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## **After 15 March**

MURDOCH STEPHENS, JACK FOSTER, DYLAN TAYLOR,  
AMANDA THOMAS & CHAMSY EL-OJEILI

A consideration of some of the wider explanatory and strategic questions the Left must face in the wake of the white-supremacist terrorist attacks on 15 March, which killed 51 people and injured 49 others at the Al-Noor mosque and Linwood Islamic Centre in Christchurch.

## **Peace, Action, and Anarchist Organising**

VALERIE MORSE

Interviewed by Murdoch Stephens, Valerie Morse discusses the history of non-violent direct action at the Defence Industry Forum, ongoing challenges for activist organising, and priorities in the wake of the white-supremacist terrorist attacks in Christchurch.

## **How Finance Colonised Aotearoa**

CATHERINE CUMMING

A response to the relative inattention paid to finance as compared with the state in material practices of colonisation. Rereading Aotearoa New Zealand's early colonial history, this paper renders finance, financial instruments, and financial institutions explicit in their capacity as central agents of colonisation.

## **Riots and Strikes in Aotearoa New Zealand**

DYLAN TAYLOR

Positioned by some on the Left as the harbinger of a future emancipatory politics, what role might the riot play in Aotearoa New Zealand's future? The history of the riot threaded against the history of the strike and union organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Neoliberal Reason and the Displacement of Politics

SEAN PHELAN

Review of William Davies, *The Limits of Neoliberalism*. A rich and lucid account of the social conventions and discourses that underpin neoliberalism. Replete with lessons for the analysis of parliamentary politics and the university in contemporary Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Revolutionary Metaphysics

JACK FOSTER

Review of the Invisible Committee, *Now*. A flawed but evocative attempt to excavate the contemporary tonality of being.

## Fellow Worker

BARRY PATEMAN

Review of Peter Cole, David Struthers, and Kenyon Zimmer, *Wobblies of the World*. A new edited collection on the global history of the Industrial Workers of the World.

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