

Communalist Library

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Welcome to the Online Library for the Communalism Discord. We have collected many works both directly and indirectly connected to Social Ecology, Libertarian Municipalism and Communalism. Hopefully you will find this resource useful.

Perspectives on Palestine

As genocide unfolds in Palestine, movements from around the world have expressed their solidarity with the brave resistance of the Palestinian people. These booklets discuss the history and context of the conflict, and look for lasting solutions.

- For an Internationalist Intifada/Serhildan
- Reflections on the Palestinian and Kurdish Resistance
- PKK Internationalists in the Palestinian Resistance

An introduction to Communalism & Social Ecology

The following are helpful introductory texts to get an understanding of the basics of Social Ecology and Communalism, by a variety of authors. They vary in length, from pamphlets and articles to books.

- Social Ecology by Emily McGuire
- Social Ecology and Communalism by Murray Bookchin
- Social Ecology by Brian Tokar
- Reason, Creativity and Freedom by Eleanor Finley
- Communalism: A Liberatory Alternative
- Remaking Society by Murray Bookchin
- The Next Revolution by Murray Bookchin
- The Murray Bookchin Reader by Janet Biehl

Social Ecology in-depth

Social ecology constitutes the philosophical and anthropological aspects of Communalism's political philosophy. The following works are more in-depth analyses of social ecology from both a philosophical and anthropological perspective.

- The Philosophy of Social Ecology

- The Ecology of Freedom by Murray Bookchin
- The Anthropology of Utopia
- Pan-African Social Ecology by Modibo Kadalie
- Intimate Direct Democracy by Modibo Kadalie
- The Ecology of Everyday Life by Chaia Heller
- Toward Climate Justice by Brian Tokar
- Pioneers of Ecological Humanism by Brian Morris
- Anthropology and Dialectical Naturalism by Brian Morris
- Ecology — The Rebellion of the Environment by Abdullah Öcalan

Politics & Libertarian Municipalism

Libertarian Municipalism is the political strategy developed by Murray Bookchin. The following texts discuss this strategy as well as politics seen through a Communalist lens, from the city to the confederation.

- The Confederation as the Commune of Communes by Debbie Bookchin & Sixtine van Outryve
- The New Municipal Model by Eleanor Finley
- The Politics of Social Ecology by Janet Biehl
- Urbanization without Cities by Murray Bookchin
- Social Ecology & the Right to the City by Various Authors
- Reclaiming Cities by Yavor Tarinski
- City, Municipality, Commune by Yavor Tarinsky
- A Politics for the 99% by Marco Rosaire Conrad-Rossi
- The Limits of the City by Murray Bookchin
- City and Ecology
- Fearless Cities by Various
- Rebel Cities by David Harvey

Looking back at Bookchin

These texts reflect on Bookchin's life, work and legacy, giving more insight into the debates of his time and the political climate of the times, as well as constructive critiques.

- Ecology or Catastrophe by Janet Biehl
- Recovering Bookchin by Andy Price
- Bookchin: A Critical Appraisal by Damian White

Democratic Confederalism

Democratic Confederalism is the political philosophy developed by Kurdish freedom movement figurehead Abdullah Öcalan, who was inspired by Bookchin among others. Öcalan's approach is based on decades of practical political organising, alongside an increased focus on women's liberation, making it a topic of its own.

- Democratic Confederalism by Abdullah Öcalan
- Democratic Nation by Abdullah Öcalan
- War and Peace in Kurdistan by Abdullah Öcalan
- The Art of Freedom by Havin Guneser
- Beyond State, Power and Violence by Abdullah Öcalan
- Freedom Shall Prevail
- The Theory of Democratic Modernity as a Guide for Building a New Internationalism
- Opportunities and dangers of the Third World War
- The Resistance of Culture
- The Struggle for Socialism by Mustafa Karasu
- Democratic Modernity paves the way for Democratic Socialism
- Building Free Life
- Challenging Capitalist Modernity Vol. I
- Challenging Capitalist Modernity Vol. II
- Challenging Capitalist Modernity Vol. III
- Your Freedom and Mine by Thomas Miley and Federico Venturini
- Self-Determination Struggles by Thomas Jeffrey-Miley
- Democratic Autonomy in North Kurdistan by TATORT Kurdistan
- Bakur Rising by Nazan Ustundag
- Democratic Confederalism by Xebat Andok
- Interview with Cemil Bayik and Best Hozat
- The KCK Strategy by Cemil Bayik
- Entering a New Intellectual Era
- The Structural Crisis of Capitalism, the Current Political Conditions Worldwide and Today's Challenges of Internationalism by Riza Altun
- The Seeker of Truth by Bager Nujiyan

Jineolojî and the Women's Revolution

The struggle of women within the Kurdish Freedom Movement represents one of the most radical and organised women's movements on the globe. Inherently anti-capitalist, internationalist and anti-state, it sets the bar for other movements. Whilst topics related to women's liberation and jineolojî are also discussed in the above section, these texts are for those looking to learn more in detail about the praxis, theory and history of the movement.

- Liberating Life: Women's Revolution by Abdullah Öcalan
- Killing and Transforming the Dominant Man
- The Kurdish Women's Movement by Dilar Dirik
- The Mother, the Politician, and the Guerrilla by Nazan Üstündağ
- Weaving Another Future by the Jineoloji Committee Europe
- Sara: My Whole Life Was A Struggle by Sakine Cansiz
- Sara: Prison Memoirs of a Kurdish Revolutionary

The Manifesto of the Democratic Civilization

Abdullah Öcalan's most comprehensive work is his five-volume manifesto, which details Democratic Confederalism's anthropology, philosophy and politics in the most comprehensive manner. Volumes 4 and 5 are yet to be made available in english.

- Civilization: The Age of Masked Gods and Disguised Kings by Abdullah Öcalan
- Capitalism: The Age of Unmasked Gods and Naked Kings
- The Sociology of Freedom by Abdullah Öcalan

Resources on Rojava

The revolution in Rojava is currently the largest democratic confederalist movement working at a large scale. The following resources give a comprehensive overview of the inner workings of the social, political and ecological revolution in North East Syria.

- Rojava: A Social Contract for Revolution? by Legerin Magazine
- Make Rojava Green Again
- Stateless Democracy by Various Authors
- Beyond the Frontlines: The Building of the Democratic System in North and East Syria
- Beyond Rojava: North and East Syria's Arab Regions
- Young and Promising: An Introduction to the NES University System
- Hidden Battlefields: Rehabilitating ISIS affiliates and Building a Democratic Culture in their Former Territories

- After ISIS: Ensuring a Future for Christians and Other Minorities in North and East Syria
- Revolution in Rojava
- Rojava: Peoples in Arms
- The Battle for the Mountain of the Kurds by Thomas Schmidinger
- Anticapitalist Economy in Rojava by Azize Aslan

Audiobooks

There are several audiobook versions of communalist texts. Below are some of them.

- Social Ecology and Communalism
- The Ecology of Freedom
- Democratic Confederalism by Abdullah Öcalan

Podcasts

If you prefer listening to reading, then these are the podcasts for you. There's discussion of social ecology as well as adjacent topics. They make for great listening, being both thought-provoking and featuring many great guest speakers.

- SRSLY WRONG
- The Women's War
- Çay at the Womens Front
- Medya News Podcast
- Freedom for Öcalan podcast
- The Kurdish Edition

Videos & Documentaries

There are excellent videos out there on international liberatory movements. In this section, you will find not only some outstanding documentaries, but also videos from various conferences and talks about Communalism and Democratic Confederalism.

- Jiyan: Life of a Female Guerrilla Fighter
- Bakur/North
- Sara: My Whole Life Was Struggle
- Gulistan: Land of Roses
- Rojava — New World Summit

- Challenging Capitalist Modernity
- Jin, Jiyan, Azadi
- We Are Our Own Strength
- Rojava: A Utopia in the Heart of Syria's Chaos
- Maxmûr: Blooming the Desert
- In Conversation: BSA x Kongra Star
- Bookchin's Collected Lectures
- The Commune of Communes

Organizations & Websites

Below are the websites of various organisations that are related to Communalism and Democratic Confederatism, focussing on direct action, education and political change. Some websites offer their own learning resources and courses that are highly recommended to check out. [/HEADING]

- Kurdistan Democratic Communities Union
- Kurdistan Women's Union
- Kongra Star
- Internationalist Commune Rojava
- Make Rojava Green Again
- Legerin Magazine
- Rojava Information Center
- Co-operation in Mesopotamia
- Academy for Democratic Modernity
- Komun Academy
- Women Defend Rojava
- Women Weaving the Future
- Jineoloji
- YPJ Information & Documentation Office
- North-East Syria Civil Diplomacy Centre
- International Initiative "Freedom for Öcalan"
- Youth Writing History Network
- Institute for Social Ecology
- Transnational Institute for Social Ecology
- Black Socialists in America
- Cooperation Jackson
- Solidarity Economy Association
- New Compass Press
- Vive La Commune
- Minim

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