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Like 20th century socialists before them, today's degrowthers ignore basic human nature: without growth, change, and new challenges and opportunities, humans become deeply dissatisfied.

The 21st-century degrowth movement makes the same mistake about human nature as 20th-century socialists

On July 2, a meeting took place at the Russian House in the Lebanese capital to discuss restoration work being done on the objects of the Metropolis of Beirut of the Orthodox Church of Antioch. The ...

Restoration work in Beirut Metropolis is discussed at the meeting at Russian House

The movement in oil prices is a key catalyst for the Gulf region ' s financial markets ... a proposal from Saudi Arabia to raise output in stages by about 2 million barrels per day from August ...

Saudi index falls in early trade; IHC supports Abu Dhabi

People used to go to Valley View Farms to buy five tomato plants and end up with \$5,000 in patio furniture. This year is different. After a record burst ...

Want to see a snapshot of the U.S. economy? Look at patio furniture

The tragic shape is caused by a massive nearby white dwarf distorting the star with its intense gravity, which will also be the catalyst for an eventual supernova that will consume both. Found by an ...

Teardrop Star Reveals Hidden Supernova Doom

Cryptocurrencies are a fascinating subject. There are smart people convinced that it's the next Big Thing and will have a similar impact to the Internet, while others see it as a scam. This report ...

Cryptocurrency Industry Report

Experts say it's a good problem for the economy to have, but demand will have to stay strong enough for companies to catch up and shorten long waits.

'Everyone is just so far behind': Patio furniture shortage paints picture of US economy

People used to go to Valley View Farms to buy five tomato plants and end up with \$5,000 in patio furniture. This year is different. After a record burst of sales in March, the showroom floor is almost ...

Have a seat: Patio furniture shortage tells US economic tale

A state law threatens to drive up labor costs for the city ' s hand-to-mouth small theater scene as it tries to emerge from the pandemic.

Emerging From Covid, Small Theaters in Los Angeles Face a New Challenge

OPEC+ ministers called off oil output talks on Monday after clashing last week when the United Arab Emirates rejected a proposed eight-month extension to output curbs, meaning no deal to boost ...

OPEC+ abandons oil policy meeting after Saudi-UAE clash

" This is a very good problem for the economy to have, " said Gus Faucher, chief economist for PNC Financial Services ... spending but crowded ports, an explosion at an Ohio chemical plant ...

Patio furniture shortage tells U.S. economic tale

President Joe Biden visited the collapsed condo in Miami. And here's what's going on with the Trump Organization's tax charges. It's Thursday's news.

A visit from the comforter-in-chief

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Where is my patio table? Supply delays leave consumers waiting.

Centre earned Rs 4.91Cr revenue as fuel prices hiked 69 times this year: Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury Congress-led UDF stages stir in ... bomb was intended for an explosion during the train ' s journey ...

Pakistan hand suspected in Darbhanga blast case; three arrested so far

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This is the fourth in a continuing series of collected essays by the former editors of Monthly Review on the state of the U.S. economy and its relation to the global system. Like its predecessors, this volume focuses on the most recent phase of the development of U.S. capitalism, stressing the profound contradictions of the underlying processes of capital accumulation and pointing the way to the fundamental reforms that are the essential precondition for a real economic revival.

Preface --Introduction --pt. 1. Causes --1. Thehousehold debt bubble --2. Theexplosion of debt and speculation --3.Monopoly-finance capital --4. Thefinancialization of capitalism --pt. 2.Consequences --5. Thefinancialization of capital and the crisis --6.Back to the real economy --Notes --Index.

The days of boom and bubble are over, and the time has come to understand the long-term economic reality. Although the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009, hopes for a new phase of rapid economic expansion were quickly dashed. Instead, growth has been slow, unemployment has remained high, wages and benefits have seen little improvement, poverty has increased, and the trend toward more inequality of incomes and wealth has continued. It appears that the Great Recession has given way to a period of long-term anemic growth, which Foster and McChesney aptly term the Great Stagnation. This incisive and timely book traces the origins of economic stagnation and explains what it means for a clear understanding of our current situation. The authors point out that increasing monopolization of the economy—when a handful of large firms dominate one or several industries—leads to an over-abundance of capital and too few profitable investment opportunities, with economic stagnation as the result. Absent powerful stimuli to investment, such as historic innovations like the automobile or major government spending, modern capitalist economies have become increasingly dependent on the financial sector to realize profits. And while financialization may have provided a temporary respite from stagnation, it is a solution that cannot last indefinitely, as instability in financial markets over the last half-decade has made clear.

This is the fifth in the important series of essays by the former editors of Monthly Review analyzing the ongoing crisis of global capitalism. Following the multiple interconnected stock market crashes of October 1987, the economies of the capitalist world entered a new and dangerous phase of the crisis that began in the 1970s with the end of the post-WWII boom. Sweezy and Magdoff argue that far from being a temporary setback, the events of late 1987 are rooted in the nature of the capital accumulation process itself and therefore unlikely to be reversed. Their argument is especially prescient when viewed in light of the financial meltdown of 2008.

Tyler Cowen ' s controversial New York Times bestseller—the book heard round the world that ignited a firestorm of debate and redefined the nature of America ' s economic malaise. America has been through the biggest financial crisis since the great Depression, unemployment numbers are frightening, media wages have been flat since the 1970s, and it is common to expect that things will get worse before they get better. Certainly, the multidecade stagnation is not yet over. How will we get out of this mess? One political party tries to increase government spending even when we have no good plan for paying for ballooning programs like Medicare and Social Security. The other party seems to think tax cuts will raise revenue and has a record of creating bigger fiscal disasters than the first. Where does this madness come from? As Cowen argues, our economy has enjoyed low-hanging fruit since the seventeenth century: free land, immigrant labor, and powerful new technologies. But during the last forty years, the low-hanging fruit started disappearing, and we started pretending it was still there. We have failed to recognize that we are at a technological plateau. The fruit trees are barer than we want to believe. That's it. That is what has gone wrong and that is why our politics is crazy. In The Great Stagnation, Cowen reveals the underlying causes of our past prosperity and how we will generate it again. This is a passionate call for a new respect of scientific innovations that benefit not only the powerful elites, but humanity as a whole.

This is the second in the series of four collections of essays in which Paul M. Sweezy and Harry Magdoff, the editors of Monthly Review, set out as it took place the development of U.S. and global capitalism from the late 1960s to the "financial explosion" age of the early 1990s and after. This second set of essays constitute in their totality a probing analysis of the condition of the United States economy in the 1970s, immediately after the end of the "golden age" of capitalism. The authors concluded, correctly, that a new period had begun—"one of sluggish capitalist accumulation and unemployment in the advanced capitalist countries on a scale not seen since the 1930s."

This book collects selected articles addressing several currently debated issues in the field of international macroeconomics. They focus on the role of the central banks in the debate on how to come to terms with the long-term decline in productivity growth, insufficient aggregate demand, high economic uncertainty and growing inequalities following the global financial crisis. Central banks are of considerable importance in this debate since understanding the sluggishness of the recovery process as well as its implications for the natural interest rate are key to assessing output gaps and the monetary policy stance. The authors argue that a more dynamic domestic and external aggregate demand helps to raise the inflation rate, easing the constraint deriving from the zero lower bound and allowing monetary policy to depart from its current ultra-accommodative position. Beyond macroeconomic factors, the book also discusses a supportive financial environment as a precondition for the rebound of global economic activity, stressing that understanding capital flows is a prerequisite for economic-policy decisions.

Absent any "epoch making innovations" like the automobile or vast new increases in military spending, the result was a general trend toward economic stagnation—a condition that persists, and is increasingly apparent, to this day. Their analysis was also extended to issues of imperialism, or "accumulation on a world scale," overlapping with the path-breaking work of Samir Amin in particular. John Bellamy Foster is a leading exponent of this theoretical perspective today, continuing in the tradition of Baran and Sweezy's Monopoly Capital. This new edition of his essential work, The Theory of Monopoly Capitalism, is a clear and accessible explication of this outlook, brought up to the present, and incorporating an analysis of recently discovered "lost" chapters from Monopoly Capital and correspondence between Baran and Sweezy.

This book provides a critique of the neoclassical explanations of the 2008 financial collapse, of the ensuing long recession and of the neoliberal austerity responses to it. The study argues that while the prevailing views of deregulation and financialization as instrumental culprits in the explosion and implosion of the financial bubble are not false, they fail to point out that financialization is essentially an indication of an advanced stage of capitalist development. These standard explanations tend to ignore the systemic dynamics of the accumulation of finance capital, the inherent limits to that accumulation, production and division of economic surplus, class relations, and the balance of social forces that mold economic policy. Instead of simply blaming the ' irrational behavior ' of market players, as neoliberals do, or lax public supervision, as Keynesians do, this book focuses on the core dynamics of capitalist development that not only created the financial bubble, but also fostered the ' irrational behavior ' of market players and subverted public policy. Due to its interdisciplinary perspective, this book will be of interest to students and researchers in economics, finance, politics and sociology.

The definitive report on what caused America's economic meltdown and who was responsibleThe financial and economic crisis has touched the lives of millions of Americans who have lost their jobs and their homes, but many have little understanding of how it happened. Now, in this very accessible report, readers can get the facts. Formed in May 2009, the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission (FCIC) is a panel of 10 commissioners with experience in business, regulations, economics, and housing, chosen by Congress to explain what happened and why it happened. This panel has had subpoena power that enabled them to interview people and examine documents that no reporter had access to. The FCIC has reviewed millions of pages of documents, and interviewed more than 600 leaders, experts, and participants in the financial markets and government regulatory agencies, as well as individuals and businesses affected by the crisis. In the tradition of The 9/11 Commission Report, "The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report" will be a comprehensive book for the lay reader, complete with a glossary, charts, and easy-to-read diagrams, and a timeline that includes important events. It will be read by policy makers, corporate executives, regulators, government agencies, and the American people.

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