

[Manifesto of Indian Farmers](#) Adopted by an assembly representing the farmers of India on the occasion of the historic Kisan Mukti March organised by the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee, Delhi, 30 November 2018 (checked on 5 Dec. 2018) Also in Hindi - pl. see below.

• [\[Redacted\]](#) (checked on 5 Dec. 2018)

Eco-Swaraj by Ashish Kothari. The broad components and values of eco-swaraj (practices that respect the limits of the Earth and the rights of other species, while pursuing the core values of social justice and equity) have been under discussion across India through the Vikalp Sangam (Alternatives Confluence) process, which brings together a diverse set of actors from communities, civil society, and various professions who are involved in alternative initiatives across all sectors. (checked on 16 Jan. 2018)

Post-democratic state by Aijaz Ahmad analyses facets of the historically novel kind of state that seems to be arising in many corners of the world, which combines elements derived selectively from the two classic forms of the capitalist state, the liberal and the fascist and sees that India too may be moving in that direction. He also sees hope despite the facts. (checked on 11 Mar. 2020)

• **Could flexitarianism save the planet?** by Sam Wolfson. Scientists say a drastic cut in meat consumption is needed, but this requires political will. Eating less meat would have implications for heart disease, animal cruelty, high food prices and environmental destruction. (checked on 22 Jan. 2019)

The paper

[Decentralized Political Order: The Gandhian Perspective](#)

• *discusses the rationale of local democracy by looking at the democratic discourse surrounding the usefulness and limits of the representative form.* (checked on 6 Sep. 2016)

• **[On the Creation of a Global Peoples Assembly: Legitimacy and the Power of Popular Sovereignty](#)** by Richard Falk and Andrew Strauss. The analysis presented explains why a citizen-organised assembly would be viable looks backward at the dynamics of empowerment from the world as it exists. (checked on 22 Nov. 2015)

• **[Political Ecology for Civil Society](#)**, is a manual designed for a broad audience and in particular for the use of civil society organisations and active citizens. It offers an accessible insight into political ecology providing intellectual and practical tools based on experience as "activist-scholars" or "engaged-scholars" of the new generation of political ecologists. (checked on 12 Mar. 2016)

Women's Co-Operatives: A Glimpse into Rojava's Economic Model by Hawzhin Azeez on the networks of grassroots assemblies and co-operatives that the people of Rojava (western Kurdistan, North Syria) are carrying out is based on the radical model of [Democratic Confederalism](#) founded by the imprisoned Kurdish leader Abdullah Ocalan and inspired by the works of the US ecologist Murray Bookchin. (checked on 23 Sep. 2019)

[Rojava's Democratic Confederalism:](#)

[A Radical Ecological Democracy in Practice?](#) An essay in which the author Annalena Rommel attempts to evaluate whether (AANES - Syria) Rojava's democratic confederalism corresponds the model of a radical ecological democracy and if it can further be characterised as an alternative to development within the post-development discourse. (checked on 4 Oct. 2019)

From lakes as urban commons to integrated lake-water governance: The case of Bengaluru's urban water bodies

paper by Sharachandra Lele and Mrinalini Bakshi Sengupta on urban lake governance in SAWAS special issue on Water Governance in south Asia. (checked on 4 Jul. 2018)

• **[Strengthening Democratic Decentralisation and Participatory Democracy in Maharashtra](#)** by Devika Deshmukh and Rajagopal Devara Gandhian discusses how ideas of [gram swaraj](#) (self-rule for villages) and panchayat raj system can become vehicles for ushering in much-needed social and political change by including all stakeholders in the process of decision-making and public policy formulation. (checked on 14 Oct. 2019)

In the essay

Power in India: radical pathways

authors Ashish Kothari and Pallav Das show how grassroots political movements that are emerging in India could signal a gradual shift to direct or radical democracy, coupled with making representative democracy more accountable and ecologically sustainable. (checked on 12 Jun. 2016)

Alli Kawsay: Epistemology and Political Practice in the Territories, a Possibility from the Andean Pluriverse for Ecological Justice and the Care of Mother Nature

• [- a chapter by Eduardo Erazo Acosta in the book 'The Palgrave Handbook of Climate Resilient Societies'. The Alli Kawsay \(Buen Vivir\) is an option to be lived urgently now, as a serious and fundamental option that originates from ancestral knowledge, is lived by millions in the global south, and that today is taken up again at the global level by activists and people aware of the care of nature as a subject of rights in the international political framework.](#) (checked on 10 Aug. 2020)

• *In **The "Right to the City": Limits to Rights Talk and the need for rights to the Commons**, Patrick Bond discusses the emerging debate about how and whether to invoke 'Rights Talk' – the appeal to a higher juristic source of power than standard state social policy – so as to gain access to greater levels of state services and goods, with the 'Commons' posed as the alternative approach.* (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

• **[5 Scams The RTI Act Helped Bust In Its First 10 Years - by Betwa Sharma.](#)** Right To Information [activists and citizens have filed tens of millions of applications to further transparency and accountability in governance, challenge the exploitation of natural resources by politicians, corporates and the mafia, as well as to improve their daily lives in a myriad ways from accessing ration cards and pensions to inspecting land records and exam answer-sheets.](#) (checked on

[How an Ecuadorian Community is Showing Its Government How to Really Live Well](#) by Neema Pathak Broome and Ashish Kothari on how the Nabon community in Ecuador is showing what real 'well-being' means, moving away from the neo-extractivism its govt has been promoting. (checked on 18 Dec. 2017)

The residents of **Paris** for the first time participate in the city's

participatory budget project

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[Polarising Development: Alternatives to Neoliberalism and the Crises](#), edited by [Lucia Pradella](#), [Thomas Marois](#). (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

• Blog on the theme - **The interplay between the politics of resistance and the dynamics of constructive alternatives**, by Ashish Kothari: **Will 2015 be a year of hope?** (see **India Together: RESISTANCE & RECONSTRUCTION**) (checked on 23 Mar. 2015)

The Idea of India Makes Little Room for Its Ecology by Nagraj Adve explains how global warming and its effects gently – and sometimes more abruptly – interrogate our modern political imagination of the nation and points at an approach that may better prepare residents of South Asia to cope with the challenges that these might pose before us. (checked on 2 Mar. 2016)

Beyond 'development' and 'growth': The search for alternatives in India towards a sustainable and equitable world

' is a chapter (authored by Ashish Kothari) in the book *Green Growth: Political ideology, Political Economy and the Alternatives*, edited by Gareth Dale, Manu V. Mathai and Jose Puppim de Oliveira, published by Zed Books. (checked on 10 Jun. 2016)

[In](#)

["Economic Democracy: An Ethically Desirable Socialism That Is Economically Viable"](#)

• [David Schweickart proposes an alternative political-economic system model that has neither capital markets nor labor markets in the usual sense. Workers would control their own jobs and workplaces, while productive resources would become the collective property of society and there would be social control over investment.](#) (checked on 10 Jun. 2016)

[In](#)

["Participatory Economics and the Next System"](#)

• [Robin Hahnel describes a model \(developed together with Michael Albert\) that revolves around \(a\) social ownership of the productive "commons," \(b\) consumption rights based on effort and need, \(c\) and workplace councils and neighborhood consumer councils which coordinate their interrelated activities through participatory planning rather than through markets.](#) (checked on 10 Jun. 2016)

• *In "Whole Systems Change: A Framework & First Steps for Social/Economic Transformation" Riane Eisler's model places economic policies and practices in their larger social context, proposing two integrative social categories that go beyond religious vs. secular, capitalist vs. socialist, East vs. West, and so forth. It proposes an action plan to break with traditions of domination, identifies trends in this direction, and outlines four strategies to build the missing foundations for a more equitable and sustainable socio-economic system.* (checked on 10 Jun. 2016)

In ["Social Democracy: Not Socialism, and Coming to America"](#) Lane Kenworthy proposes a model that closely resembles the actual political economies of the Scandinavian countries and has as its primary goals the full realization of economic security, equality (low inequality) of opportunity, and shared prosperity. It is in essence a market capitalist model with generous and employment-friendly social policy. (checked on 10 Jun. 2016)

[The Mexican indigenous community that ran politicians out of town](#) - Cherán, in the violent state of Michoacán, will stand apart from Mexico's electioneering season, having tackled corruption and exploitation by banishing political parties, police and gangsters. (checked on 4 Apr. 2018)

Hamburg — straddling the dichotomies of being rich and being woke by Prathap Nair. Even as there is increasing alienation between Europe and China through the trade war, Hamburg has been courting China and India. (checked on 11 Sep. 2018)

Thoughts on Libertarian Municipalism by Murray Bookchin (1999, revised for publication). He explains that while *communitarianism* refers to movements and ideologies that seek to transform society by creating so-called alternative economic and living situations such as food cooperatives, health centers, schools, printing workshops, community centers, neighborhood farms, "squats," unconventional lifestyles, and the like, Libertarian municipalism, by contrast, is decidedly a confrontational form of face-to-face democratic, antistatist politics. (checked on 6 Oct. 2018)

• [Citizens' Assemblies and the next democratic revolution](#) by **Brett Hennig** *It appears that the demand for citizens' assemblies is crossing cultural barriers and being promoted as the preferred democratic tool of a new generation of activists.*

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