Hi Antonio,

yes life under the world of nation states is irrational, I agree. But the reason for irrationality of this way of living is not that people are lacking any imagination how they could live without nation states, no?  That people do not change this irrational life cannot be the reason for why it is as it is. And it is also not their „state of mind“ which causes any irrational way of living, they did not invent it, they just follow what they are told by their authorities, no? The reason for the irrationality is the rationale of capitalism, no? And giving people insights into this life and its irrationalities and imaginations how and to which end to overcome this irrational life, this is our job and the topic of the conference under this title. This is how I understand this, at least.

All the best

Michael

Dear Michael,

Yes, capital is irrational. Yes, authorities are irrational. Why people or individual would be rational? Why we (you and me) are rational?

When it was possible to free imagination – when times were revolutionary – many people foresee ways to live otherwise.

We live in reactionary times - people call for nazi-fascist methods: overpower against the people, hoping to go back again to happy mythical times.

What is that frame you, me, people, authorities, including capitalists, as nation-state alike gender of people. Why I can imagine me as Portuguese and not African? It is not capital: it is National state of mind produced by nationalistic wars, education, sciences, identification, etc. What is National state of mind: it is a corollary of imperial state of mind. Much older and deep than capital.

Capital is an instrument, very powerful and anti-ecological instrument, of Empire. Empire was invented by human experience few thousand years ago. It evolved and is still evolving. Today most people were raised in order adopt imperial state of mind whenever it is needed to act. That is why we do not live revolutionary times.

Marxist say that objective conjuncture is there. Lacks the subjective motive of unity. It lacks a constructive anti-imperial state of mind. The destructive anti-imperial state of mind that grow on the world in the 50 and 60´s of 20 century produce more Empire, a global Empire. Because they were anti-capitalist and did not see the true material base of Empire working inside their own heads.

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