

## **THOMAS PICKETTY. MURAY BOOKCHIN.**

**(1e)** *Thomas Picketty. Murray Bookchin.* One may be interested in looking at the innovative musings of the following two ‘social science’ theorists (to use this term as there is a combination of various disciplines in their thinking to look at the possibilities that any liberal governance may progressively further develop so it does not fall into the social danger of stagnating etc. to then allow new despotisms to arise, but rather to regenerate along what may be seen as possibly ‘for the better’ along social democratic or direct democracy paths. I should add there is much other ‘thinking’ out there in this vast world but these two individuals in recent times and in different ways have caught my attention to provide some direction to my own thinking and maybe will also interest others.

After all, we should rely on various trains of thought (rather than just on one) to maintain an ongoing ever changing ‘organic flexibility’ to our thinking in order to deal in various multi-dimensional ways in regards to how we can have a more equitable and democratic global society to firstly emerge and secondly to be sustained, especially during (i) a hostile human induced planetary period of climate crisis and (ii) with the dangerous portent that only a further widening inhumane inequality will arise if we do not make the necessary social and political shifts to create a sustaining ‘good commons’ for all. All the best.

### ***Thomas Picketty***

**i.** *CAPITAL in the Twenty-First Century* by Thomas Picketty. (The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. 2014).

<https://dowbor.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/14Thomas-Picketty.pdf>

**ii.** *CAPITAL in the Twenty-First Century.* (2019). A documentary based on Thomas Picketty’s *CAPITAL in the Twenty-First Century*. Directed by Jason Pemberton. The following link is a trailer of the film which should be available on various streaming services or even maybe at a public library near you. (In Australia I came across it via SBS On Demand).

[https://www.imdb.com/video/vi363118105/?playlistId=tt5723056&ref=tt\\_ov\\_vi](https://www.imdb.com/video/vi363118105/?playlistId=tt5723056&ref=tt_ov_vi)

### ***Murray Bookchin***

**i.a.** *The Ecology of Freedom. The Emergence and Dissolution of Hierarchy* by Murray Bookchin. Cheshire Books. California. (1982). Online pdf link via libcom. org :

[https://files.libcom.org/files/Murray\\_Bookchin\\_The\\_Ecology\\_of\\_Freedom\\_1982.pdf](https://files.libcom.org/files/Murray_Bookchin_The_Ecology_of_Freedom_1982.pdf)

**i.b.** Another online link via the Anarchist Library:

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/murray-bookchin-the-ecology-of-freedom>

**ii.** *Murray Bookchin on Nature and Ideology.* Youtube link:

<https://youtu.be/w8L9p1LpkHc?si=9tePQtnXMr-9dTLk>

The above also very much interests me as it is a well thought out retort to the ecofascist notion of the spurious 'overpopulation' argument. There is much other literature, articles, critiques, films etcetera one can come across in regards to both authors so the above links are merely introductions. Although I will also post this brief article on Social Ecology by Murray Bookchin.

**iii.** *What is Social Ecology?* Murray Bookchin. (A short article. The Anarchist Library. 1993).

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/murray-bookchin-what-is-social-ecology>

**iv.** *The Philosophy of Social Ecology.* Murray Bookchin (The Anarchist Library. 1995).

<https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/murray-bookchin-the-philosophy-of-social-ecology>