



# ALTERNATIVES TO ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGES

## EUROPEAN MEETINGS

GENEVA · 24 — 26 JANUARY 2014

### APPEAL

The current environmental crisis, demonstrated most disturbingly by the phenomenon of climate change, is an unprecedented threat to humanity and the natural environment. At the root of this catastrophe is a civilisation – Western capitalism – that is based on the unlimited accumulation of profit, consumerism, commodity fetishism and a logic of limitless expansion. This system has proved itself to be incompatible with protecting the environment.

We believe that the responses proposed from within the capitalist system (green capitalism, sustainable development, carbon markets, nuclear power, etc.) are unacceptable. They are not sufficient to respond to the social and ecological emergencies that we are facing.

Ecosocialism is a new attempt to articulate the fundamental ideals of socialism incorporating ecological critiques. Our aim is a new civilisation, an alternative way of life founded on new social and ethical values.

**Ecosocialism is not compatible with capitalism.  
Our ecosocialism is anti-capitalist and feminist.**

# PROGRAM

## FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Public conference and information desk  
University of Geneva (Uni Mail) Room MR080

### 19:00-22:00 Alternatives to ecological challenges

avec **Michael LÖWY** What can we learn from the South?  
**Daniel TANURO** Global ecological challenges  
**Mari Carmen GARCIA BUENO** The struggles of women  
in the South and the North for ecology

## SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Plenaries and workshops  
Maison des Associations Salle Gandhi

9:00-9:15 **Welcome, Presentation of the Meeting and Objectives**  
by **Juan Tortosa**

9:15-10:15 **Plenary** **Ecofeminism, an alternative for the society**  
**Yayo Herrero**

10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**

10:30-13:00 **Workshops**

– **Energetic transition to face green capitalism's propositions**  
(abandon of the nuclear and the fossil energies, towards an energetic autonomy,  
against wasting, obsolescence, etc.)  
Coordination : Daniel Tanuro, Hallvard Birkenland, Maxime Combes, Giorgios Mitralias

– **Agriculture and food, biodiversity: which are the alternatives?**  
Coordination : Roxanne Mitralias, Valentina Hemmeler, Mari Carmen Garcia Bueno  
Laurence Lyonnais, Daniel Süri

– **Buen Vivir, culture and well being**  
Coordination : Mathieu Menghini, Gilles Godinat

13:00-14:30 **Lunch — Coffee**

16:00-18:30 **Workshops**

– **Territorial development**: water, urban-rural relations, well living of the city,  
social housing, transport and mobility  
Coordination : Hendrik Davi, Yayo Herrero, João Camargo

– **What to produce, and how?** (working conditions and sectors to eliminate,  
to transform, to develop)  
Coordination : Christine Poupin, Laurent Garrouste, Michel Ducommun,  
Manuel Gari, APRES-GE

– **The role of trade unions in an ecosocialist perspective**  
Coordination : Dominique Malvaud, Louis-Marie Barnier, Miguel Franco,  
Ainhara Plazaola, Didier Aubé

18:30-20:30 **Dinner**  
at Cercle du Mail 25, rue du Vieux-Billard (Parti du Travail), Tombola

20:30 **Solidarity evening with the agricultural labourers of Andalusia**  
with **Mari Carmen Garcia BUENO** (SAT, Via Campesina) and **Juan Manuel GORDILLO** (Mayor of Marinaleda)  
«Off» evening, organized by other groups

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Plenaries and workshops  
Maison des Associations Salle Gandhi

9:00-10:00 **Plenary** **Ecological issues and resistance at european level**  
**Maxime Combes** — presented by Diana Delgado

10:00-10:15 **Coffee break**

10:15-12:30 **Workshops**

– **Ecological planning, democratic control and self-organization**  
Coordination : Mathieu Agostini, Manuel Gari

– **Alternatives, struggles and concrete experiences as a field for social and ecological transformation**  
Coordination : Michel Lepesant, Gaétan Morel, Juan Manuel Sánchez Gordillo,  
Christophe Aguiton, Mikel Novel, Panos Totsikas

– **Ecological debt, struggles of the South**  
Coordination : Michael Löwy, Jérémie Cravatte, Renaud Duterne,  
Mari Carmen Garcia Bueno, João Camargo

12:30-14:00 **Lunch — Coffee — Paëlla**  
au Cercle du Mail 25, rue du Vieux-Billard (Parti du Travail)

14:00-16:00 **Plenary** **Conclusions of workshops, resolutions of the meeting, campaigns and common mobilizations**  
**Yayo Herrero** and **Manolo Gari**

FRI 24<sup>th</sup>: Uni Mail · 40, bd Pont-d'Arve — SAT 25<sup>th</sup> + SUN 26<sup>th</sup>: Maison des Associations · 15, rue des Savoises

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# ABOUT US

**To confront all these challenges, the environmental and social movements (in the broadest sense) need to be coordinated, at least at the European level, not only for campaigns on specific issues (shale gas exploitation, water privatization, climate change, etc. ...) but also in order to better coordinate the struggles, analyze all policies that concern us, learn from the experiences of each other, etc.**

The association «Alternatives to face ecological challenges» has been created to organize this meeting, on the initiative of the ecosocialist group of solidaritéS. We wish that this meeting would bring together in an extended way activists of collectives that are fighting for a society respectful of

human beings and nature and who feel the need to radically change system. The future will be ecosocialist (including social ecology, ecofeminism, libertarian ecology, etc.) or there will be none.

The aim should be to make of this meeting a first step in the creation of an anti-capitalist critical space that would be one of the references in left social and European politics. We wish to work out a document/manifesto that defines our profile and our intention to work and allow others to approach us. The conclusion of this work will be concrete proposals that we can spread in social, socialist or ecological organizations.

We propose to participate to the construction of this space allowing the advent of personal, political or even organizational bonds.



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