



## Study day in London

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 [ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm ]

# The public debt's trap : is there a (democratic) way out ? (or should next generations pay for their whole lives ?)

## Program

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Organisation : Joint Social Conference (JSC) with support of Coalition of Resistance (CoR) – UK, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and TNI (TransNational Institute)  
General coordination: JSC Initiative Committee <sup>1</sup>



European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)  
Confédération européenne des syndicats (CES)



The **program** is in three parts :

1. How european democracies fell in the trap
2. Situation of the people and of the struggles
3. Alternatives : is there a way out of the trap ?

**Venue : New Economics Foundation** - 3 Jonathan Street, London SE11 5NH. near Vauxhall tube station (direct and fast tube line from Eurostar Kings Cross, Euston and Victoria stations)  
( <http://www.neweconomics.org> )

**Languages** : English and French

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Hilary Wainwright – T.N.I.

## TIMETABLE

10:00	Welcome - inscriptions
10:15-10h30	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• welcome by a british TU leader and someone from New Economics &lt;10 min&gt;</li><li>• presenting JSC and the global program &lt;5 min&gt;</li></ul>
10:30-12:15	<b>Part I</b> - coordination & chair : Transform! (Walter Baier / Elisabeth Gauthier)

## Causes of the debt crisis in Europe : How european democracies fell in the trap

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ General causes of the public imbalances in Europe (Michael Jäger - fachhochschule BFI WIEN) 30'</li><li>□ Role of Germany in the European imbalances (Steffen Lehndorff - University of Duisburg-Essen) 20'</li><li>□ Debts, austerity and nationalism (Walter Baier) 10'</li><li>□ Discussion 40'</li><li>□ conclusions : : 5'</li></ul>
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 15:00	<b>Part II</b> - coordination: a (British ?) trade union leader

## Situation of the struggles & peoples in Europe

- People's movements in front of ECB & IMF (Costas Lapavitsas - New Economics) 20'
- Greece (Elena Papadopoulo -Nicos Poulantzas Institute) 15'
- countries at the limit of the trap (Ireland-Andy Muray, Portugal-Cavalho-CGTP, Spain- Attac.Spain and ELA, Hungary : Karoly Gyorgy MSZ OSZ, Italy - L. Tartaglia CGIL)

- Discussion 35'
- Conclusions : 5'

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 - 17h30 **Part III** - coordination: JSC - attac (Franco Carminati)

## **Alternatives : is there a (democratic) way out ?**

**The ECB – eurozone – IMF “solution” : saving Greece ...or the banks ?**  
 The Trade Unions analysis of the “saving plans” (Ronald Janssen, ETUC/ETUI) 20'

**Just taxation as way out of the crisis 25'**

- Taxation and deficits – tax heavens (PCS / TJN) 15'
- Taxation on corporations and property in Europe (JSC/Franco Carminati) 10'

**Debt auditing 20'**

- Auditing debt in Greece & in other countries ? (20' ; Myriam Bourgy – CADTM)

Cooperation or competition in EU : is the debt a national issue, or a social one ? Michel Husson Conseil Scientifique Attac – 20'

**Discussion (30')**

Conclusions : (Franco Carminati) 5'

17h30-17h45: **Conclusions and follow-up JSC & CoR**

### APPLICATION FORM

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