



Book Review: [Sumedha Raikar-Mhatre: Why we chose the Buddha](#) - First-person accounts of 33 women from across Maharashtra who took recourse to Buddhism, for personal and political reasons, map the human search for a non-hierarchical spiritual order (checked on 2 May 2018)

[Alternative Futures: India Unshackled](#), (new publication by Authors Upfront, SOPPECOM, Kalpavriksh and Oxfam India, edited by Ashish Kothari and K. J. Joy) with 35 essays on the future of India, seen through the lens of practitioner-thinkers from various sectors: arts and crafts, environment/conservation, gender and sexuality, minorities, culture, localisation, cities and villages, knowledge and technology, health, water / energy / biomass /food, pastoralism, adivasis, dalits, industry and markets/bazaars, democracy, law, education, transportation, and ideologies. Read **a review** of this volume. Another **review** by Mukul Sharma (checked on 27 Feb. 2018).

Bapu Kutir: Journeys in Rediscovery of Gandh

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, Rajni Bakshi, Penguin, India, 1998. (checked on 9 Nov. 2017) **Alternatives in a World of Crisis: Seeking alternatives beyond development by Global Working Group Beyond Development. This book (with six case studies from all over the world and one concluding chapter), which is the result of a group effort, intends to contribute to the urgently needed collective inquiries taking into view new theoretical and political paradigms of social transformation. (checked on 28 May 2018)**

**Fifty years of debate on peasantries, 1966–2016**

- by Henry Bernstein, Harriet Friedmann, Jan Douwe van der Ploeg, Teodor Shanin & Ben White. (checked on 18 May 2018) [Alternatives in a World of Crisis: Global Working Group Beyond Development](#) edited by Miriam Lang, Claus-Dieter König, Ada-Charlotte Regelmann.

The booklet **Re-making the World** published by DVV International is about all the 'ordinary' women and men (pushed to the margins of the political and economic mainstream) who demonstrate their resilience and agency against an oppressive system, sometimes flourishing as they do so. (checked on 30 May 2017)

**A Dignity Economy: Creating an Economy that Serves Human Dignity and Preserves Our Planet**, by Evelin Lindner, approaches the role of economics and monetary structures for right relationships—mutually beneficial and just relationships, economic and otherwise—with the necessary humility, but also with due candidness. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

**Elemental India: The Natural World at a Time of Crisis and Opportunity**

- by Meera Subramanian - stories about ordinary people and microenterprises determined to revive India's ravaged natural world which renew hope for a sustainable and prosperous future for India. (checked on 17 Mar. 2016) [Systemic Alternatives](#) - The main goal of this publication is to promote a constructive and creative dialogue between different alternative visions including Vivir Bien, Degrowth, The Commons, Ecofeminism, The Rights of Mother Earth and Deglobalisation. (checked on 3 May 2017)

**Journey to Earthland: The Great Transition to Planetary Civilization** by Paul Raskin presents a global scenario pioneer charts a path to an organic planetary civilization, a vision that opens before us as both possibility and exigency in an interdependent and dangerous century. (checked on 13 Feb. 2017)

- [Maraikappata Pakkangal](#) (Hidden Pages), the first book on gender variants, in Tamil, written by Gopi Shankar to spread awareness about the issues faced by the LGBTQIA community. (checked on 29 Nov. 2015)

**Chillies and Porridge: Writing Food** - a collection of food writing edited by Mita Kapur that will take you back to the kitchens of your childhood, and far out to realms of imagined flavours and sensory excitement. (checked on 16 Dec. 2015)

[The Wealth of the Commons](#) is a collection of 73 essays that describe the enormous potential of the commons in conceptualizing and building a better future, edited by David Bollier and Silke Helfrich. It explains how millions of commoners have organized to defend their forests and fisheries, reinvent local food systems, organize productive online communities, reclaim public spaces, improve environmental stewardship and re-imagine the very meaning of "progress" and governance. (checked on 7 Nov. 2015)

[Patterns of Commoning](#)

is an

anthology of original essays

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about dozens of lively, innovative commons that are pioneering exciting new forms of production, governance and ways of living. E

edited by David Bollier and Silke Helfrich of the Commons Strategies Group, the book covers a far-ranging survey of contemporary commons in print. (checked on 7 Nov. 2015)

[Sustainist Design Guide](#) by Michiel Schwarz and Diana Krabbendam with The Beach Network (BIS Publishers), presents an agenda for social innovation, based on values such as sharing, connectedness, localism and proportionality, as well as sustainability. It explores how designers can become more socially and ecologically responsible and opens the debate on what it means to be "sustainist designers". (checked on 20 Sep. 2019)

**The social Commons: Rethinking Social Justice in Post-Neoliberal Societies**

- by Francine Mestrum is the result of discussions on transformative social protection, started with friends in the Philippines and South-East Asia. (checked on 19 Oct. 2015) In **Reshaping Art** author T M Krishna pose the question, 'Can art transform society?' and examines what art is and how we can harness its power to make ourselves and our communities open and sensitive. (checked on 21 May 2018) **Our Future in Nature: Trees, Spirituality, and Ecology** by Edmund Barrow. This book offers ways for those involved with religion and spirituality and for those working with conservation and land use to





## Notes from a discussion at World Social Forum, Tunis

, 27 March 2015, **Organised by Kalpavriksh, Global Diversity Foundation, Centre for Environment and Development, Peoples' Sustainability Treaties, and SADED**, this workshop brought together a few alternative approaches, to learn from each other, and build common ground. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

- [Solving Problems That Matter Could Be the Next Big Thing](#) - by John Boik. **By viewing a society as a problem-solving superorganism, the natural sciences and technology sector can go wild with possibilities. Designs of economic, governance, and legal systems fall into their domain.** (checked on 4 Jul. 2017)

Learning from grassroots transformations for sustainability through the conflict transformation and alternatives frameworks

by Neema Pathak,

Iokiñe Rodriguez

Meenal Tatpati

and

Mirna Inturias

. The paper discuss two frameworks that are being developed in the Global South with the aim of learning from and with resistance movements about the transformations brought about by their actions. These are the

Conflict Transformation Framework

, developed by Grupo Confluencias from Latin America, and the

Alternatives Transformations Framework

- developed by Kalpavriksh from India. While the first framework has emerged out of experiences of resistance movements in Latin America, the second one is grounded in grassroots alternatives that are being put in practice in India. (checked on 2 Dec. 2017)

From stopping the machines of socio-ecological destruction, to the building of alternative worlds: Rethinking our strategies for social change

- - a short report on a meeting of the Global Working Group Beyond Development, held in Ecuador, hosted by the Brussels office of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, in order to collectively analyze the opportunities and challenges, as well as the practical strategies, for the construction of multidimensional alternatives which would respond to the current civilizational crisis to which capitalism and its economic, social and cultural dynamics have led. (checked on 20 Jun. 2017)

- **Community Driven Water Conservation Initiatives In 2016 Drought by Bhim Singh Rawat of South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP)** (checked on 13 Jun. 2016)

Sacred Groves as Commons

by Kishore Saint. In trying to describe and interpret the significance and regenerative potential of sacred groves he takes cognizance of the whole range of natural, social and spiritual factors which have ensured their survival, relevance and importance. (checked on 27 Feb. 2017)

- [Last of the Singing Halakkis](#) - The story of the Halakki Vokkaliga tribal community located in the backyard of Ankola in northern Karnataka who sing their stories out loud. (checked on 26 Jul. 2015)

- The [India Biodiversity Awards](#), launched by the Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, recognise excellence in biodiversity governance across the country. This [press release covers the Awards for 2016](#). (checked on 11 Jun. 2016)

**Work as worship: a comparative examination of the religious/philosophical motives behind the integrated agriculture systems practice in Yuksom and Lingee-Payong, Sikkim** by Eliza Dumais. (checked on 9 Oct. 2015)

- [Why Saiden Village in Meghalaya Started its Own Library](#) by [Bhogtoram Mawroh](#) (checked on Oct. 2015)

- [A Report on the First Vikalp Sangam which was hosted by Timbaktu Collective between 17-19th of October, 2014. The idea of a Vikalp Sangam \(Alternatives Confluence\) is rooted in the motive of collectively challenging the dominant framework of today's economic and political system, which is unsustainable and inequitable.](#) (checked on 25 Jun. 2015). [Vikalp Sangam Reports: Energy Vikalp Sangam held in Bodh Gaya, Bihar - Detailed Report; Vikalp Sangam Ladakh- Detailed Report; and Vikalp Sangam at Madurai, Tamil Nadu- Detailed Report](#)

**Press Reports in Telugu on the first Vikalp Sangam which was hosted by Timbaktu Collective between 17-19th of October, 2014: Andhrajyoti,**

**Eenadu**

- , **Sakshi and a full compilation of reports.** (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)



In the piece **Is there a way out? Announcing the new Radical Ecological Democracy website**, Ashish Kothari and Pallav Das write about genuine alternatives to the destructive juggernaut of corporate and finance capital that are emerging as much from contemporary progressive resistance as from the wisdom of indigenous peoples' and other traditional community world-views, and about the emerging Radical Ecological Democracy paradigm. (checked on 1 Nov. 2017)

## **Deconstruction and Genealogy of Latin American Good Living (**

**Buen Vivir**

**).** **The (Triune) Good Living**

**and its Diverse Intellectual Wellsprings** by Antonio Luis Hidalgo-Capitán and Ana Patricia Cubillo-Guevara. This paper identifies the different meanings of Latin American Good Living (buen vivir) and its diverse intellectual wellsprings, with a focus on the political economy of development. (checked on 6 Jun. 2018)

**Paradise lost? What happened to Ireland's model eco-village** by [Killian Fox](#). Harsh lessons have been learned since the financial crash but residents of the pioneering community remain upbeat. (checked on 20 Aug. 2018)

### [Sustainable Development: A Critical Review](#)

[. Lele, S. M. \(1991\).](#)

[World Development](#)

[. 607-621. \(checked on 1 Nov. 2017\)](#)

- Development against freedom and sustainability. Deb, D. (2006). *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, 49-70. (checked on 1 Nov. 2017)

[Beyond Developmentality: Constructing Inclusive Freedom and Sustainability](#) (pp. 281-296). Deb, D. (2009). Delhi: Daanish Books. (checked on 1 Nov. 2017)

[Living with the big picture: a system approach to citizenship of a complex planet](#)

, by Blackmore, C., & Smyth, J. (2002). In N. Dower, & J. Williams (Eds.), [Global Citizenship: A Critical Introduction](#) (pp. 201-212). Edinburgh University Press. (checked on 1 Nov. 2017)

## **Behind the Rise and Fall of Growing Power**

- by Stephen Satterfield discusses what the non-profit set up by Will Allen (a black ex-athlete) to keep marginalised black youth out of trouble and to train them in productive farming activity contributed to society. (checked on 27 Aug. 2018)

### [Something Extraordinary](#)

*Is Happening in the World, And Most People Haven't Noticed*

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an article by Brazil-based

Gustavo Tanaka

- (checked on 20 Dec. 2015)

Vllth International Conference, La Via Campesina:

*Euskal Herria Declaration*

(checked on 13 Apr. 2018)

*The socio-economic thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi: As an origin of alternative development*, by Ishii, K. (2001). *Review of Social Economy*, LIX (3), 297-312. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

*Gross National Happiness*

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by Prarthana Gupta. The concept of the Gross National Happiness Index is surely catching up, with many countries trying to adopt models such as the one in Bhutan, to measure development taking into account ecological as well as social factors. The idea of 'happiness' as a measure of development has its drawbacks, but takes into account what the people really want and what they are satisfied with. (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)

### [Asking, We Walk: The South As New Political Imaginary](#)

- [the massive tomes \(124 essays running to 2289 pages all together\) published by Streelekha, Bangalore, has essays around the theme of this new understanding of the south where the alternatives of epistemic disobedience come from. The supposed gifts of modernity like democracy, development and](#)



transformative process

- , a process that would be both revolutionary and healing. (checked on 19 Feb. 2018)

**Kurdish women's movement makes a historic call to women across The World - The Region:**

[For women's lives/I Get Out Transnational Corporations!](#)

- (checked on 12 Mar. 2018)

**The Study of All Existence: Big History, Universal Studies and the Global Conjecture** by Barry H. Rodrigue. What meaning can we derive from the vast panorama of the universe, life on Earth, human progress, and our current global challenges? (checked on 15 Mar. 2018)

Travel is No Cure for the Mind

(an adaptation of

Seneca's

[letter](#)

to

**Lucilius on the subject of travel**

- ). (checked on 17 Sep. 2018)

**The EU needs a stability and wellbeing pact, not more growth**

- - 238 academics call on the European Union and its member states to plan for a post-growth future in which human and ecological wellbeing is prioritised over GDP (checked on 17 Sep. 2018)

The Emerging Idea of "Radical Well-Being" (part of RED Conversations Series) - interview of Ashish Kothari by Paul Robbins, based on Paul Robbins' reading of Ashish Kothari's article "Radical Well-Being: Alternatives to Development" (forthcoming in Research Handbook of Law, Environment and Poverty, Philippe Cullet and Sujith Koonan (eds), Edward Elgar), and in response to the latter's keynote presentation on 'Eco-swaraj: Radical Ecological Democracy – Alternatives to Unsustainability and Inequity' at the 2nd Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) held in Oslo, June 2018. (checked on 3 Oct. 2018)

[Gavari: The Unwritten Epic of a Mewari Tribe](#)

: Ambav or Gauri is a symbol of energy and female power for which she is worshiped by Bhil tribe of Mewar in a forty-day ritual called Gavari. The timeless, spiritually-motivated, and electrifying dance-drama is a crucial part of the rich Mewari tribe tradition. Their performance—a synchronized amalgam of ritual, dance, music, myths, folklore, and theatrical plays—can be a truly mesmerizing cultural experience. (checked on 12 Mar. 2019)

[Stopping the Machines of socio-ecological destruction and building alternative worlds](#)

by Global Working Group Beyond Development calls for multidimensional responses to a multidimensional crisis. Social transformation should address simultaneously the complex relations between class, race, coloniality, gender, and Nature, as it is precisely their historical entanglements and interdependencies that configure the civilizational bases of the system we face. (checked on 13 Mar. 2019)

**Embodiment Activism: What is it? & Why Does it Matter?** This is an act of sharing one's way of listening in to the body and listening out, to the earth and each other, that support others to do the same. An embodiment activist recognizes the intelligence of the body and works to make it accessible. (checked on 23 Oct. 2018)

A bunch of of essays exploring the growing recognition of the critical dialogue and relationship between Marxism and spirituality

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(checked on 15 Mar. 2018)

- [The Falsification of Marx's Concepts \(Erich Fromm\) https://www.marxists.org/archive/fromm/works/1961/man/ch01.htm](https://www.marxists.org/archive/fromm/works/1961/man/ch01.htm) [Revolutionizing Spirituality: Reflections on Marxism and Religion \(JSTOR Article\) https://www.jstor.org/stable/40403838?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](#)

[Marxist Class-Cultural Spirituality in Theory and Practice](#)

<http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/>

[cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=](#)

[1005&context=soc\\_articles](#)

[The Spiritual Crisis of Capitalism http://newbuddhist.com/discussion/15900/the-spiritual-crisis-of-capitalism](http://newbuddhist.com/discussion/15900/the-spiritual-crisis-of-capitalism) [Similarities between Marxism and Christianity http://antispirtuality.net/](#)

[marxism-religion](http://timjackson.org.uk/1006-2/) [Materiality and Spiritually in Marx, Darwin and Malthus](http://www.greeneconomics.net/) <http://timjackson.org.uk/1006-2/> [Radical Propositions on Marxism and the Tao of History](http://www.greeneconomics.net/) <http://www.greeneconomics.net/>

[Principles%20of%20Marxist%](#)

[20Taoism4f.htm](#)

Newsletters:

***People in Conservation***

• - *issue on Alternatives of newsletter published by Kalpavriksh. (checked on 16 Aug. 2018)*

***Gender & Development issue on Natural Resource Justice***

[People in Conservation](#)

- *A newsletter on Biodiversity Conservation and Livelihood Security published by [Kalpavriksh](#) (checked on 25 Jun. 2015)*

***Eternal Bhoomi features positive initiatives and stories of activists, philosophers, farmers, teachers, artists and others about living with consciousness of being earth citizens, also great perspectives and articles by renowned writers and thinkers from around the world. (checked on 29 Feb. 2016)***