Globalisation, Societies and Education Special Issue:

“Education in / for socialism: current and historical perspectives”

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Call for Papers

We are calling for contributions that engage with the question of education within and / or for socialist political projects on all scales. Contributions may focus on education within contemporary ‘post-Marxist’ / 21st century socialist projects, historical ‘Old Left’ socialist states, or ideas of socialist education developed elsewhere offering critical assessments that can inform contemporary thinking, policy interventions and practices.

Central to the call is the viability and potentials of socialist educational alternatives in an era of ‘global governance’ of education within contexts of capitalism, neoliberalism and globalization, and so thinking about socialism itself and the role of education in society. This extends to considerations of the impact of global, international and regional bodies and organisations, including the influence of counter-hegemonic initiatives like the World Social Forum, and their relationship to local and national initiatives on the question of socialist education. Papers in this special issue will address key questions like the ways in which education systems seek to promote critical understandings and analyses of capitalism, in its local, regional and global forms, and to promote public participation in the processes of global change required to construct alternative societies. Contributors may focus on particular themes, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Political and ideological understandings of socialist education
- Understandings of education in / for socialism and how these are enacted and experienced by policy makers, educators, and students
- Education for local, regional, national, global, systemic or anti-systemic conceptualisations of socialist society, and how in turn such projects relate to global educational governance
- Contemporary global educational agenda, like Education For All, and their relationship to understandings of socialist education
- Socialist education policies and the construction of ‘socialist citizens’ in comparison with globalized and neoliberal policies and neoliberal subjectivities.
- The relationship between socialist theorising of education and the structural transformation of societies
- New theoretical approaches to understand and advance socialist education as an institution as well as a social and political phenomenon

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