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## Self-destruction

**A war is raging on Earth against the old industries, against private property, against individual self-determination, and against life itself. Part 2 of 3.**

Right? Left? Only one direction has dominated political events for several years now: downwards. The industrial base is declining, prosperity is declining, the liberal rule of law is declining, general public satisfaction is declining, and the level of public discourse is declining... This observation applies to Germany, but by no means only to this country. The usual interpretation is that the ruling politicians have "failed." But have they really? Weren't they, in fact, extremely successful in their work, assuming a destructive intent? A sound mind finds it difficult to imagine that there could be such a thing as a destructive drive. Even less so a collective death drive among those who become victims of this process of decline. Every person

wants to increase joy and avoid suffering—so goes the psychological truism. Why, then, does the situation on Earth give the impression that immense destructive forces are gaining ground, forces directed against the general well-being, indeed against life itself? The author's three-part article attempts to explore such questions and outlines the contours of a global "coup from above".

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## **Transatlanticists: Enemies within their own country?**

Before I delve into the details of Martin Hellweg's biography—he is a member of the scientific advisory board of the "Forum for a New Economy," an economist, and director emeritus of the [Max Planck Institute for Collective Goods](#)—let me briefly examine his area of expertise: collective goods.

The term "collective goods" is associated with "democratic socialism." It involves collectivizing resources, essentially a form of nationalization by the back door. The goal, however, is not classical socialism, but rather a "new guiding principle" in which the state acts as a shaper, investor, and owner—supported by a transnational elite.

Hellweg is what one might call a quintessential transatlanticist. He graduated from Atlantic College in Wales. After studying in Germany, he moved to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States, where he received his doctorate in 1973 under [Nobel laureate Peter A. Diamond](#). Hellweg has held visiting professorships at Stanford University, Princeton University, and Harvard University.

Also of interest is his former membership in the [Burschenschaft Rheinfranken](#), a fraternity that repeatedly attracted attention through its nationalist leanings. Now I understand why the approach of "democratic" socialism somehow reminded me of a different kind of socialism.

Another prominent partner of the forum is [Ottmar Edenhofer](#). In 2012, he was appointed director of the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC), jointly founded by the Mercator Foundation and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. From 2008 to 2015, he was one of the co-chairs of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Since 2022, he has chaired the European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change (ESABCC). Thanks to his work, Europe must avoid 90 percent of its net greenhouse gas emissions by 2040. Edenhofer is also a member of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, which certainly didn't make a killing during the so-called coronavirus crisis. And he is a member of the usual supranational organizations that, lacking democratic legitimacy, act as a kind of world government, such as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank.

Marcel Fratzscher is also a prominent academic partner in the forum. And anyone who reads the [biography of Fratzscher](#), head of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), understands why he is allowed to spread his nonsense unchallenged on television. After studying economics at Kiel University and Oxford University, he went to Harvard for his master's degree at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He then joined the World Bank and, during the Asian financial crisis of 1997 and 1998, worked as a macroeconomist at the Harvard Institute for

International Development in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he collaborated with Jeffrey Sachs. From 2000 to 2001, he worked at the [Peterson Institute for International Economics](#) in Washington, D.C.

Brigitte Knopf, founder and director of the think tank [Zukunft KlimaSozial](#), was also Secretary General of the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) from 2015 until the end of 2023. What's going on here, in my opinion, is cronyism in its purest form. Since 2020, she has been a member and deputy chair of the German government's Council of Experts on Climate Issues. According to [Wikipedia](#), she works on the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement, is involved in carbon pricing, and is concerned with how this can serve climate protection and the financing of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She authored the paper "[Shifting Paradigms in Carbon Pricing](#)" for the forum. Knopf was a co-author of the IPCC's Fifth Assessment [Report \(2014\)](#) and the [Emissions Gap Report 2018](#).

Knopf already has a plan for how all of this is to be financed. On its [website](#), the group urgently calls for a uniformly defined income concept and the establishment of a nationwide register encompassing income data, tax IDs, and bank account information. The stated goal is to implement crucial steps toward modernization and [deregulation](#) within the state. In other words, this means a digitally controlled public administration, digital IDs, and the storage of all private assets in a single register. In short, it means abolishing citizen privacy and ushering in a post-democratic era where citizens are reduced to disenfranchised supplicants.

One of the key figures in this elite network is [Christian Kastrop](#), CEO and President of the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI). I have already extensively discussed the influence of the GSI in my three-part series, "The NGO Swamp." Before joining the GSI, he was State Secretary for Digital Society and Consumer Policy at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection. In this role, he initiated numerous projects that perfectly align with the planned "new state," such as the development of an "inclusive and effective digital society." He was involved in shaping important legislative frameworks intended to contribute to the total digitalization of our lives. These include the [EU AI Directive](#), the [Digital Services Act](#), the Digital [Markets](#) Act, the [Data Management Act](#), and the German [Network Enforcement Act](#).

## Welcome to "post-democratic" socialism

Of course, the "democratic" socialism envisioned by Mariana Mazzucato and Thomas Piketty, both also key academic partners of the Forum, won't be accompanied by empty shelves and dreary streets. No, according to Piketty's book "[The Socialism of the Future](#)," it will be participatory, democratic, ecological, and feminist. That reminds me of our feminist foreign policy—what a coincidence! Mazzucato presents similar ideas in her book "A Moonshot Guide to Changing Capitalism." Both advocate a significant redistribution of societal wealth, by which, of course, they don't mean their own personal fortunes.

Mazzucato, a role model for Robert Habeck, works at the Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose at University College London. In 2018, the Forum secured her as a leading thinker on the new role of the state. As part of the Forum New Economy Working Paper series, she and her team authored a [study](#) in 2020 outlining approaches for an emissions-oriented economic policy in Germany. Like all the illustrious partners of this "democratic" forum, Mazzucato wants to change

only Germany's economic policy. China and the USA, which cause significantly higher CO2 emissions per capita, remain untouched, rendering the climate narrative absurd.

This is probably more about what [Joseph Schumpeter](#) describes in his work "Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy": He sees "democratic" [socialism](#) as a democratic transition from capitalism to socialism without revolution or violence. That almost sounds like the "[peaceful growth into socialism](#)" favored by Vladimir Lenin, the founder of the murderous Bolsheviks.

[Christian Krell](#) also gave considerable thought to this new socialism and published a book entitled "[An Idea for Tomorrow: On the Relevance of Democratic Socialism](#)." What can be read there was arguably the blueprint for our current society.

*"It's about a democratic order in which 'different interests are fairly negotiated' and translated into good compromises. It's about the 'fight against racism, sexism, homophobia, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and violence against minorities'. (...) It's about a society in which everyone can lead a free life, in which gender or social background does not determine one's life path and in which no one else decides 'whom one may and may not love'."*

The last part of the sentence reminds me a little of those individuals who have dedicated themselves to the love of children, but that's certainly not what's meant here. What we're reading here, by the way, is the Frankfurt School in its purest form.

What has slowly eaten its way through society like a malignant tumor, I call [post-democracy](#). This refers to a development in which the forms of democracy—such as elections and parliaments—are preserved, but real power lies with economic elites, experts, and lobby groups. Citizens are merely passive spectators, vegetating in a green socialist society and yet expected to be happy.

And when these experts, who predominantly come from the USA or were at least socialized there, push through measures together with political decision-makers that lead to deindustrialization, energy crises, and the relocation of industry to other countries, then that's even "technocratic colonialism," or rather, economic self-disenfranchisement. It's plunder and enslavement in an ever-growing tower of debt. And when everything has been redistributed from the middle class to the technocratic elite under the guise of climate and justice policies, when Germany is predominantly a weapons producer, then we will once again be ready for war. Let no one say that history doesn't repeat itself.

## **The open letter from "civil society"**

But now from theory to practice. How this green and "democratic" socialism is to be implemented is outlined in an open letter to the EU and, in more detail, in an EU study entitled "Beyond Growth." The letter was published in September 2018 on the blog of the website [Degrowth](#) and simultaneously in The Guardian, Zeit Online, Der Freitag, Liberation, the Wiener Zeitung, Politiken, and many other "reputable" leading European media outlets.

The appeal is titled: "Europe, it is time to end our dependence on economic growth" and was signed by over 238 committed social and natural scientists from the 28 EU member states. According to this concerned "civil society," we are already exceeding the ecological limits that provide humanity with a safe operating space on this planet.

And the authors, tormented by fear, naturally have a solution ready: Because we cannot solve the social problems in European countries with growth, we must move towards a fairer distribution of the income and wealth we already possess. One demand is the establishment of a Ministry for Economic Transformation in every EU member state. The countless calls for a Europe-wide wealth register fit perfectly into this picture. You can find the list of signatories [here](#).

## **Beyond Growth: How other people's visions become our future**

While the EU ostensibly distracts the masses with the curvature of cucumbers, it is in reality engaged in a coup against the democratic rule of law. What is really going on there, and what castles in the air are being built, is also detailed in "[Beyond Growth — Pathways towards Sustainable Prosperity in the EU](#)," published in 2023 by the European Parliamentary Research Service, with Liselotte Jensen as the lead author. Unfortunately, Jensen did not respond to my email inquiry, a small indication of the democratic structures we might expect within this "democratic" socialism.

The study, like almost all such documents, is written in English. And therein lies a problem that has always infuriated me: Although Germany is one of the EU's largest contributors, the German language is categorically excluded, German citizens are discriminated against and marginalized, even though this organization speaks out against discrimination and racism at every opportunity. This "pamphlet" is available in every conceivable language, except our native tongue. Why?

Why is it that German citizens aren't supposed to see these wonderful ideas? Perhaps because no sensible person wants to become a charity case, forced to keep their heads above water in a bankrupt state by selling CO2 certificates and vouchers, while the buyers of these certificates jet around the world in private jets and cruise the oceans in multi-million-dollar yachts.

Anyone who looks at what's written in these countless documents and reports on the "fair approach to redistribution" understands quite well why Germans are supposed to be kept from seeing them. After all, it's primarily about the expropriation and impoverishment of the population in favor of a chimera called man-made climate change caused by a harmless molecule called carbon dioxide.

The vision of a pseudo-civil society and a self-appointed technocratic elite, negotiated behind closed doors, is to become our future. And to ensure our unquestioning acceptance of this future, fear is essential. Michael Crichton has written the very insightful novel "[A World in Fear](#)" on this topic. In it, countless fears are used to govern; currently, the boiling Earth is particularly well-suited to garnering approval for every conceivable absurdity. The aforementioned EU study therefore also highlights the warnings of the IPCC: To stay within the 1.5°C limit, massive and immediate measures would be necessary, and these would have to be implemented quickly and on a large scale to be effective. Europeans would have to halve their per capita territorial resource



consumption. This fits perfectly with the ideas of ideologue Ulrike Herrmann and her degrowth movement. Can you imagine what kind of society we will live in if this delusion actually takes hold?

The authors of the study also advocate for a welfare state entirely without growth. Furthermore, they have some ingenious ideas on how income could be generated beyond growth in the context of shrinking populations and the integration of AI. One solution is a universal basic income (UBI), essentially a handout financed by a quasi-expropriation of the middle class, at least as long as they still have the means. I tend to agree with the critics: A UBI will not only reduce work motivation and increase dependence on state support, but it will also discourage those affected from improving their skills and, if mismanaged, lead to inflation.

But madness is characterized by fighting nonsense with even more nonsense. That's why the Prosperity Network at [University College London](#) developed an alternative to UBI in 2017: the concept of [Universal Basic Income \(UBI\)](#). UBI is far more insidious than UBI because it doesn't involve handouts in the form of small change, but rather in-kind benefits.

It's about the state providing goods and services free of charge to cover—wait for it—basic needs. This is supposed to put people back on the path to prosperity. I'm quite certain that state dependency and zero growth can be a way back to prosperity. Zero growth and prosperity are categorically mutually exclusive, unless one understands prosperity to mean what Jeffrey Sachs promotes in his [World Happiness Report](#).

The following example illustrates what might be in store for us: If a basic amount of water were provided free of charge as UBI, the UBI needed to cover basic needs would be less. Water rationing isn't just Herrmann's brainchild; the EU is also toying with the idea of cutting off our water supply. And this idea has already spread worldwide. The suggestion that this could be related to AI's thirst is, of course, completely absurd.

## **Financing through CO2 pricing**

The authors of the study have already come up with some brilliant ideas on how to finance their pipe dreams. One approach is a global CO2 price for all products. Since pricing carbon emissions would also increase fuel costs for consumers, this would only be politically feasible if the generated revenue were redistributed as a dividend. And who is supposed to pay this carbon dividend is already clear: high-income countries. Are these people suffering from cognitive dissonance? There's supposed to be no more global growth, and a large part of production is supposed to be taken over by robots and AI—so who exactly is supposed to pay the dividend?

(Author's note: Carbon emissions are scientific nonsense. Carbon and carbon dioxide have absolutely nothing to do with each other. Carbon is a solid, and carbon dioxide is a gas. Some people clearly weren't paying attention in chemistry class.)

And because the self-proclaimed "superclass" from Davos certainly won't participate in this redistribution, the plan is to expand the scope of redistribution. And this is what it looks like: All forms of pension income derived from the private ownership of physical, financial and intellectual property should be subject to a fee and then held in a common fund and distributed.

Do you own a rental property that you saved up for by going without and that is supposed to guarantee your standard of living in retirement? From now on, you will have to surrender a portion of its value. Do you own stocks or other assets that guarantee regular income? The state will take a share of that for its green welfare state. It is becoming increasingly clear where the call for an asset register comes from and why the burden of proof is being reversed. This means you will have to prove where your assets come from and how you acquired them. The alleged money laundering has, if anything, only a marginal connection.

The study text states verbatim:

*"The proposed change is to tax at source those people and organizations that profit from global resources, capital gains, and property values. Since owners of conventional or intellectual property do not create added value but rather receive unearned income (economic rent), an additional tax could be levied."*

This is no longer just the familiar robbery; this is war against private property protected by Article 14 of the Basic Law.

## **Living off your personal CO2 budget**

Even better than a general carbon price is the personal carbon footprint, which is also under discussion. These personal certificates would be perceived as more egalitarian than a carbon tax, since lower-income groups would tend to have more surplus certificates to sell. Do you understand this insidious approach? Since the vast majority of the poor will have no money for consumption in the future anyway, they could live off the sale of their certificates. The rich, on the other hand, can continue to live in luxury, as they can accumulate vast quantities of certificates. And the fact that the planned economy is to be combined with digital control is confirmed by the next sentence: Such trading transactions between individuals could also be easily tracked, since [emissions](#) could be digitally monitored in real time in the future.

## **Reaching your goal faster with pseudo-crises**

The following explanation demonstrates that these self-righteous do-gooders, who spout platitudes about justice, are in reality willing to go to any lengths to achieve their goals. External shocks, by which the "pandemic" and the war in Ukraine are meant, could accelerate a planned systemic change. Both events have led to a reduction in energy consumption, greater diversification of energy sources, and an acceleration of the energy transition. At the same time, the pressure to reduce demand and diversify resources has led to the creation of innovative policy frameworks aimed at drastically increasing energy independence, savings, competitiveness, and the use of renewable energies in Europe by 2030 and beyond, within the framework of the REPowerEU plan. This makes it clear that shocks open up opportunities for a demand-driven systemic change at a previously unimaginable pace.

And the following sentence almost sounds as if this "fake pandemic" was merely a feasibility study: The example of feasibility and the acceleration of the energy transition confirms the famous quote that "politics is the art of the possible," as it clearly shows that it is the task of

political decision-makers to define the necessity of change. I think these pseudo-democrats should be stopped immediately.

## **The other side of the coin: The pyramid scheme**

And while the population, pacified by basic income, UBS, and personal carbon footprints, is supposed to vegetate happily in a green paradise, there's another side to the coin. The individuals whom Goldman already saw as the rulers in his pyramid scheme: a privileged class of the super-rich, old aristocracy, tech giants, and a few sycophants who profit from the carbon credits of the poor. This is what the corrupt puppets see as their new era. For all this to run smoothly, militarization and total digitalization are necessary, because only in this way will their planned economy be able to prevail.

One thing is clear: both will devour vast sums and drag the country into a debt spiral from which there will be no escape. In the end, the entire infrastructure will be in the hands of the faceless ones—by which I mean those who cowardly hide behind BlackRock, Vanguard, and other prestigious asset managers. Those who have always cowardly sacrificed other people for themselves and their interests in wars. Those who babble about the mixing of nations and a Eurasian-Negroid "future race" while themselves practicing inbreeding for centuries.

How this is all supposed to work can be read in the "FACT SHEET: President Biden and G7 Leaders Formally Launch the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment"

from [June 2022](#) and in the "Readout of 2024 Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGI) Investor Forum" from [September 2024](#). Both are published on the White House website. And no, Trump is not Larry Fink's enemy.