Renationalization of the West as the Way to avoid Social Revolutions

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Abstract

The year 2016 has brought several landmark developments to the world: the BREXIT, the de facto end of the TTIP and concurrently the signing of the CETA, and Donald Trump, with his "America First" counter "globalization" and counter immigration agenda has become the President of the U.S.A. It is difficult not to see a pattern of the events happening in less than half a year that may have shaken the well-established mechanisms of the transnational capitalist class. The paradox of these developments is the fact that the so-called "globalization losers" of the U.S.A. and the U.K. have massively voted for those who are so rich that they represent the true proponents of the so-called "one percent", usually blamed for the transnational financial capitalism that produces severe inequality. The lure of the promises was simply too strong, leaving centre-left candidates/leaders such as Mr. Sanders and Mr. Corbyn aside. We are determined to study whether the counter globalization and renationalization that are coming from the dominant states (one previous, and one current) of the West (and the World), the same (or the other) West that has initiated both "globalization" (actually internationalisation) and denationalization when those suited it, may be a start of either the revolution or of the evolution towards the less economically and politically "globalized" (actually internationalized) World. If these developments will bring even more inequality to the societies, leaving the biggest problems of the contemporary capitalism unsolved, should we (again) blame the international financial capitalism or is democracy as a system to blame, not being able to function properly and accountably in the "post-truth era", thereby fueling social conflicts and opening possibilities for future social revolutions? On the other hand, the new renationalization can be perceived as a way to avoid the possibility of social revolutions, through blurring the picture of the real problems and imposing the agenda of a nation in focus once again.