

## Call for Papers

### Special Issue:

## “State, Capital and Social Classes after the Financial Crisis”

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During the early 20th century, the discussion on the nature of neoliberal state was pervasive. The transformation of the capitalist state in line with the changing capitalist accumulation patterns and the requirements of neoliberal policies was at the forefront of the critical political economy discussions. These were mostly dominated by an approach that treats capital as an abstraction and postulates the capitalist state as a state which reproduces the rule of capital over the society. However, the 2008 financial crisis triggered a new round of discussions, and especially a more direct focus on social classes. The crisis made the huge income distribution gap visible. Richness and poverty have become *de nouveau* visible. Hence, the need to bring back the class in the critical political economy has emerged as an imperative.

This special issue of the Journal *Alternatif Politika* aims at understanding the recent transformation of the capitalist state with reference to the emerging social inequalities within society. Such a perspective would also make possible to rethink many of the relatively untouched theoretical assumptions of critical political economy studies regarding the capitalist state such as *the separation of the economic and the political*; *legitimate monopoly of violence*; *rule of law* and *relative autonomy of the state*. In order to problematize these historical forms, this special issue proposes the following questions to kick-start a wider debate: How does the capitalist state govern the still unfolding crisis of capitalism? Through which kinds of exclusion-inclusion (i.e. based on “race, class and gender) does the capitalist state reproduce itself? What are the relevant state strategies? How real is the return to the “national-scale” after the financial crisis? What are the new patterns of internationalization of the state? Prospective contributors are invited to problematize the capitalist state in crises times through theoretical discussions and/or empirical case studies.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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