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# Immiseration Capitalism and Education: Austerity, Resistance and Revolt

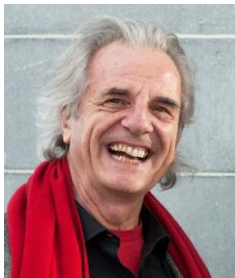
This is an important and astonishing book. It is a Marxist book. It systematically charts and critiques the havoc being wreaked by neoliberal and neoconservative Capitalism on society, on schooling/ schools and on higher education, across five countries: the USA, England, Turkey, Ireland and Greece.

Following a theoretical chapter on Immiseration Capitalism, the first part of the book examines in detail the destructiveness and degradation effected by national and transnational Capital within these five societies, and the privatising, marketising, commodifying, degrading and impoverishing impacts within these five countries' broader society, within/on the schooling system and within / on higher education.

Very importantly, the book goes beyond critique, beyond deconstruction, beyond anger and analysis. In Part Two of the book, leading Marxist analysts and activists from these five countries examine the Resistance to neoliberalising/ neoconservatisng policy and practice. In each case writers answer the question 'What is the Resistance', Where is the Resistance? How is it Organised. How Successful is it?. What are the Barriers to its Effectiveness? How can it and should it Develop to be more Effective?

In the Third and Final section, writers look to past and contemporary successful examples of Socialist Education, in the former Soviet bloc, and in Latin America, Venezuela. Again, writers, while noting the varied successes of such socialist or Marxist education, always remain critical- and self-critical.

The Conclusion, building on the critique within, summarises, and looks to the future, in terms of building the disparate resistance within schooling, higher education, communities and within the national societies- learning internationally. This book, written by noted and leading Marxist authors and activists, is an important contribution to Marxist education and broader theory- but also a spur to revolutionary anti-capitalist praxis- in education and beyond.



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