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## The crisis of capitalism in our times? What is to be done?

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'The good old  
days are gone  
and they  
won't return'

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We are confronted with a huge amount of information from endlessly competing sources -- the amount of real-world real-time data is the same as always, but the speed and accessibility of such facts and opinions and interpretations is new. How do we make sense of it all? From the looming climate catastrophe to war and famine, from the abysmal economic inequalities to war and disease, the four horsemen of the apocalypse ride forth over the world's population. Inequality – of income and opportunity, of health and education, of housing and welfare, and as between genders, ethnicities, abilities, and sexual orientation – that stands out among an increasingly interconnected humankind. This deep inequality creates insecurity, which leads to instability in personal and family life, in communities, regions, nations, and globally. The result is lack of co-operation, inward looking fortresses (Europe, USA, India), and more divisions and fewer answers. Neoliberal-capitalist globalization since the 1970s produced an even rawer and more ruthless type of capitalism and put an end to the struggles of the 20th century, but it also generated a new 21st-century left, that have been impressively creative and radical in form. This talk is an attempt to understand the context of the 21st-century left and its innovative responses to the major challenges of the present conjuncture. What are the prospects for the 21st-century working class and for the struggles of the left?

### ALL WELCOME!

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