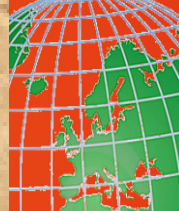


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# **International Transform Conference 2016**

## **“Red/Green Alternatives - Breaking with Growth and Neo-liberalism”**

**Venue: HK København, Svend Auken Plads 11, 2300 Copenhagen S**

This is the fifth international conference organized by the Transform!Danmark network, continuing its work to help develop left alternatives in the economic and ecological field. As opposed to the conferences in 2013 and 2014, which focused mainly on alternatives to growth, we will continue the path of the 2015 conference to link red and green alternatives, as there is a gap between the two, which we believe needs to be bridged. This year's conference will focus both on short-term and strategic aspects of red and green alternatives to growth and neoliberalism, as well as to include the issue of "commons" to be an integral part of the economic and ecological alternatives that we are seeking to develop. The conference explores the content, perspective and role of eco-socialism and eco-feminism as well as reflections and alternatives in the present crisis of how to deal with it and take concrete steps and action.

Organisers: Transform!Danmark in cooperation with the transform!europe network, and supported by Enhedslisten/the Red Green Alliance, Grobund (left educational association), Det Ny Clarté, Solidaritet, Afrika Kontakt, and others.

### **Programme:**

9:30: Registration and coffee/tea etc.

10:00: Welcome

10:15-11:00: **Richard Smith, USA**, economic historian, PhD UCLA, author of *Green Capitalism: the God That Failed* (World Economic Association Press 2015). On "Six Theses on Saving the Planet", Richard contends that the only alternative to market-driven planetary collapse is to transition to a largely planned, mostly publicly-owned economy based on democratic governance and rough socio-economic equality.

11:00-11:45: **Shalmali Guttal, India**, Executive Director, Focus on the Global South. On: "The creative power and resistance potential of the commons" The climate crisis demands that we radically change the way we produce, consume and live. The Commons offer us a new way to approach nature, wealth, knowledge and human capacity, that move us away from individualism, commodification and acquisition, and towards collectivities, relationships and synergies.

11:45-12:00: Coffee break

12:00-13:00: Questions and debate.

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-16:30: Parallel seminars on 1) Eco-socialist and eco-feminist perspectives; 2) Breaking with current policies and developments.

Seminar 1: Eco-socialist and eco-feminist perspectives  
**Ariel Salleh, Australia**, Associate Professor, University of Western Sydney, social ecologist, eco-feminist.  
On: "Ecofeminism - listening to the deepest eco-socialist voice". The word "ecofeminism" might be new, but the pulse behind it has always driven women's efforts to save their livelihood and make their communities safe. Ecological feminists are both street fighters and philosophers.  
**Corinne Morel Darleux, France**, National Secretary in charge of Ecosocialism and Regional Councillor, Parti de

Gauche, France. On "Ecosocialism : a project to reconcile environment and jobs, citizens and politics". While austerity still spreads in Europe, the last climate summit Cop21 in Paris has once again failed to meet ambitious objectives, and it becomes more and more obvious that economics, climate and social issues need a brand new approach, combining long-term and complex thinking, articulated to social movements and alternatives."

Seminar 2: Breaking with current policies and developments  
**Haris Golemis, Greece**, Director of Nicos Poulantzas Institute, economist.

**Asbjørn Wahl, Norway**, Campaign for the Welfare State, Chair of the Working Group on Climate Change in the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), researcher and author. On "The current crises as an opportunity for social transformation". We are faced with a multiplicity of crises with many of the same root causes. This gives us an opportunity to build broad coalitions of resistance. It is an interest-based struggle, and the balance of power has to be shifted considerably. Alternatives have to be more than wishful thinking, and it is as much about agency as policy. We have to overcome the political and ideological crisis on the left.

**Nancy Holmstrom, USA**, Rutgers University, Newark, Department of Philosophy

16:30-16:45: Coffee break

17:00-18:00: Concluding debate in plenary between the speakers of the conference and the participants on the main topics of the day

**Registration: [kontakt@transformdanmark.dk](mailto:kontakt@transformdanmark.dk)**

**Participation fee (to cover for food and drink during the day): 100 DKK (to be paid in cash at the entrance)**

**More detailed information concerning speakers and their contributions soon at: [www.transformdanmark.dk](http://www.transformdanmark.dk)**