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ABSTRACT

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How Can the Theoretical Logic of Empire Make Possible a Radical Change of Contemporary Political Regime?

Since the publication of Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri's *Empire*, the book has been widely debated in both political and academic circles. Heated arguments have been made both for and against *Empire* as a theory of the logic behind the global distribution and working of power today. Some have talked about the book as an elitist theoretical manifest build on insufficient empirical ground and others as the most important contribution in Marxism thinking since 'Das Kapital'. In this speech I cannot critically scrutinise Hardt and Negri's multifaceted theory in detail. Instead, I aim to demonstrate its usefulness, both politically and theoretically, as a map of understanding global power relations today and the possibility of social change.