

# Prosperous Descent Crisis As Opportunity In An Age Of Limits

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Planning After Petroleum Jago Dodson 2016-10-04 The past decade has been one of the most volatile periods in global petroleum markets in living memory, and future oil supply security and price levels remain highly uncertain. This poses many questions for the professional activities of planners and urbanists because contemporary cities are highly dependent on petroleum as a transport fuel. How will oil dependent cities respond, and adapt to, the changing pattern of petroleum supplies? What key strategies should planners and policy makers implement in petroleum vulnerable cities to address the challenges of moving beyond oil? How might a shift away from petroleum provide opportunities to improve or remake cities for the economic, social and environmental imperatives of twenty-first-century sustainability? Such questions are the focus of contributors to this book with perspectives ranging across the planning challenge: overarching petroleum futures, governance, transition and climate change questions, the role of various urban transport nodes and household responses, ways of measuring oil vulnerability, and the effects on telecommunications, ports and other urban infrastructure. This comprehensive volume – with contributions from and focusing on cities in Australia, the UK, the US, France, Germany, the Netherlands and South Korea – provides key insights to enable cities to plan for the age beyond petroleum.

Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents 1998

Deface the Currency Samuel Alexander 2016-02-10 "This is a creative re-enactment of the life, death and ideas of the most influential Cynic of antiquity, Diogenes of Sinope. Lost after 2500 years, the dialogues attributed to him are here recovered through informed historical re-imagination, and in a series of six "acts" Alexander takes his protagonist from his market-place teachings through to the final condemnation of his works, and execution of his person. In this quasi-Socratic tragedy, Diogenes' ideas of simplicity, moderation and natural living are too revolutionary for an oligarchical system to tolerate, and yet prove too resilient to be permanently silenced. Alexander is faithful to the spirit of ancient authors and deftly works in subtle allusions to ancient sources - yet writes ever with an eye to present problems. His Diogenes becomes an essential voice for the revolutionary and potentially apocalyptic transitions of our own time." - William Desmond, author of "The Greek Praise of Poverty"

Walden Henry David Thoreau 2019-06-13 Een tijdloze klassieker over natuur en bezinning met een voorwoord van Paolo Cognetti In 1845 trok Henry David Thoreau de natuur in. Twee jaar lang verbleef hij in een huisje aan de oever van Walden Pond om te lezen, na te denken en te schrijven. Het resultaat was een tekst die een van de grote werken uit de wereldliteratuur zou worden. In Walden koppelt Thoreau wervelende natuurobservaties en filosofische bespiegelingen aan een pleidooi voor een betere samenleving. Meer dan honderdvijftig jaar na de eerste druk inspireert deze unieke tekst lezers wereldwijd nog steeds tot reflectie en bezinning. Deze editie bevat ook De plicht tot burgerlijke ongehoorzaamheid. Thoreau weigerde belasting te betalen aan een bewind dat slavernij en de oorlog tegen Mexico goedkeurde en werd daarvoor een nacht in de gevangenis gezet. Hij verdedigt het recht en zelfs de plicht van iedere burger om ongehoorzaam te zijn aan een onrechtvaardige regering.

Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States, William J. Clinton United States. President (1993-2001 : Clinton) 1994

Art Against Empire Samuel Alexander 2017-09-19 What role might art need to play in the transition beyond consumer capitalism? Can 'culture jamming' contribute to the necessary revolution in consciousness? And might art be able to provoke social change in ways that rational argument and scientific evidence cannot? In this stimulating new book, "Art Against Empire: Toward an Aesthetics of Degrowth," degrowth scholar Samuel Alexander explores these questions, both in theory and practice. He begins with a novel theoretical defence of art and aesthetic interventions as activity that is necessary to effective social and political activism, and concludes by presenting over one hundred 'culture jamming' artworks from a range of contributors that challenge the status quo and expand the horizons of what alternatives are possible.

Prosperous Descent Samuel Alexander 2015-03-31 Calling for a sufficiency-based culture of 'simple living' to underpin a macroeconomic framework of 'degrowth', Samuel Alexander draws on a remarkable breadth of economic, political, ecological, and sociological literature to explore the radical implications of living in an age of limits. Written with clarity, rigour, and insight, this book will both challenge and inspire. 'Prosperous Descent is a creative and important contribution to a movement with surprising momentum, one that challenges the very notions of progress and wellbeing on which our societies are constructed. It is a radical challenge in the best sense of the term. We can all learn a great deal from Samuel Alexander, both about our societies and about how to live our lives.' - Clive Hamilton, author of Affluenza: When Too Much is Never Enough and Growth Fetish'This timely book reminds us that the good life is the simple life; a life within limits. It is a truly interdisciplinary volume, covering topics from the macroeconomics of a planned degrowth, to the ecology of planetary limits, to the sociology of voluntary simplifiers. A must read.' - Giorgos Kallis, co-editor of Degrowth: A Vocabulary for a New Era'Consumer capitalist society is characterised by a deep feeling of anxiety and isolation. It persists by inculcating a deep sense of disempowerment and diluting our radical imagination. The strength of this book lies in its ability to delicately weave together not only the theory but also the practice of simplicity. It carries with it the moral weight of generations of people who have demonstrated a different way of living and the shallowness of consumer society.'- Peter D. Burdon, author of Earth Jurisprudence and co-editor of Wild Law: In Practice

The Global Future: A Brief Introduction to World Politics Charles W. Kegley 2013-01-29 THE GLOBAL FUTURE: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO WORLD POLITICS helps you understand contemporary events and emerging global trends through a briefer, less expensive text. Every chapter contains thought-provoking case studies, box inserts with rival views on current controversies, a marginal glossary, as well as vivid graphs, maps, and photographs. Centering on the latest international developments, this text encourages you to form your own opinions about the pressing security, economic, and environmental problems of the twenty-first century. Available with InfoTrac Student Collections http://gocengage.com/infotrac. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Global Economic Crisis and Potential Implications for Foreign Policy and National Security R. Nicholas Burns 2009 "This book, a collection of papers prepared for the 2009 summer ASG conference, addresses the critical intersection of the global financial recession and its potential impact on America's foreign policy and national security. Authors explore the possible shift in global power, the changing relationship between the U.S. and China, the impact on America's development policy, and assess the capacity of domestic and international institutions to respond to the crisis." --Book Jacket.

This Civilisation is Finished Rupert Read 2019-03-31 Industrial civilisation has no future. It requires limitless economic growth on a finite planet. The reckless combustion of fossil fuels means that Earth's climate is changing disastrously, in ways that cannot be resolved by piecemeal reform or technological innovation. Sooner rather than later this global capitalist system will come to an end, destroyed by its own ecological contradictions. Unless humanity does something beautiful and unprecedented, the ending of industrial civilisation will take the form of collapse, which could mean a harrowing die-off of billions of people. This book is for those ready to accept the full gravity of the human predicament - and to consider what in the world is to be done. How can humanity mindfully navigate the inevitable descent ahead? Two critical thinkers here remove the rose-tinted glasses of much social and environmental commentary. With unremitting realism and yet defiant positivity, they engage each other in uncomfortable conversations about the end of Empire and what lies beyond.

Transitioning to a Post-Carbon Society Ernest Garcia 2016-12-27 This book deals with one of the most pressing social and environmental issues that we face today. The transition to a post-carbon society, in which the consumption of fossil fuels decreases over time, has become an inevitability due to the need to prevent catastrophic climate change, the increasing cost and scarcity of energy, and complex combinations of both of these factors. As the authors point out, this will not only entail political adjustments and the replacement of some technologies by others, but will be accompanied by social and cultural changes that bring about substantial modifications in our societies and ways of life. This book examines whether the current conditions, which date back to the crisis that began in 2007, favour a benign and smooth transition or will make it more difficult and prone to conflict. It argues that, even if this transformation is unavoidable, the directions it will take and the resulting social forms are much less certain. There will be many post-carbon societies, the authors conclude, and any number of routes to social change. Transitioning to a Post-Carbon Society therefore represents a significant contribution to global debates on the environment, and is vital reading for academics, policymakers, business leaders, NGOs and the general public alike.

Beyond Capitalist Realism Samuel Alexander 2021-01-10 'Capitalist realism' implies that, ever since the fall of Soviet communism in 1989, capitalism has been the only realistic system of production and distribution. Everything else is generally dismissed as 'utopianism' or just naïve dreaming. This perspective points to a worrying failure of imagination, suggesting that it is now easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism. But here is the paradox of capitalist realism: just as the dominant cultural imagination has contracted into a single vision of what is possible, the existing system shows itself to be in the process of self-destructing, serving neither people nor planet. Whether by design or disaster, the future will be post-capitalist. In his fourth book of collected essays, degrowth scholar and activist Samuel Alexander seeks to transcend capitalist realism. He shows that viable and desirable alternatives are being lived into existence today by diverse but connected social movements. Calling for a 'degrowth' transition of planned economic contraction, Alexander examines and develops this emerging paradigm from various political, energetic, and aesthetic perspectives. Readers will come away seeing plausible pathways to prosperity, sustainability, and resilience that do not rely on the capitalist growth model of progress.

**Environmentalism of the Rich** Peter Dauvergne 2018-02-09 What it means for global sustainability when environmentalism is dominated by the concerns of the affluent—eco-business, eco-consumption, wilderness preservation. Over the last fifty years, environmentalism has emerged as a clear counterforce to the environmental destruction caused by industrialization, colonialism, and globalization. Activists and policymakers have fought hard to make the earth a better place to live. But has the environmental movement actually brought about meaningful progress toward global sustainability? Signs of global “unsustainability” are everywhere, from decreasing biodiversity to scarcity of fresh water to steadily rising greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, as Peter Dauvergne points out in this provocative book, the environmental movement is increasingly dominated by the environmentalism of the rich—diverted into eco-business, eco-consumption, wilderness preservation, energy efficiency, and recycling. While it's good that, for example, Barbie dolls' packaging no longer depletes Indonesian rainforest, and that Toyota Highlanders are available as hybrids, none of this gets at the source of the current sustainability crisis. More eco-products can just mean more corporate profits, consumption, and waste. Dauvergne examines extraction booms that leave developing countries poor and environmentally devastated—with the ruination of the South Pacific island of Nauru a case in point; the struggles against consumption inequities of courageous activists like Bruno Manser, who worked with indigenous people to try to save the rainforests of Borneo; and the manufacturing of vast markets for nondurable goods—for example, convincing parents in China that disposable diapers made for healthier and smarter babies. Dauvergne reveals why a global political economy of ever more—more growth, more sales, more consumption—is swamping environmental gains. Environmentalism of the rich does little to bring about the sweeping institutional change necessary to make progress toward global sustainability.

Concrete Cities Imrie, Rob 2021-10-26 This accessible critique of urban construction reimagines city development and life in an era of unprecedented building. Exploring the proliferation of building and construction, Imrie sets out its many degrading impacts on both people and the environment. Using examples from around the world, he illustrates how construction is motivated by economic and political ideologies rather than actual need, and calls for a more sensitive, humane and nature-focused culture of construction. This compelling book calls for radical changes to city living and environments by building less, but better.

**Degrowth in the Suburbs** Samuel Alexander 2018-09-21 This book addresses a central dilemma of the urban age: how to make the vast suburban landscapes that ring the globe safe and sustainable in the face of planetary ecological crisis. The authors argue that degrowth, a planned contraction of economic overshoot, is the only feasible principle for suburban renewal. They depart from the anti-suburban sentiment of much environmentalism to show that existing suburbia can be the centre-ground of transition to a new social dispensation based on the principle of self-limitation. The book offers a radical new urban imaginary, that of degrowth suburbia, which can arise Phoenix like from the increasingly stressed cities of the affluent Global North and guide urbanisation in a world at risk. This means dispensing with much contemporary green thinking, including blind faith in electric vehicles and high-density urbanism, and accepting the inevitability and the benefits of planned energy descent. A radical but necessary vision for the times.

**The FIFA World Cup 1930 - 2010** Stefan Rinke 2014-04-28 Content As Brazil 2014 will yet again show, the FIFA World Cup is a mega-event followed by billions of spectators around the globe. This volume is the first scholarly attempt to capture the history of the FIFA World Cup in its entirety. From the first World Cup in 1930 to the one in 2010 the tournament has exerted strong influences and acted as an important indicator of political, economic, social and cultural developments. In bringing together contributions by international experts from history, cultural studies, sociology and politics this volume explores some crucial issues linked to the World Cup: from the political exploitation of the tournament for domestic purposes to its economic ramifications for the host nation and beyond; from its role for national identity and national self-representation to its potential to realize transnational modes of identity and interdependence; from its role as a global media event to its impact on the commercialization of football on the national and transnational stage. Zum Inhalt Auch bei der kommenden Fußballweltmeisterschaft in Brasilien werden Milliarden Zuschauer überall auf der Welt das Ereignis verfolgen: Der FIFA-World Cup ist ein Megaevent. Doch seine Bedeutung geht weit über das singuläre Ereignis hinaus: Seit der ersten Austragung im Jahr 1930 war das Turnier ein wichtiger Indikator für politische, soziale und kulturelle Entwicklungen. Die behandelten Themenkomplexe von Experten aus aller Welt - überwiegend Historiker, Soziologen und Kulturwissenschaftler - reichen von politischem Missbrauch des Turniers für innenpolitische Zwecke über wirtschaftliche Faktoren, nationale Identitäten bzw. ihre Selbstrepräsentationen bis hin zu der Entwicklung eines medialen Großereignisses.

**U.S. Trade Relations with Sub-Saharan Africa** United States. Congress. House. Committee on Ways and Means. Subcommittee on Trade 2000

V?rní a rozumní Hana Librová 2017-01-01 Kniha navazuje na úsp?šné tituly Pest?í a zelení: kapitoly o dobrovolné skromnosti a Vlažní a váhaví: kapitoly o ekologickém luxusu. Autorka si klade otázku, pro? v dob? pokra?ující devastace p?írody klesá zájem o její ochranu. Jsou vinny sd?lovací prost?edky, nebo je naše hluchota v??í ekologickým problém?m zakotvena v naši mentální výbav?, která se snaží nep?ijemné skute?nosti vyt?s?ovat? Autorku zajímá, pro? n?kte?í lidé z?stávají p?írod? v?rní. Odpov?? hledá v rovin? sociologické, filozofické, psychologické a teologické. Kniha však ?tená?e p?ekvapí i ne?ekanou otázkou, pro? vlastn? p?írodu chránit, když si poradí sama; není slabá, ale silná a krutá. Žáci profesorky Librové, Vojt?ch Pelikán, Lucie Gal?anová a Lukáš Kala, se ve svých kapitolách zajímají o d?ti „pestrých“: zd?dily skromný životní zp?sob rodi???

The Greek City States P. J. Rhodes 2007-04-26 Political activity and political thinking began in the cities and other states of ancient Greece, and terms such as tyranny, aristocracy, oligarchy, democracy and politics itself are Greek words for concepts first discussed in Greece. Rhodes presents in translation a selection of texts illustrating the formal mechanisms and informal workings of the Greek states in all their variety. From the states described by Homer out of which the classical Greeks believed their states had developed, through the archaic period which saw the rise and fall of tyrants and the gradual broadening of citizen bodies, to the classical period of the fifth and fourth centuries, Rhodes also looks beyond that to the Hellenistic and Roman periods in which the Greeks tried to preserve their way of life in a world of great powers. For this second edition the book has been thoroughly revised and three new chapters added.

Pluralité et vivre ensemble Francine Saillant 2016-02-17T00:00:00-05:00 Cet ouvrage porte sur la notion de vivre ensemble dans les sociétés contemporaines. Issue de préoccupations liées au vécu de la diversité, la notion a pris plusieurs significations que les auteurs de cet ouvrage explorent chacun à leur manière. Les repères philosophiques, socioanthropologiques et discursifs de l'expression sont posés, de même que ses diverses déclinaisons. Les cadres politiques qui relient multiculturalisme, interculturalisme et républicanisme ainsi que leurs limites et leurs possibilités eu égard au vivre ensemble sont exposés. Un panorama de références culturelles multiples présente la notion et la situe dans un cadre social élargi (langue, cosmovision). Les débats entourant les problèmes plus spécifiques de l'expérience religieuse dans des sociétés pluriethniques qui feraient ou non obstacle au vivre ensemble sont ramenés au premier plan. Enfin, des réflexions approfondies sur l'art et la médiation culturelle comme vecteurs du vivre ensemble clôturent cet ouvrage.

US Department of State Dispatch

1995

Compost Capitalism Samuel Alexander 2017-08-21 What role might art need to play in the transition beyond consumer capitalism? Can 'culture jamming' contribute to the necessary revolution in consciousness? And can art provoke social change in a way that rational argument and scientific evidence cannot? In his new book, "Compost Capitalism: Art and Aesthetics at the End of Empire", Samuel Alexander explores these and other questions, both in theory and practice. The book begins with a novel theoretical defence of the necessity of art and aesthetic interventions in progressive cultural and political change, and concludes by presenting over one hundred 'culture jamming' artworks from a range of contributors that challenge the status quo and expand the horizons of what alternatives are possible.

Minimalismus - Ein Reader Heike Derwanz 2022-01-31 Minimalismus prägt den Alltag von immer mehr Menschen. Für jüngere Generationen erscheint Minimalismus als neues Phänomen, das - häufig vermischt mit einer ökologischen Lebensweise - die Kultur in Deutschland verändert. Dass diese Diskussion über Wohlstand, Besitz und menschliche Grundbedürfnisse eine lange Tradition besitzt, ist bisher im populären Diskurs nicht sichtbar. Der Minimalismus-Reader eröffnet erstmals die Vielschichtigkeit des Phänomens durch verschiedene wissenschaftliche Perspektiven aus der Kulturanthropologie, Soziologie, Ethnologie, Kulturpsychologie, Katholischen Theologie, Ostasiatischen Kunstgeschichte und Designgeschichte.

Governing Technology in the Quest for Sustainability on Earth Dain Bolwell 2019-02-11 Governing Technology in the Quest for Sustainability on Earth explores how human technologies can be managed to ensure the long-term sustainability of our species and of other life forms with which we share this world. It analyses human impact, the discourses of environmentalism and issues of economics, history and science. As these variables are complex, drawing on issues from the social, physical and life sciences as well as the humanities, Dain Bolwell uses an interdisciplinary approach to investigate these concepts and their related public policies. Exploring three major existing and emerging technologies – chemical herbicides, nuclear-electric power generation, and robotics and artificial intelligence – the book demonstrates the multifaceted and complicated nature of the grand challenges we face and draws out the measures required to effect sustainability in the wider political sphere. Exploring how we can govern technology most effectively to ensure a long term and sustainable future, this book will be of great interest to students and researchers of environmental studies, science and technology and environmental law and policy.

Death for Gaia Samuel Alexander 2020-05 "Death for Gaia" is a philosophical story about a group of scientists who create and release a biological weapon they call 'Hemlock-42'. This virus is designed with a single goal in mind: to eradicate most of humanity as a means of preserving what remains of planetary ecosystems and the declining diversity of species. Less than ten percent of humanity survives the pandemic. Forty-six years after this momentous disruption, various tribes of the After World have gathered, in this period of fragile but renewed stability, to discuss the justifiability of the acts that led to the Great Die-Off. Professor Durruk Senjen, the sole surviving activist who released Hemlock-42, has been called to defend his acts and face judgement. Note from the authors: Readers may draw parallels between the fictional virus described in this book and the outbreak of COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020. Our manuscript was complete and under review in July 2019 and thus any similarities are purely coincidental. We offer this book with condolences to those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic.

All the Nations Under Heaven Robert W. Snyder 2019-02-12 First published in 1996, All the Nations Under Heaven has earned praise and a wide readership for its unparalleled chronicle of the role of immigrants and migrants in shaping the history and culture of New York City. This updated edition of a classic text brings the story of the immigrant experience in New York City up to the present with vital new material on the city's revival as a global metropolis with deeply rooted racial and economic inequalities. All the Nations Under Heaven explores New York City's history through the stories of people who moved there from countless places of origin and indelibly marked its hybrid popular culture, its contentious ethnic politics, and its relentlessly dynamic economy. From Dutch settlement to the extraordinary diversity of today's immigrants, the book chronicles successive waves of Irish, German, Jewish, and Italian immigrants and African American and Puerto Rican migrants, showing how immigration changes immigrants and immigrants change the city. In a compelling narrative synthesis, All the Nations Under Heaven considers the ongoing tensions between inclusion and exclusion, the pursuit of justice and the reality of inequality, and the evolving significance of race and ethnicity. In an era when immigration, inequality, and globalization are bitterly debated, this revised edition is a timely portrait of New York City through the lenses of migration and immigration.

New Worlds, New Lives Lane Ryo Hirabayashi 2002 This book confronts the question of who and what is a Nikkei, that is, a person of Japanese descent, by presenting 18 case studies from throughout the Americas—including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Paraguay, Peru, and the United States.

Routledge Handbook of Transport in Asia Junyi Zhang 2018-06-12 Asian transportation systems and services, as well as their usage, are fraught with challenges. This handbook therefore seeks to examine the possible solutions to the problems faced by the region. It illustrates the history of transportation development in Asia and provides a comprehensive overview of research on urban and intercity transport. Presenting an extensive literature review and detailed summaries of the major findings and methodologies, this book also offers suggestions for future research activities from top-level international researchers. Written from an interdisciplinary perspective, the topics covered include: Transportation systems across Asia; Traffic accidents; Air pollution; Land use and logistics; Transport governance. Considering the population and economic development scale, as well as the diverse cultures of Asia, the Routledge Handbook of Transport in Asia will be a valuable resource for students and scholars of transportation, Asian development and Asian Studies in general.

OUR FRAGILE WORLD: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development - Volume II M. K. Tolba 2001-08-23 This publication, Our Fragile World: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development presents perspectives of several important subjects that are covered in greater detail and depth in the Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS). The contributions to the two volumes provide an integrated presentation of knowledge and worldviews related to the state of: Earth's natural resources, social resources, institutional resources, and economic and financial resources. They present the vision and thinking of over 200 authors in support of efforts to solve the complex problems connected with sustainable development, and to secure perennial life support on "The Blue Planet". These contributions are holistic, informative, forward looking, and will be of interest to a broad readership. This volume presents contributions with focus on the Economic and Institutional Dimensions of Sustainable Development in two sections: KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT (Knowledge; Technology and Management ; Economics; Finance and trade). – POLICY AND INSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (Policy Issues; Institutional implications; Regional Analysis).

Care Ethics in the Age of Precarity Maurice Hamington 2021-11-30 How care can resist the stifling force of the neoliberal paradigm In a world brimming with tremendous wealth and resources, too many are suffering the oppression of precarious existences—and with no adequate relief from free market-driven institutions. Care Ethics in the Age of Precarity assembles an international group of interdisciplinary scholars to explore the question of care theory as a response to market-driven capitalism, addressing the relationship of three of the most compelling social and political subjects today: care, precarity, and neoliberalism. While care theory often centers on questions of individual actions and choices, this collection instead connects theory to the contemporary political moment and public sphere. The contributors address the link between neoliberal values—such as individualism, productive exchange, and the free market—and the pervasive state of precarity and vulnerability in which so many find themselves. From disability studies and medical ethics to natural-disaster responses and the posthuman, examples from Mori, Dutch, and Japanese politics to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement, this collection presents illuminating new ways of considering precarity in our world. Care Ethics in the Age of Precarity offers a hopeful tone in the growing valorization of care, demonstrating the need for an innovative approach to precarity within entrenched systems of oppression and a change in priorities around the basic needs of humanity. Contributors: Andries Baart, U Medical Center Utrecht, Tilburg U, and Catholic Theological U Utrecht, the Netherlands; Vrinda Dalmiya, U of Hawaii, M?noa; Emilie Dionne, U Laval; Maggie FitzGerald, U of Saskatchewan; Sacha Ghandeharian, Carleton U; Eva Feder Kittay, Stony Brook U/SUNY; Carlo Leget, U of Humanistic Studies in Utrecht, the Netherlands; Sarah Clark Miller, Penn State U; Luigina Mortari, U of Verona; Yayo Okano, Doshisha U, Kyoto, Japan; Elena Pulcini, U of Florence.

Carbon Civilisation and the Energy Descent Future Samuel Alexander 2018-09-12 Carbon civilisation is powered predominately by finite fossil fuels and with each passing day it becomes harder to increase or even maintain current supply. Our one-off fossil energy inheritance is but a brief anomaly in the evolution of the human story, a momentary energy spike from the perspective of deep time. Today humanity faces the dual crises of fossil fuel depletion and climate change, both of which are consequences of the modern world's fundamental reliance on the energy abundance provided by fossil energy sources. Can renewable energy replace the fossil energy foundations of carbon civilisation? This book examines these issues and presents a narrative linking energy and society that maintains we should be preparing for renewable futures neither of energy abundance nor scarcity, but rather energy sufficiency. For industrial societies, this means navigating energy descent futures.

Defenseless Under the Night Matthew Dallek 2016-06-02 In his 1933 inaugural address, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Yet even before Pearl Harbor, Americans feared foreign invasions, air attacks, biological weapons, and, conversely, the prospect of a dictatorship being established in the United States. To protect Americans from foreign and domestic threats, Roosevelt warned Americans that "the world has grown so small" and eventually established the precursor to the Department of Homeland Security - an Office of Civilian Defense (OCD). At its head, Roosevelt appointed New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia; First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt became assistant director. Yet within a year, amid competing visions and clashing ideologies of wartime liberalism, a frustrated FDR pressured both to resign. In Defenseless Under the Night, Matthew Dallek reveals the dramatic history behind America's first federal office of homeland security, tracing the debate about the origins of national vulnerability to the rise of fascist threats during the Roosevelt years. While La Guardia focused on preparing the country against foreign attack and militarizing the civilian population, Eleanor Roosevelt insisted that the OCD should primarily focus on establishing a wartime New Deal, what she and her allies called "social defense." Unable to reconcile their visions, both were forced to leave the OCD in 1942. Their replacement, James Landis, would go on to recruit over ten million volunteers to participate in civilian defense, ultimately creating the largest volunteer program in World War II America. Through the history of the OCD, Dallek examines constitutional questions about civil liberties, the role and power of government propaganda, the depth of militarization of civilian life, the quest for a wartime New Deal, and competing liberal visions for American national defense - questions that are still relevant today. The result is a gripping account of the origins of national security, which will interest anyone with a passion for modern American political history and the history of homeland defense.

Sufficiency Economy Samuel Alexander 2015-07 Annotation. In this second volume of collected essays, Samuel Alexander develops the provocative ideas contained in Prosperous Descent: Crisis as Opportunity in an Age of Limits. Given that the global economy is in gross ecological overshoot, Alexander argues that the richest nations need to transcend consumer culture and initiate a 'degrowth' process of planned economic contraction. To achieve this, he shows that we need to build a post-capitalist politics and economics from the grassroots up, restructuring our societies to promote a far 'simpler way' of life based on notions of sufficiency, frugality, appropriate technology, and localism.

Terrorism in Algeria U. S. Government Staff 1996

Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States: William J. Clinton, 1998 Clinton, William J. 1999-01-01 Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States

Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States United States. President 2000 "Containing the public messages, speeches, and statements of the President", 1956-1992.

Liberty and the Ecological Crisis Katie Kish 2019-12-20 This book examines the concept of liberty in relation to civilization's ability to live within ecological limits. Freedom, in all its renditions – choice, thought, action – has become inextricably linked to our understanding of what it means to be modern citizens. And yet, it is our relatively unbounded freedom that has resulted in so much ecological devastation. Liberty has piggy-backed on transformations in human-nature relationships that characterize the Anthropocene: increasing extraction of resources, industrialization, technological development, ecological destruction, and mass production linked to global consumerism. This volume provides a deeply critical examination of the concept of liberty as it relates to environmental politics and ethics in the long view. Contributions explore this entanglement of freedom and the ecological crisis as well as investigate alternative modernities and more ecologically benign ways of living on Earth. The overarching framework for this collection is that liberty and agency need to be rethought before these strongly held ideals of our age are forced out. On a finite planet, our choices will become limited if we hope to survive the climatic transitions set in motion by uncontrolled consumption of resources and energy over the past one hundred and fifty years. This volume suggests concrete political and philosophical approaches and governance strategies for learning how to flourish in new ways within the ecological constraints of the planet. Mapping out new ways forward for long term ecological well-being, this book is essential reading for students and scholars of ecology, environmental ethics, politics and sociology and for the wider audience interested in the human-earth relationship and global sustainability.

Wild Democracy Samuel Alexander 2017-08 What are the political, economic, and cultural implications of living on a full planet in an age of limits? How can seven-and-a-half billion people flourish on our one planet? What might 'one planet' living actually look like? And can we come together to build resilient, localised, sufficiency-based economies as carbon capitalism continues to deteriorate? In this third book of his collected essays, Samuel Alexander offers deeper insight into the themes of degrowth, permaculture, and voluntary simplicity, which he explored in earlier texts.

De pleiters Jean Racine 1695

The Crisis 1969