

The death-growth machine and the uprising of its feeders
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The governmental-military-capitalistic complex is getting ever more violent and deadly both for the planet and for the human beings. For the upper echelon it is more and more difficult to legitimate itself by the usual hypocritical humanism. Therefore it along with a part of popular culture is moving to anti-humanistic ideologies such as trans-humanism with its singularity myth.

However, the reach of the system is far from total. In fact the existence of the outside is necessary for the functioning of capitalist growth machine, as was suggested by James Maitland already in 1804 and more firmly established by Rosa Luxemburg in 1913. Therefore we have even now and even in highly industrialized countries a large economic and social sphere which is in many ways non-capitalistic and non-governmental. It can be called shadow society because its economic and political impact is usually not taken into account in official discourses.

The shadow society is feeding the death-growth machine and the metastases of this cancerous machine are corrupting and bribing it. Yet, we are far from the dystopia of such films as “Matrix”, and the shadow society has still the life of its own. It is founded on another logic and ethic than the growth machine. There are hundreds of historical and recent examples of how in crises local and regional societies have undergone abrupt structural change based on the rise of shadow society and the decline of the established order. This phenomenon has been observed in the aftermaths of natural disasters and bombardments and during social revolutions.

So far these alternative “phases” of society have been short-lived. However, when the lethal character of the growth machine and the morbid anti-humanism of its ideology become ever more obvious, there is hope that when the next global wave of uprisings occur, the forces maintaining and solidifying the alternative phase are stronger than those trying to restore the old order.