

# Prospects for a Post-Capitalist Future: Power, Resistance and Transformation

## Conference and Special Issue Call For Papers

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The coronavirus pandemic brought into sharp focus the myriad contradictions at the heart of contemporary capitalism. From anti-democratic politics and economic malaise, to mounting work-life conflicts, social unrest and ecological collapse, solving these challenges requires big thinking unrestrained by market orthodoxy. As liberal democratic capitalism loses legitimacy, authoritarian populists have increasingly gained power. In this context, the left finds itself at a strategic and political impasse seemingly unable to grasp the appetite for transformative change. Predominant political responses have appealed for a more conscientious and inclusive capitalism, yet many of these calls do little more than reproduce the status quo. In other words, they have sought to mitigate capitalism's worst flaws, rather than advance a 'postcapitalist' future. These profound political limitations make the task of reorganizing society in more socially just and equitable ways all the more urgent.

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