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An economic agenda for the Left

Internationalist greetings! Welcome to the April edition of the **In Movement** Newsletter, brought to you by the **International Peoples' Assembly (IPA)**. Today we bring you updates on the **International Dilemmas of Humanity Conference: Perspectives for Social Transformation**, held from April 7–10, 2025, in São Paulo, Brazil. More than 70 intellectuals and leaders of popular movements from over 20 countries participated in four days of debates. As a final conclusion, the conference declared the urgent need to create a new economic agenda — one that not only addresses the current crises but also aims to build a new world with a socialist horizon, grounded in social justice and the sovereignty of peoples.



To learn more about the main points discussed and the proposals for the future, we invite you to read the executive summary of the IV International Dilemmas of

Dilemmas of Humanity celebrates an economic agenda for the Left

Humanity is facing a profound crisis of the capitalist system, reflected in war, poverty, hunger, inequality, and climate catastrophe. Rising geopolitical instability and the breakdown of global governance mechanisms indicate that reformist solutions of the past no longer address the challenges of the present. It is therefore urgent to formulate a new agenda that structurally confronts the problems generated by capitalism.

In recent years, this crisis has also been evident in the rise of the extreme right. Across Europe, the United States, South America, and South Asia, reactionary forces are gaining power. Their ascent is undermining prospects for transformation towards sustainable development, social justice, and a more equitable global order.

In this context, the debate on industrialization and development has regained momentum. However, it is essential that this process move beyond the replication of outdated models or a narrow focus on economic growth. The Global South must break free from the cycle of underdevelopment, dependency, and indebtedness imposed by capitalism in its imperialist phase.

It is in this spirit of transformation that we present the main pillars of an economic agenda discussed during our conference. This agenda seeks to confront current crises and to advance a new horizon of justice and sovereignty.

1. Economic policies grounded in human needs and environmental limits
Economic policy cannot be addressed in isolation. It must place human needs and environmental boundaries at the center of development strategies.

2. Reducing inequality and promoting autonomous development
Our political and economic program prioritizes the reduction of inequality and the promotion of development free from dependency, while strengthening democracy. Achieving this requires political power—extending beyond institutional spaces—and reforms that enable systemic change.

3. A comprehensive development strategy
Development must include all sectors of society and the economy, including agriculture, services, trade, infrastructure, and public facilities. Industrialization remains a key pathway to social and economic progress. However, it should serve human needs and not be treated as an end in itself. Public policy must reflect this principle.

4. Working and production conditions
A just industrial model must not rely on precarious, low-paid labor for export to the Global North. The objective is to produce and fairly distribute wealth. Strengthening South-South integration is also essential, with production systems that meet the internal needs of our populations.

5. Sovereignty over natural resources
Control over natural resources is fundamental to achieving autonomous development in the Global South. Energy sources and mineral wealth must serve public needs and support industrial strategies. To ensure this, these resources must be publicly owned and managed under democratic, state-led control.

6. Digital sovereignty

It is crucial to develop policies that ensure digital sovereignty, strengthen national technological infrastructure, and secure data as a strategic resource for development. Technology transfer and solidarity among nations of the Global South are key components of this process.

7. New partnerships and trade systems

Sustainable development in the Global South depends on building new partnerships and trade systems that move beyond the exploitative frameworks dominated by the Global North.

8. A new financial architecture

Given the deterioration of the current financial system, there is a need to build a new architecture. This includes strengthening regional institutions and creating viable alternatives to the SWIFT system.

9. Coherent fiscal and monetary policy

Development and industrial strategies must be supported by consistent fiscal and monetary policies. These policies should be designed to reinforce and sustain long-term objectives.

10. State reconstruction

States must be equipped to confront structural challenges and improve living conditions. Resources currently captured by financial speculation must be redirected toward productive sectors. This will generate employment, income, and sovereign development. States must be rebuilt to genuinely represent and serve the interests of their people.

We also propose a set of short-term measures that we consider fundamental to the debate and to building a new path towards development:

- Democratic control of the Central Bank, with a view to aligning its actions with the interests of national development and social justice.
- Development-oriented fiscal policy, with a focus on redistributing income and strengthening the role of the state as an inducer of collective well-being.
- Tax reform with social justice, making the richest contribute more and easing the burden on the poorest.
- Defense of nature and food sovereignty, through reforestation, water protection and the preservation of biodiversity.
- Strengthening regional integration, with support for organizations such as BRICS and CELAC, in search of a more sovereign and multipolar geopolitics.
- Transition to a new energy matrix, focused on social well-being and with less environmental impact.
- A popular agrarian program, with the aim of tackling land concentration, reducing dependence on commodities and promoting the production of healthy food and ecological production practices.

This minimum program, developed from the debates at the International Conference Dilemmas of Humanity: Perspectives for Social Transformation,

represents only a preliminary stage in a broader process. Genuine social transformation cannot be achieved through isolated measures. It requires sustained popular mobilization and coordinated efforts among all actors committed to change. The program must be continually revised and enriched through active participation. Together, we must advance toward building a new economic and social model—one that centers nature and affirms the sovereignty of our peoples.

Updates



Fascism back in Europe?

From June 20–22, 2025, in Berlin, the Zetkin Forum will host an important gathering of Marxists, historians, and anti-fascists to understand the resurgence of fascism in our time. Through three major blocks of debate, the conference “Fascism back in Europe?” will revisit Marxist theories on fascism, analyze the rise of far-right movements across Europe, and discuss strategies for building a truly progressive anti-fascism today. This conference is part of the Dilemmas of Humanity process in Europe, a collective effort to develop people's solutions to the crises of our time. [Register to join](#) the conference or follow [@zetkinforum](#) on social media to stay updated.



We Stand with the Panamanian People

The trade union, peasant, Indigenous, and popular organizations of Panama began an indefinite strike on April 28 against the advance of neoliberal policies attacking their rights and sovereignty. Their struggle is against the increase in social security contributions and the lowering of pensions, against environmental plunder, and against the handing over of their territory to foreign military bases. Today, more than ever, Panama needs the active solidarity of peoples across the world. Dignity is non-negotiable — long live the general strike in Panama! Learn more on the [ALBA Movements website](#).



UnFreedom Day in South Africa

Every year, on South Africa's Freedom Day (April 27), poor, landless, and homeless communities raise their voices to remind the world that true freedom has yet to arrive in the country. From informal settlements, the Abahlali baseMjondolo movement — part of the IPA — challenges the false promise of liberation, demanding land, dignity, and real justice. They also denounce the persistent inequalities left in the wake of apartheid. On UnFreedom, their voices join the struggles of Palestine, the Congo, and

all peoples still resisting oppression. Read more about the significance of this day [here](#).



Free All Palestinian Prisoners

Behind the walls of Israeli prisons, more than 10,300 Palestinians — including women and children — face torture, isolation, and medical neglect. Many are detained without charges, victims of a systematic policy of repression and control. The forced deportation of released prisoners and the use of administrative detention flagrantly violate international law. Every Palestinian prisoner is a living symbol of resistance against occupation. Let us not forget those who fight for freedom from behind bars! We raise our voices to demand their release and an end to these inhumane practices. Read more about Palestinian Prisoners' Day, commemorated on April 17, on our [website](#).



Haiti: Justice, Restitution, and Reparations

On April 17, popular movements across Latin America organized acts of solidarity with Haiti, demanding that the French State provide historic reparations for the plunder and violence inflicted on Haiti since its independence. In Brazil, more than 100 organizations delivered a manifesto to the French Embassy in Brasília, also denouncing the damage caused by MINUSTAH. We reaffirm our commitment to the self-determination of the Haitian people and the need for justice and historical reparations. For sovereignty, self-determination, and reparations for the Haitian people! Read the [open letter](#) from ALBA Movements and Jubileo Sur.



Peasant Struggles Are International

We join La Vía Campesina in its historic struggle on the International Day of Peasant Struggles, celebrated on April 17. From the International Peoples' Assembly, we also demand: Justice for those who fight for land, life, and food sovereignty! Faced with plunder, repression, and genocide — from Palestine to Eldorado dos Carajás — we raise our voices against imperialism and in defense of those who feed the peoples of the world. Read La Vía Campesina's [statement](#).



Palestine solidarity protests in Morocco delay Maersk ship

The international movement for an arms embargo against Israel grows as protests in Morocco successfully delayed the docking of Nexoe Maersk. Read at **Peoples Dispatch**



Burkina Faso's government announces another coup attempt dismantlement

The government of the African country accuses neighboring Côte d'Ivoire of housing coup masterminds. Read at **Brasil de Fato**



Social and political organizations demand historical justice for Haiti in the midst of an unprecedented humanitarian crisis

April marks two centuries since one of the most unjust episodes in modern history: the forced collection of an illegitimate debt that France imposed on Haiti as a condition for recognizing its independence. Read at **ARGMedios**



Sudan's paramilitary attacks largest IDP camps amid world's biggest displacement crisis, killing over 100

Burning down hundreds makeshift shelters used by the IDPs, Sudan's paramilitary also torched the famine-struck camp's central market and its community kitchen, burning the women inside alive, before attacking the last of the camp's medical posts and killing all its staff. Read at **Peoples Dispatch**



Food sovereignty and other logic of production: the MST begins agroforestry work in South Venezuela

Brazil's Landless Rural Workers' Movement' project aims to expand the production to supply the Latin American country. Read at **Brasil de Fato**



BRICS opens dialogue with civil society to align decisions with the demands of the population

For the first time in BRICS history, civil society representatives had the official opportunity to present their proposals directly to the main negotiators of the member countries, during the second Sherpa meeting. Read at **TeleSur**

Analysis and Alerts

