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books

FABIAN SCHEIDLER

THE END OF THE MEGAMACHINE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF A FAILING CIVILIZATION



"The topic could not be more important.
A very valuable and surely timely contribution."
Noam Chomsky



Vandana Shiva: End of the Megamachine: A Brief History of a Failing Civilization

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2E3FNSz7xM>

World-systems criticism

**World-literature
(Warwick specialty)**

THE MODERN WORLD-SYSTEM IV



Centrist Liberalism Triumphant,
1789–1914

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THE MODERN WORLD-SYSTEM

*CAPITALIST AGRICULTURE AND
THE ORIGINS OF THE
EUROPEAN WORLD-ECONOMY
IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY*



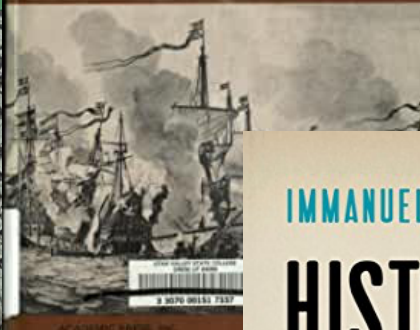
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1600–1750*



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THE MODERN WORLD-SYSTEM III

*THE SECOND ERA OF
GREAT EXPANSION OF
THE CAPITALIST WORLD-ECONOMY,
1730–1840s*



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HISTORICAL CAPITALISM





A History of the World in Seven Cheap Things

**A GUIDE TO CAPITALISM,
NATURE, AND THE
FUTURE OF THE PLANET**

Raj Patel & Jason W. Moore

POSTCOLONIALISM ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES

COMBINED AND UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT

TOWARDS A NEW THEORY OF WORLD-LITERATURE

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Not “great men and dates” history

**Commodity-chains
(labor-power+resources)**

Not nation-state parameter, but

Global

World-system

**(ideal for eco-criticism,
decolonialnot Eurocentric)**

**Scheidler does think there are
alternatives to a world-system that is
headed to structural crisis**

**Capitalist
ecological**

4 tyrannies

- **Physical power (central [state] violence)**
- **Structural [class inequality] power**
- **Ideological (hegemony—Gramsci)**
- **Linear [causal] thinking (Newton/Bacon:
social science “laws”)**

Tyranny of physical power

- **Metals (weapon technology: mining|hell)**
- **Change to agrarian patterns of hydrology**
(slave system before Atlantic slavery)
- **Writing (ideological for [religious] elites)**

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

THE DAWN OF EVERYTHING



A NEW HISTORY OF HUMANITY



DAVID GRAEBER AND
DAVID WENGROW

'REVOLUTIONARY'
SUNDAY TIMES



Is *Exodus* the root of Hebraic religion?

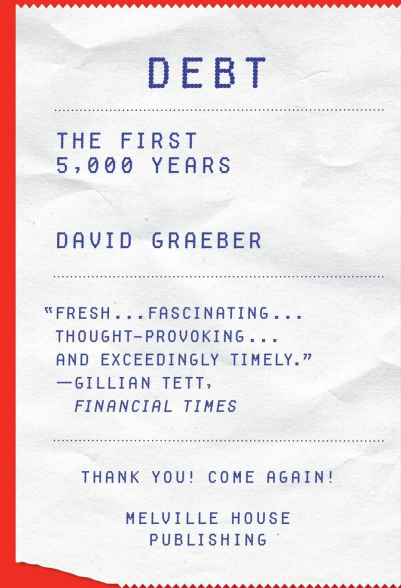
Jubilee year – erasure of debts/slavery

Critique of
science, ideology
of growth
development,
and Western
universalism



Marketplace and
money as
abstract/equalizing
device for state
power leading to
capitalism

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**Apocalyptic thinking as result of
generational trauma**

**Post-Black Death wars and crisis of
feudalism**

Witch scares -

Capitalist domination of

Nature, women, non-Europeans

Antropocene or capitalocene?

Republic or democracy

Representation or “direct”

1968/1973/2008

Conservatism/radicalism/centrist liberalism

or

Fascism/intersectional left/neoliberalism

**Structural crisis – overproduction of goods
(debt, esp. middle class)**

Ecological crisis

Exit from the system?

Degrowth

Democracy

Demilitarization

Debt relief

Deprivization

Decommodification

De-carbonization