios is taking place. How it's weighted – we'll find out.

### **Concluding Remarks**

The corona crisis will pass. People will celebrate the successful fight against the epidemic. Governments will pass new laws for the economy and install new, institutionalized systems. Our task as the critical intelligentsia lies in anticipating the ethical, psychological, economic, ecological, and constitutional as well as human-rights ramifications – and to take appropriate action.

That potentially incendiary, violent voices motivated by racism, sexism, anti-Semitism etc. need to be met ad hoc should be beyond all question at this point. Likewise, every sick person must receive protection and treatment. Likewise, the death of every individual person will be treated with dignity and mourned.

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Dies verkündeten sowohl Ursula von der Leyen (CDU, EUKommisssionschefin, die zuvor massiv in eine RüstungslobbyistenAffäre verstrickt war), sowie BRD-Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel

(CDU) in mehreren Ansprachen und Pressekonferenzen. Für die Aufhebung des ohnehin halbherzig durchgeführten Verbotes der Sonntagsarbeit wird wiederum die Versorgung der Bevölkerung mit Nahrungsmitteln angeführt. Das ist aber unsinnig, weil die Belieferung der Supermärkte bislang auch ohne Sonntagsarbeit funktionierte und durch die Notstandsgesetzgebung an den Werktagen zusätzliche Produktivkräfte folgerichtig frei geworden sind.

Damit kann als bewiesen gelten, dass die Aufhebung des Verbotes der Sonntagsarbeit durch das derzeitige BRD-Notstandsregime ohne öffentliche Diskussion, ohne Wahlen und ohne seriösen parlamentarischen Beschluss ausschließlich neoliberal-ideologisch motiviert ist.

Es erscheint als völlig irrational, dass mit dem oktroyierten

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(31) Abermals Mausfeld: https://www.swr.de/swr2/leben-undgesellschaft/aexavarticle-swr-64682.html

(https://www.swr.de/swr2/leben-und-gesellschaft/aexavarticleswr-64682.html)

(32) Alfred Müller-Armack: Wirtschaftsordnung und Wirtschaftspolitik. Bern 1976, S. 245: "auf der Basis der Wettbewerbswirtschaft die freie Initiative mit einem gerade durch die wirtschaftliche Leistung gesieherten sozielen Fortschritt zu

die wirtschaftliche Leistung gesicherten sozialen Fortschritt zu verbinden"

(33) Volksmund: "Seines eigenen Glückes Schmied sein":

https://www.nzz.ch/niemand\_ist\_seines\_glueckes\_schmied-1.5836580

(https://www.nzz.ch/niemand\_ist\_seines\_glueckes\_schmied-1.5836580)

(34) Faschismus als "terroristische Diktatur der am meisten reaktionären, chauvinistischen und imperialistischen Elemente des Finanzkapitals", genannt Dimitroff-These

(35) Erklärung des früheren griechischen Finanzministers Yanis Varoufakis vom 14. März 2020: https://youtu.be/CDah\_g3IzyM (https://youtu.be/CDah\_g3IzyM) sowie

https://diem25.org/euroleaks-the-full-2015-eurogrouprecordings-now-public/ (https://diem25.org/euroleaks-the-full-2015-eurogroup-recordings-now-public/)

(36) "Seitdem der Ölhandel an der NYMEX im Jahr 1983 aufgenommen wurde, gab es nur einen einzigen Tag, den Beginn des Zweiten Golfkriegs am 17. Januar 1991, an dem das Öl einen stärkeren Preisrückgang erlebte als am 9. März 2020."

https://www.finanztrends.info/oelpreiskrieg-wer-kaempft-hiereigentlich-gegen-wen/

(https://www.finanztrends.info/oelpreiskrieg-wer-kaempft-hiereigentlich-gegenwen/)

(42) "Die Corona-Krise wird für die Wirtschaft zur Zerreißprobe.

Das Beispiel Italien zeigt, dass Verteilungsfragen bald im Vordergrund stehen könnten":

https://www.heise.de/tp/features/Und-wie-hat-es-dichgetroffen-4684635.html (https://www.heise.de/tp/features/Undwie-hat-es-dichgetroffen-4684635.html)

Ein "Crash" zeichnete sich vor Corona auch kurzfristig ab:

https://www.jungewelt.de/loginFailed.php?

ref=/artikel/361231.mieten-und-politische-ökonomie-wannplatzt-die-

**blase.html** (https://www.jungewelt.de/loginFailed.php? ref=/artikel/361231.mieten-und-politische-%C3%B6konomiewann-platzt-dieblase.html)

(43) Tamiflu-Unwirksamkeit und Propaganda für Schweine- und Vogelgrippen sind kein Insiderwissen mehr, sondern mittlerweile Common Sense:

#### https://www.aerztekammerberlin.de/40presse/15\_meldungen/0036 7 Tamiflu/index.htm

(https://www.aerztekammerberlin.de/40presse/15\_meldungen/00367\_Tamiflu/index.htm)

und sogar https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oseltamivir (https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oseltamivir)

(44) Es drängen sich hier die Begriffe Anomie, Desintegration, Sezession und so weiter auf

(45) Wernicke, Pohlmann (hrsg.): Die Öko-Katastrophe, Mainz 2019: https://www.rubikon.news/artikel/die-oko-katastrophe (https://www.rubikon.news/artikel/die-oko-katastrophe)

https://www.welt.de/wissenschaft/umwelt/article149380935/ Was-passiert-bei-1-5-Grad-mehr-Was-bei-2-3-und-4-Grad.html

(https://www.welt.de/wissenschaft/umwelt/article149380935/W as-passiert-bei-1-5-Grad-mehr-Was-bei-2-3-und-4-Grad.html)

(47) "Corona ist nicht das Problem!" Diesen aufgesprayten Slogan hat der Autor dieses Textes zuletzt am Sonntag, 15. März 2020, um 10 Uhr vor dem Klinikum Friedrichshain aufseiten der Landsberger Allee in Berlin gesehen, unterschrieben mit "Junge Pflege NO". Im Netz finden sich ähnliche Fotografien von Wandmalereien aktuellen Datums, die teils mit "…, die Angst ist es!" ergänzt werden. Ein Beispiel:

https://www.google.com/imgres?

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(48) Der Physiker und Jurist Alexander Unzicker hat auf Telepolis einen anregenden Artikel gegen die ewige "Aluhut-Verdächtigung" fast aller Denker, die vom Regierungsspektrum abweichen, veröffentlicht: https://www.heise.de/tp/features/DieForderung-nachdem-Nichtgebrauch-des-Verstandes-hatKonjunktur-4339542.html (https://www.heise.de/tp/features/Die-Forderung-nach-demNichtgebrauch-des-Verstandes-hat-Konjunktur-4339542.html)

(49) Am Donnerstag, den 12.3.2020 verbreitete sich von Italien aus die Massenpsychose über die europäische Welt:

### https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute/corona-pandemiemehr-als-1-000-tote-in-italien-100.html

(https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/heute/corona-pandemiemehr-als-1-000-tote-in-italien-100.html)

(50) "Eine Letalitätsrate von 0,05 Prozent ist geringer als die saisonale Grippewelle...". Prof. John Ioannidis (siehe oben): "A population-wide case fatality rate of 0.05% is lower than seasonal influenza. If that is the true rate, locking down the world with potentially tremendous social and financial consequences may be totally irrational. It's like an elephant being attacked by a house cat. Frustrated and trying to avoid the cat, the elephant accidentally jumps off a cliff and dies."

(https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/a-fiasco-in-themaking-asthe-coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-aremaking-decisionswithout-reliable-data/

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https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.02.12.20022434v 2 (h

ttps://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.02.12.20022434v 2) und abermals https://youtu.be/jpSOVxjWgDs?t=65 (https://youtu.be/jpSOVxjWgDs?t=65)

(51) Ergebnisse der Kommunalwahlen im Föderalstaat Bayern vom 15. März 2020:

## https://www.jungewelt.de/artikel/374631.ende-eines-trendsgrüne-erfolgssträhne-beendet.html

(https://www.jungewelt.de/artikel/374631.ende-eines-trendsgr%C3%BCne-erfolgsstr%C3%A4hne-beendet.html)

(52) Muss eine an rationaler Wissenschaft, rechtsstaatlichen Grundsätzen und Erfahrungen der Menschen ausgerichtete Verfassung der Ökonomie installiert werden? Modellversuche mit reger Beteiligung gab und gibt es: Lenz, Faßmann, Sodenkamp, Bartleby (hrsg.): Das Kapitalismustribunal. Zur Revolution der ökonomischen Rechte (das rote Buch). Passagen Verlag, Wien 2016.

http://www.passagen.at/cms/index.php? id=62&isbn=9783709202203

(http://www.passagen.at/cms/index.php? id=62&isbn=9783709202203)

(53) Wie Verfassungen entstehen:

## https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Verfassunggebende\_Versammlung(h

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(54) Empfohlen zur genüsslichen (Wieder-)Lektüre werden "Der Zauberberg" von Thomas Mann, "Das Dekameron" von Giovanni Bocaccio und "Die Pest" von Albert Camus

(55) "In seinem Essay 'Lob des Müßiggangs' entwarf der Philosoph und Mathematiker Bertrand Russell bereits 1935 eine Welt, in der Menschen nur noch vier Stunden am Tag arbeiten. 'Der Weg zu Glück und Wohlfahrt', so schrieb er, liege 'in einer organisierten Arbeitseinschränkung'. Aufgrund der fortschreitenden Technik genüge eine stark verkürzte Arbeitszeit, um jedem ein komfortables Auskommen zu sichern. Die freiwerdende Zeit könnten die Menschen hehren Zielen widmen: Forschung, Malerei oder dem Schreiben. 'Vor allem aber wird es wieder Glück und Lebensfreude geben statt der nervösen Gereiztheit, Übermüdung und schlechten Verdauung', so Russell." (Christoph Koch in brandeins, 2018)

https://www.brandeins.de/magazine/brandeinswirtschaftsmagazin/2018/reset/was-waere-wenn-wir-allenurnoch-20-stunden-arbeiteten

(https://www.brandeins.de/magazine/brand-einswirtschaftsmagazin/2018/reset/was-waere-wenn-wir-alle-nurnoch-20-stunden-arbeiteten)

(56) Protokoll massenhafter Rücktritte von Konzernchefs seit Ende 2019 (kein saisonal auftretender Effekt):

https://www.resignation.info (https://www.resignation.info)

(57) https://www.rubikon.news/artikel/der-krieg-der-reichen

(https://www.rubikon.news/artikel/der-krieg-der-reichen)

(58) Der frühere Fußballtorwart Jens Lehmann meldete vorsichtige Zweifel an: "This is difficult to believe now. The mortality rate is lower than in previous years across Europe, based on data until 8. March 2020. So let's wait until the end of this week for new data. What if we cause more damage to the well-being of people by shutting down everything?"

(https://twitter.com/jenslehmann/status/123963008169540403 3 (h

ttps://twitter.com/jenslehmann/status/1239630081695404033))

Lehmann erntete zunächst Erzürnung und Verhöhnung:

https://www.faz.net/aktuell/sport/fussball/shitstorm-gegenjens-lehmann-nach-coronavirus-aussagen-16684563.html

(https://www.faz.net/aktuell/sport/fussball/shitstorm-gegenjens-lehmann-nach-coronavirus-aussagen-16684563.html)

Von Corona fanatisierte BürgerInnen, abermals mit Verweis auf die Nutzerkommentare:

https://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2020-03/coronavirus-ansprache-angela-merkel-massnahmen-analyse? page=28#comments

(https://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2020-03/coronavirusansprache-angela-merkel-massnahmen-analyse? page=28#comments)

(59) https://www.labournet.de/politik/wipo/wipo-deb/wipoall/buch-die-oeko-katastrophe-den-planeten-zu-retten-heisstdie-herrschenden-eliten-zu-stuerzen/

(https://www.labournet.de/politik/wipo/wipo-deb/wipoall/buch-die-oeko-katastrophe-den-planeten-zu-retten-heisstdie-herrschenden-eliten-zu-stuerzen/)

(60) http://www.passagen.at/cms/index.php? id=62&isbn=9783709202203

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"In unserer Epoche ist das Überflüssige leichter herzustellen als das Notwendige." - Karl Marx, Das Elend der Philosophie