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Dear Reader,

As the war in Ukraine threatens to become a wider conflict, the IPCC delivers a final warning on the climate crisis, and the global economy teeters on the brink of another financial collapse, it can be hard to see a way forward. It is our job at Pluto to provide some of the tools for the global left to build alternatives and fight for change.

In our new catalog we have a number of books on the insanity of contemporary capitalism. *Let Them Eat Crypto* by Peter Howson debunks the false prophets of blockchain and shows how the growth of cryptocurrencies is underpinned by labor exploitation and environmental degradation. *Badvertising* by Andrew Simms and Leo Murray provides shocking evidence of the psychological impact of being bombarded with advertising through every waking hour, and how it drives the consumption that fuels the climate crisis. *Enough* by Luke Hildyard shows that, far from being wealth creators, the wealthiest one percent of society are a drain on everyone else.

We also provide grounds for hope. *Become Ungovernable* by H.L.T. Quan outlines a groundbreaking feminist ethics of living, drawing on queer and Black radical traditions, exploring inclusion, mutuality, and friendship. *She Who Struggles*, edited by Marral Shamshiri and Sorcha Thomson, is an inspiring collection of stories of the lives of twentieth-century female revolutionaries. And *Unconditional Freedom* by David Casasas shows how the implementation of Universal Basic Income can liberate our personal and social lives, and empower us in the workplace.

I sincerely hope that whatever your interest in radical politics, you will find something in this catalog that will engage you and help you in your own lives and struggles.

David Castle
Editorial Director
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Soccer is so much more than the billionaire buyers and seven-figure signing fees that dominate the headlines. Look beyond the Premiership and the World Cup, the sublime brilliance of Messi and Mbappé, and you’ll find a story unparalleled in the world of sport.

From England, France and Germany to Palestine, South Africa and Brazil, A People’s History of Soccer reveals how the 'beautiful game' has been a powerful instrument of emancipation for workers, feminists, anti-colonialist activists, young people and protesters around the world.

Mickaël Correia’s history from below retraces the journeys of professionals, amateurs and enthusiasts alike. Countering the clichés about soccer fans, he dives into countercultures born after the Second World War, from English hooligans to the ultras who played a central role in the Arab Spring. And with chapters on anti-fascism, the women’s game, and the rise in community-owned clubs, Correia reminds us that soccer can be a powerful social and political force— as generous as it is subversive.

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Peter Howson

A shocking exposé of the huge social, political, and environmental costs of cryptocurrencies

The subject of immense hope, hype, and confusion, crypto has amassed countless headlines in recent years. With cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and metaverse markets crashing, the underlying blockchain technology is still promising to solve global development challenges, whilst revolutionizing every industry. But is technology really a silver bullet?

Let Them Eat Crypto puts blockchain, cryptocurrency, and ‘Web3’ under the microscope like never before.

Peter Howson cuts through the jargon and bluster to tell an alarming story of how right-wing libertarian crypto entrepreneurs—often aided by charities, politicians, and philanthropists—seek out and exploit conditions of poverty, oppression, corruption, and conflict. Their goal? A new front of ‘crypto-colonial’ extractivism.

Let Them Eat Crypto reveals the alarming truth: far from ‘banking the unbanked,’ saving the gorillas, or freeing people from oppressive governments, blockchain offers only false solutions, surveillance, and hi-tech snake oil.

PETER HOWSON is a technology writer, researcher, and Assistant Professor in International Development at Northumbria University, Newcastle. He investigates the green-washing, aid-washing, and crypto-shenanigans that go on in Silicon Valley, as well as the lesser-known tech-hubs of the Global South.
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Become Ungovernable: An Abolition Feminist Ethic for Democratic Living

H.L.T. Quan

'A mammoth literary and theoretical accomplishment that could not be more relevant to this political moment'
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Become Ungovernable is a provocative new work of political thought setting out to reclaim ‘freedom,’ ‘justice,’ and ‘democracy,’ revolutionary ideas that are all too often warped in the interests of capital and the state.

Revealing the mirage of mainstream democratic thought and the false promises of liberal political ideologies, H. L. T. Quan offers an alternative approach: an abolition feminism drawing on a kaleidoscope of refusal praxes, and on a deep engagement with the Black Radical Tradition and queer analytics.

With each chapter anchored by episodes from the long history of resistance and rebellions against tyranny, Quan calls for us to take up a feminist ethic of living rooted in the principles of radical inclusion, mutuality, and friendship as part of the larger toolkit for confronting fascism, white supremacy, and the neoliberal labor regime.

H. L. T. QUAN is a political theorist and an award-winning filmmaker. She is an Associate Professor of Justice and Social Inquiry in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University. Quan is the author of Growth Against Democracy: Savage Developmentalism in the Modern World and editor of Cedric J. Robinson: On Racial Capitalism, Black Internationalism, and Cultures of Resistance.
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Badvertising: Polluting our Minds and Fueling Climate Chaos

Andrew Simms and Leo Murray

Advertising is selling us a dream, a lifestyle. It promises us fulfillment and tells us where to buy it—in international flights, beef from (what was once) the Amazon, and a vast array of goods that we consume like there was no tomorrow. And if advertising succeeds in keeping us on our current trajectory—there may not be a tomorrow.

In Badvertising, Andrew Simms and Leo Murray raise the alarm about an industry that is making us both unhealthy and unhappy, and that is driving the planet to the precipice of environmental collapse in the process.

The book explores the psychological impact of being barraged by literally thousands of advertisements a day. How does the commercialization of our public spaces weaken our sense of belonging? What are the pitfalls of regulation? How are car manufacturers, airlines, and oil companies lobbying to weaken climate action? And most crucially of all, what can we do to stop it?

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James Baldwin: Living in Fire
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Bill V. Mullen celebrates the life of the great African-American writer who created some of the most important literary works of his time, including the novels Go Tell it on the Mountain and If Beale Street Could Talk.

As a lifelong anti-imperialist, black queer advocate, and feminist, James Baldwin was a passionate chronicler of the rise of the Civil Rights Movement, the US war against Vietnam, the Palestinian liberation struggle, and the rise of LGBTQ+ rights.

Here, Mullen pays homage to Baldwin’s truly radical approach to his life, his writing, and his activism. Fighting towards what he hoped would be a post-racial society, Baldwin’s philosophy was tragically ahead of its time, predicting what has become the new civil rights movement today.

BILL V. MULLEN is Professor of American Studies at Purdue University. He is the author of UnAmerican: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Century of World Revolution, among other books.
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Anarcho-Indigenism: Conversations on Land and Freedom

Edited by Francis Dupuis-Déri and Benjamin Pillet

Explores the possibilities that indigenous thought and traditions have for emancipatory, decolonial, feminist societies beyond the state

As early as the end of the 19th century, anarchists such as Peter Kropotkin and Élisée Reclus became interested in indigenous peoples, many of whom they saw as societies without a state or private property, living a form of communism. Thinkers such as David Graeber and John Holloway have continued this tradition of engagement with the practices of indigenous societies and their politics.

There has also been a long history of (often imperfect) collaboration between anarchists and indigenous activists, over land rights and environmental issues, including recent high-profile anti-pipeline campaigns.

*Anarcho-Indigenism* is a dialogue between anarchism and indigenous politics. In their interviews, contributors Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Véronique Hébert, Gord Hill, Freda Huson, J. Kēhaulani Kauanui, Clifton Ariwakehte Nicholas, and Toghestiy reveal what indigenous thought and traditions and anarchism have in common, without denying the scars left by colonialism even within this anti-authoritarian movement. They ultimately offer a vision of the world that combines anti-colonialism, feminism, ecology, anti-capitalism, and anti-statism.

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My Great Arab Melancholy

Lamia Ziadé
Translated by Emma Ramadan

Award-winning illustrated chronicle of the modern Arab world, combining travelogue, memoir, history, and gorgeous full-color art

A beautiful, tragic, and award-winning book from Lebanese writer and illustrator Lamia Ziadé. Blending the author’s years of research, personal memoir, and more than 300 illustrations, this compelling history of the modern Arab world explores the major thinkers, struggles, and turning points that have shaped the Middle East as we know it today.

Ziadé begins in South Lebanon, ‘land of martyrs, ruins and passion,’ before taking the reader further afield, to Beirut, Jerusalem, Cairo, and Baghdad. The book moves from the beginning of the 20th century to the present day, tracing the Arab world’s tragedies and the derailing of dreams and possibilities caused in large part by Western imperialism and the conquest of Palestine.

Within these pages, there are the blasts of explosions, blood, tears and tragedy, cemeteries, wreaths and ribbons, martyrs, and paradise. Ziadé unearths the buried memory of resistance fighters and their lost ideals. She celebrates the progressive, bold, revolutionary moments and figures of the Arab world’s recent past.

LAMIA ZIADÉ is a Lebanese author, illustrator and visual artist. Born in Beirut in 1968 and raised during the Lebanese Civil War, she moved to Paris at 18 to study graphic arts. She then worked as a designer for Jean Paul Gaultier, exhibited her art in numerous galleries internationally, and went on to publish several illustrated books, including Ô nuit, ô mes yeux and Bye bye Babylone.

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Gender Heretics: Evangelicals, Feminists, and the Alliance against Trans Liberation

Rebecca Jane Morgan

For decades, conservative evangelicals and Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminists (TERFs) have worked hand-in-hand to oppose trans liberation. But how did this alliance come about? What makes it tick? And how can trans people and allies respond?

This book, written by a transfeminist who is also an evangelical Christian, is a history and genealogy of reactionary ideas. Gender Heretics traces how a shared belief in the essential unity of the mind and the body, together with a common fear of ‘dualist’ or ‘Gnostic’ philosophies, first brought these groups into contact in the 1970s.

Morgan explores how theological arguments snaked their way from anti-trans feminist tracts into the everyday practices of evangelical churches today. She offers a hopeful way forward, advocating for a full recalibration of evangelical thought on gender identity and trans activism.

REBECCA JANE MORGAN is a transfeminist and evangelical Christian, a historian of modern Britain, popular culture, and queer identities. Her PhD research at the University of Nottingham explores the history of trans politics in the UK since the 1970s.
She Who Struggles:
Revolutionary Women Who Shaped the World

Edited by Marral Shamshiri and Sorcha Thomson

A collection examining the trailblazing lives and movements of radical women who have shaped the modern world

Rosa Luxemburg, Claudia Jones, and Leila Khaled may have joined Lenin, Mao, and Che in the pantheon of twentieth-century revolutionaries, but the histories in which they figure remain unjustly dominated by men.

*She Who Struggles* sets the record straight, revealing how women have contributed to revolutionary movements across the world in endless ways: as leaders, rebels, trailblazers, guerrillas, and writers; revolutionaries who also navigated their gendered roles as women, mothers, wives, and daughters.

Through exclusive interviews and original historical research, including primary sources never before translated into English, readers are introduced to largely unknown revolutionary women from across the globe. The collection ultimately presents a hidden history of revolutionary internationalism that will be a must-read for activists engaging in feminist, anti-colonial, and antiracist struggles today.

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Bob Williams-Findlay offers an account of the transformative potential of disability praxis and how it relates to disabled politics and activism. He addresses different sites of struggle, showing how disabled people have advanced radical theory into the implementation of policies.

Examining the growth of the global Disabled People's Movement during the 1960s, Williams-Findlay shows how a new social discourse emerged that shifted the focus away from seeing disability as restrictions on an individual's body, towards understanding the impact of restrictions created by capitalist relations. He shines light on the contested definitions of disability, asking us to reconsider how different socio-political contexts produce varied understandings of social oppression and how we may play a role in transforming definitions.

BOB WILLIAMS-FINDLAY is the founder of Birmingham Disability Rights Group and the former Chair of the national organization BCODP. He has written in various publications on the topic of disability politics.
Empire of Normality: Neurodiversity and Capitalism

Robert Chapman

The neurodiversity movement suggests that it takes all kinds of minds for society to function. Instead of accepting their place as inferior, the divergent are reforging their position as 'neurominorities,' and are organizing in ever greater numbers to change how they are perceived and treated.

Robert Chapman looks at the history that led to this movement, showing how the rise of capitalism created an 'empire of normality' that transformed our understanding of the body into that of a productivity machine.

Blowing apart this outdated and oppressive understanding of mental functioning, Chapman argues that a bright future for neurodivergent communities could be achieved by challenging the deepest logic of capitalism. Liberation from oppression is possible, but only if we can change the conditions that gave rise to pervasive neuronormative domination across the modern world.

ROBERT CHAPMAN is a neurodivergent philosopher, writing on neurodiversity theory, madness, and disability. They have taught at King's College London, the University of Bristol, and Sheffield Hallam where they are currently a Senior Lecturer in Education and Autism. They blog at Psychology Today and at Critical Neurodiversity.
Unconditional Freedom: Universal Basic Income and Social Power

David Casassas
Translated by Julie Wark

How Universal Basic Income (UBI) could liberate the working class

As the rich get richer, taking more of our wealth, our democratic freedoms are also in danger. The elite are gaining large profits without duly contributing to society, hollowing out our public services and institutions, and preventing the vast majority of us from living our lives fully and developing productive and reproductive projects of our own.

In Unconditional Freedom, David Casassas argues that for us to live freely, we need unconditional resources such as Universal Basic Income. In a sharp and lucid analysis of the power of ‘pre-distributing’ resources, he shows that UBI would not only liberate us from the nightmare of precarious employment but it would also increase our bargaining power as a class, opening doors to democratizing our lives.

While it would be naïve to say that UBI alone would put an end to capitalist social relations, Casassas convincingly argues that it would help pave the way for social emancipation.

DAVID CASASSAS is a lecturer in social and political theory, social movements, and economic sociology at the University of Barcelona. He was the Secretary of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) and he is now a member of its International Advisory Board. He has widely published on republicanism, socialism and basic income and is the author of the highly praised Spanish book The City in Flames: The validity of Adam Smith’s Commercial Republicanism.

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Enough:
Why It's Time to Abolish the Super-Rich

Luke Hildyard

The story is all too familiar. The obscene wealth of the super-rich is locked away while millions are reduced to poverty. The British economy becomes more farcical by the day, and no major political party is stepping forward to even suggest redistribution.

The 1% have pulled the wool over our eyes, until now. In Enough, Luke Hildyard shows how the super-rich is far from hard-working, innovative, and philanthropic, but are in fact the people behind the biggest scam today—the scam that is keeping us poor.

Tax and redistribution are not enough. Hildyard shows that it is reasonable to demand a change to the very structure of our economy and our culture in order to address inequality and raise living standards for the majority. It has gone too far—and this is the start of a new conversation to end it.

LUKE HILDYARD is the Director of the High Pay Centre, a UK think tank focused on pay and employment rights. He has commented on pay and inequality for the Guardian, The Times, I, Daily Mirror, BBC, CNN, and CNBC.
As If Already Free: Anthropology and Activism After David Graeber

Edited by Holly High and Joshua O. Reno

'A highly original thinker' - New York Times

David Graeber (1961–2020) was an American anthropologist and anarchist activist, who left us with new ways to understand humankind. Graeber's work focused on critiquing the ways in which power and hierarchy shape social and economic systems, and advocating for more equitable and just alternatives. This collection of new writing brings together his insights into one book, showing how deeply his work continues to influence us today.

Graeber's writing resonates with both scholars and activists looking to shake things up. His work is broad in scope, from birth to banking, and he picks open social hierarchy and political power to expose what really makes human society tick.

In today’s neoliberal world, we can turn to his legacy to provide a way for us to understand what went wrong, and how to fix it. This collection of writings by colleagues and friends is both an introduction to his life and works, a guide to his key ideas, and an inspiring example of how anthropologists are continuing to use his work today.

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Lenin: Responding to Catastrophe, Forging Revolution

Paul Le Blanc

Vladimir Lenin lies in a tomb in Moscow’s Red Square. History has not been kind to this Russian leader, his teachings reviled by modern mainstream politics. But in today’s capitalist society, riven by class inequality and imperialist wars, perhaps it is worth returning to this communist icon’s demand for ‘Peace, Land, and Bread,’ and his radical understanding of democracy.

Lenin was wrestling with the question of ‘what is to be done?’ when facing the catastrophes of his own time. Against the odds, the Bolshevik party succeeded in rejecting both the corrupt and decaying Romanov dynasty, as well as the capitalist economic system which had started to take root in Russia.

To understand how this happened, and what we can learn from him today, Paul Le Blanc takes us through Lenin’s dynamic revolutionary thought, how he worked as part of a larger collective, and how he centered the labor movement in Russia and beyond, uncovering a powerful form of democracy that could transform our activism today.

PAUL LE BLANC is an activist and acclaimed American historian teaching at La Roche University, Pennsylvania. A conscientious objector to the Vietnam War, his politics were at odds with the establishment from a young age. He has written extensively on the history of the labor and socialist movements of the United States and Europe, including books on Lenin, Trotsky, Luxemburg, and the importance of the revolutionary collective.

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Dismantling Green Colonialism: Energy and Climate Justice in the Arab Region

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The Arab region is a focus of world politics, with authoritarian regimes, significant fossil fuel reserves, and histories of colonialism and imperialism. It is also the site of potentially immense green energy resources.

The writers in this collection explore a region ripe for energy transition but held back by resource-grabbing and (neo)colonial agendas. They show the importance of fighting for a just energy transition and climate justice—exposing policies and practices that protect global and local political elites, multinational corporations, and military regimes.

Covering a wide range of countries from Morocco, Western Sahara, Algeria, and Tunisia to Egypt, Sudan, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Palestine, this book challenges Eurocentrism and highlights instead a class-conscious approach to climate justice that is necessary for our survival.

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Environmental Warfare in Gaza:
Colonial Violence and New
Landscapes of Resistance

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Foreword by Eyal Weizman

Israel is destroying both lives and livelihoods as it
decimates the fertile lands of Palestine

The perimeter around the occupied Gaza Strip is formed by a
sophisticated system of fences, forts, and surveillance technologies.
With each Israeli incursion, a military no-go area, or a ‘buffer zone,’
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Israeli settler-colonial violence.

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Ere Roosevelt Came: The Adventures of the Man in the Cloak - A Pan-African Novel of the Global 1930s

Dusé Mohamed Ali
Edited by Marina Bilbija and Alex Lubin

Strange and speculative, this 1934 pan-Africanist novel conveys the complexities of Black internationalism in the interwar years

Ere Roosevelt Came is a short novel by early pan-Africanist Dusé Mohamed Ali. Originally serialized in Ali’s Nigerian magazine The Comet in 1934, it grapples with the rise of global fascism and white supremacy, and the growing geopolitical influence of the USA in the interwar period.

This is a fantastical, intricately woven, and speculative story about how Black American airmen, organizing in secret, fight an international assemblage of white supremacists and Russian foreign agents bent on instigating a new world war. The narrative reveals how Black liberation struggles, Bolshevism, and the rise of so-called ‘colored’ Japanese empires were bound together in the Pan-African literary imaginary.

Written by a Sudanese-Egyptian, serialized in West Africa, and set in the USA, Ere Roosevelt Came is a Pan-African novel par excellence, and a fascinating historical document that conveys the complexities of Black internationalism in the interwar years.

The novel is presented with two original, contextualizing essays and appendices featuring selected other writings to provide further insight into Ali’s vision of a Pan-African future.

DUSÉ MOHAMED ALI (1866-1945) was a Sudanese-Egyptian political activist known for his African nationalism. He was also a playwright, historian, journalist, editor, and publisher. He inspired many Black nationalists, including a young Marcus Garvey, who he mentored.

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Phanuel Antwi

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