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Thinking About What Replaces Capitalism The State of Play in the “Designing Socialism” Discussion

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“Central planning is a failure.” “Market socialism is an oxymoron.” Is anything left?

Believe it or not, the possibilities are just starting to emerge. The insufficient socialisms of the past (and present) have left us rich legacies. New information technologies, grass roots activism, incentive design theories and general assemblies -- all have a place. We need to polish our vision of a possible future society and make it precise, even when we don't yet have the forces to begin to implement it. It will help us to get there. We need to ask: “OCCUPY -- with what?”

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