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The ACCUMULATION of FREEDOM

WRITINGS ON ANARCHIST ECONOMICS

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The Accumulation of Freedom: Writings on Anarchist Economics begins by smashing the misconception that “economics” is akin to “capitalism,” and positing that other, less exploitative economic models are not only possible, but necessary. While hundreds of billions of public dollars have been spent to help private and enormous failed businesses recover, and corporations are bailed out of their problems, we’re asked to bear the brunt of the world’s economic troubles. It is becoming increasingly clear that capitalism is, indeed, in crisis, and that it doesn’t need to be saved, but dismantled and replaced. These essays by economists, historians, organizers, scholars, and activists outline anarchist approaches to political economy, economic vision, and anti-capitalist strategy for a future in which people, not banks are bailed out.

In the book’s six sections, ‘History’, ‘Analysis’, ‘Critique’, ‘Practice’, ‘Resistance’, and ‘Vision,’ the essayists provide analysis and investigation of the history of anarchist economics beginning with Proudhon, suggest concepts and analytical features of a contemporary anarchist economics, and offer critiques of capitalism, its institutions, and its concomitant social relations. Writers take on contemporary anarchist(ic) economic practices, and look at strategies for resisting capitalism. Finally, a collection of essayists share their post-capitalist vision and how we might conceive of a world without capitalism and other forms of domination.

This one of a kind collection of essays by a wide range of authors from within anarchism and beyond aims to change the conversation about economics. The range of analysis will provide new insights—for the beginner and the scholar of economics—and is sure to provide documents for discussion and debate, particularly as more and more people become disillusioned with capitalism and the multiple crises that are part and parcel of an economic system that privileges profits over people, competition over cooperation, and the constant drive for more over a spirit of reciprocity and mutual aid.

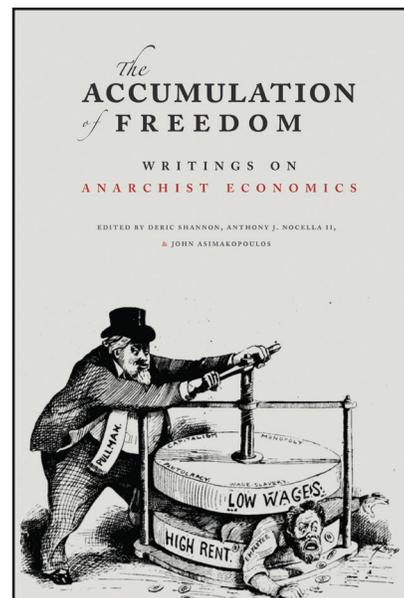
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The editors and contributors will be touring nationwide to promote the book, beginning in January 2012. Editors will also be speaking at universities and academic conferences throughout the spring.



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