

The Path into the 21st Century

THE 5-HOUR WEEK

Why is global capitalism incapable of providing the millions of unemployed with work?

From a social perspective, enormous wealth is simply running through our fingers, since many people are forced into unemployment by the mechanisms of capitalism. In 1995 a conference of 500 top managers, politicians and economists came to the conclusion that at the start of the 21st century only one-fifth of the world's population would be necessary for the production of goods and services (Hans-Peter Martin, EU-Parliamentarian, Harald Schumann, Spiegel-Editor, Die Globalisierungsfall ISBN: 3-499-60450-7, page 12).

According to this there is a fortune in goods and services that is left unrealized due to unemployment—general prosperity is hindered by capitalism!

Property-based economies and commodity-oriented trade turn labor surpluses into the curse of the unemployed, for supply and demand govern the price of every ware. Since labor cannot simply be removed from the market like other commodities merciless competition and a decline in the price of human labor follows.

Wage-dumping, the enlargement of corporate profits, the struggles for control of market sections and the pressures that entails, the concentration of capital and the organization of a reserve army of the unemployed—these belong to the consequences of this situation just as much as the cuts in social spending.

This is capitalism, which brings about the concentration of ever greater amounts of property in ever fewer hands, leaving the general populace with ever less. However, the greatest portion of this wealth goes to waste in the form of unemployment and useless production.

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