

## THE NEW INSTITUTE launches academic year 2024/25 with programs on the topic of “Rethinking Capitalism”

THE NEW INSTITUTE announces its program for the coming year under the theme “Rethinking Capitalism.” With six research programs and 50 international fellows, the Institute will critically address key aspects of capitalism and explore new paths for a sustainable and inclusive economy.

### Diverse research foci

The programs cover a broad spectrum of topics:

- “Beyond Capitalism” led by Japanese philosopher Kohei Saito
- “The Future of Food” led by José Luis Chicoma, Senior Advisor on Global Food Systems for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and former Peruvian minister
- “Planetary Governance” led by Maja Groff, the Convenor of the Climate Governance Commission
- “Africapitalism” led by Kenneth Amaeshi, a leading scholar on sustainable business and finance in Africa
- “Futures of Capitalism” led by Aris Komporozos-Athanasίου, a sociologist and Director of the UCL Centre for Capitalism Studies
- “Bitter Victory” led by scholar Petar Bojanic from the University of Rijeka/Croatia

There is a remarkable trans-sectoral and interdisciplinary composition to the 2024/25 cohort due to the fellows’ vast range of experiences. As Academic Director Anna Katsman pointed out in her opening speech, “We understand capitalism as not only or even primarily an economic form, but a social, political, and cultural one. Work in other fields – such as aesthetics, psychoanalysis, and conflict studies – will be relevant to this inquiry.” Central to these efforts is the exploration of the tension between the logic of growth-driven markets and environmental sustainability. Anna Katsman: “We expect the programs to debate the extent to which we need systemic change and what practices count as progressive.”

In the spring, the renowned philosopher **Peter Singer** from Princeton University will be joining us to work on the topic “Profit for Good.”

### Support for academics at risk

With the Elkana Fellowships awarded to the Turkish political scientist Zeynep Alemdar and the Polish philosopher Joanna Karolina Malinowska, the Institute sets an example for supporting researchers who are subject to repression in their home countries.

### Further engagements

On 6 October 24, THE NEW INSTITUTE will participate in a kick-off event for the **Hamburg Sustainability Conference**. At this event, concrete ideas for resilient food systems will be presented and discussed with leading researchers and political decision-makers. We are delighted to have Dr. Achim Steiner, Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP), as our guest.

The edited volume Seeds for Democratic Futures will be published in the Institute's **publication series THE NEW** with contributions from 17 fellows. A public book launch event will soon be communicated through the institutional channels.

THE NEW INSTITUTE, together with DIE ZEIT and the Federal Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Foundation, is pleased to be awarding the **Helmut Schmidt Future Prize** in 2025 for the fourth time. Since 2022, the prize has honored innovative achievements in the fields of democracy, society, and technology.

With this comprehensive program, THE NEW INSTITUTE seeks to contribute to the transformation of capitalism for a sustainable and just future.

### **Further Information and Contact**

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