

Dear Friends,

For those of you in Copenhagen, please join us for a series of events and discussions at YNKB as part of a TV-TV production in response to the COP15 summit:

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* The current economic crisis is neither an aberration, nor a sign of the weakening of capital: crises are not a by-product of struggle, nor militancy, nor, as capitalists would have us believe, economic mismanagement—crises are fundamental to the operation of capitalist accumulation itself.

* Capital is indifferent to the qualitative configuration of things so long as they can be brought into alignment with the market. In the context of the current collapse of a particular mode of financialization, the COP15 summit and the feigned concern over climate change are nothing more than an excuse for the territorialization of new zones of investment for surplus capital. On their own, environmentalist demands simply provide capital with new areas of growth, new inflections and new deployments.

* Every proposition that directly concerns the economy can be assimilated by capital; this is so by definition. Thus every effort to construct an alternative economy is at best an abstraction and at worst driven by the unconscious vector of capital's own reorganization. Rather than worry about the economy, the real question we should instead ask ourselves is what kind of politics can truly be heterogeneous to capitalism?

* The COP15 summit has legitimated the institution of new laws in Denmark that increasingly limit the ability of groups and individuals to voice dissent to the dominant order. These measures are not out of step with the larger neo-liberal project: weaken government in all areas except those of enforcement and repression. The police, the courts, the military and the so-called parliamentary 'representatives' of the people have yet again revealed themselves to be nothing more than the agents of class power.

* As a response to these tactics of cooption and repression, we will produce our own television program through a participatory process. Our aim is to broadcast discussions and practices surrounding the COP15 summit that are not represented by mainstream TV. For this purpose we are using the framework of TV-TV: a station that bridges the distance between being on the street and being on the air. TV-TV is self-organized television—neither the apparatus of the state nor of the market, but rather a network of independent producers who all are longing to break the traditional monopoly of the means of production and the right to broadcast.

* In the face of capital, and COP15, the only strategy worth the name is a political struggle—that is to say a singular, active subjectivity, a thought-praxis. If the strength of every society is, in the last resort, a spiritual strength, from this we can only be liberated by knowledge. This knowledge cannot be of the abstract kind that remains in one's head. To borrow a phrase from Marx, it must be practical critical activity: a knowledge that has become the flesh of one's flesh and the blood of one's blood.

6pm, Thursday the 10th, Friday the 11th, and Saturday the 12th of December, 2009.
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