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What should socialism mean in the 21st century?

“Socialism” is back. For decades the word was considered an embarrassment –a despised failure and relic of a bygone era, rightly consigned to the historical dustbin. No more! Today, politicians like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wear the label proudly and win support, while organizations that espouse it attract new members in droves. But what exactly do they mean by “socialism”? However welcome, enthusiasm for the word does not automatically translate into serious reflection on its content. What does or should “socialism” signify in the present era? This lecture provides the sketch of a possible answer. Drawing on an expanded conception of capitalism, I construct an expanded conception of socialism, which overcomes the narrow economism of received understandings. Disclosing the capitalist economy’s contradictory and destructive relation to its “non-economic” background conditions, I contend that socialism must do more than transform the economy. Over and above that desideratum, it must also transform the economy’s relation to its background conditions: especially, non-human nature, the unwaged work of social reproduction, and political power. In a nutshell: a socialism for the 21st century must be ecological, feminist, anti-racist and democratic.

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