



From the European Employment Strategy

to the European Pillar of Social Rights

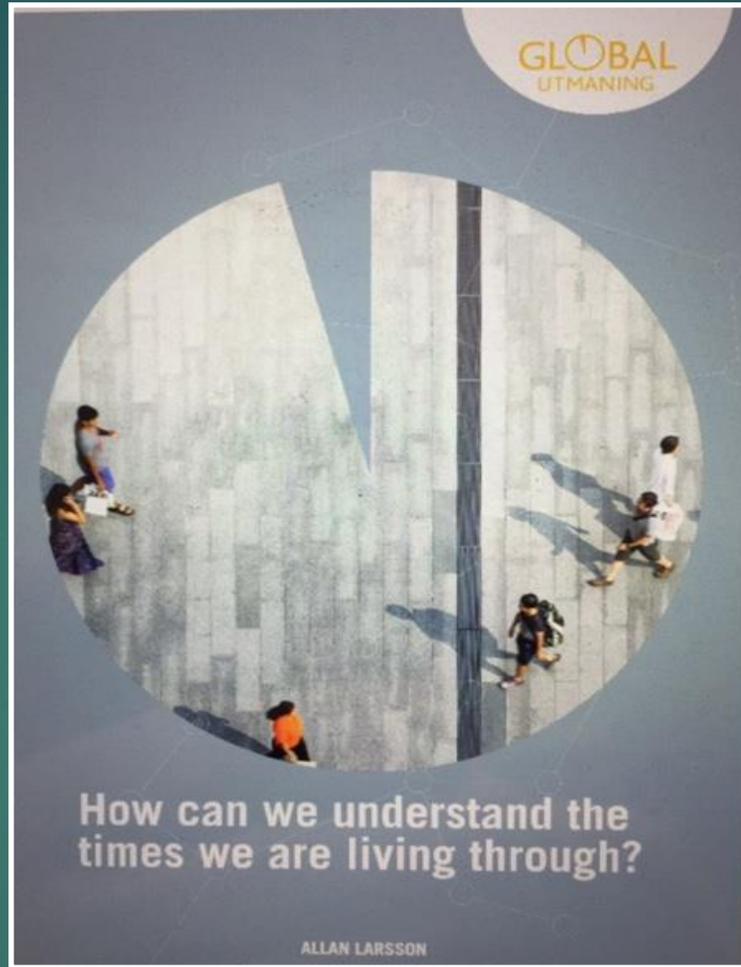
and to the ILO Global Commission
on the Future of Work

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Two long term perspectives

- "how can we understand the times we are living through?"
- social policies in the EU over the last 60+ years – and beyond

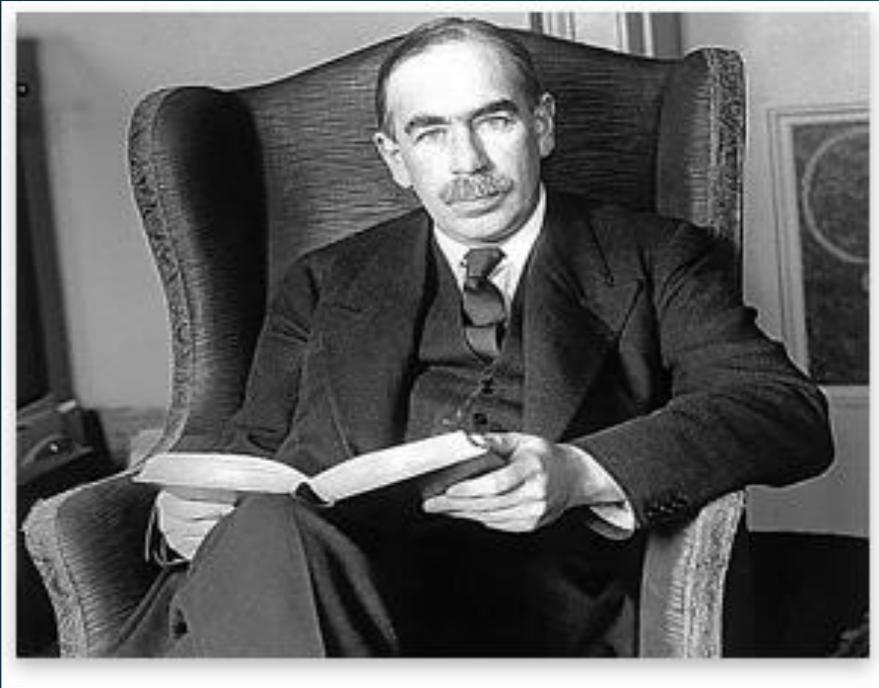


Explaining "our times" by using the theory of "the long waves"

Two long waves during my life time

- from 1940s to the 1970s

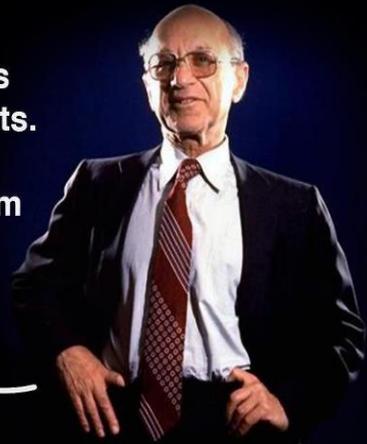
- from the 1980s to the
financial crisis 2008

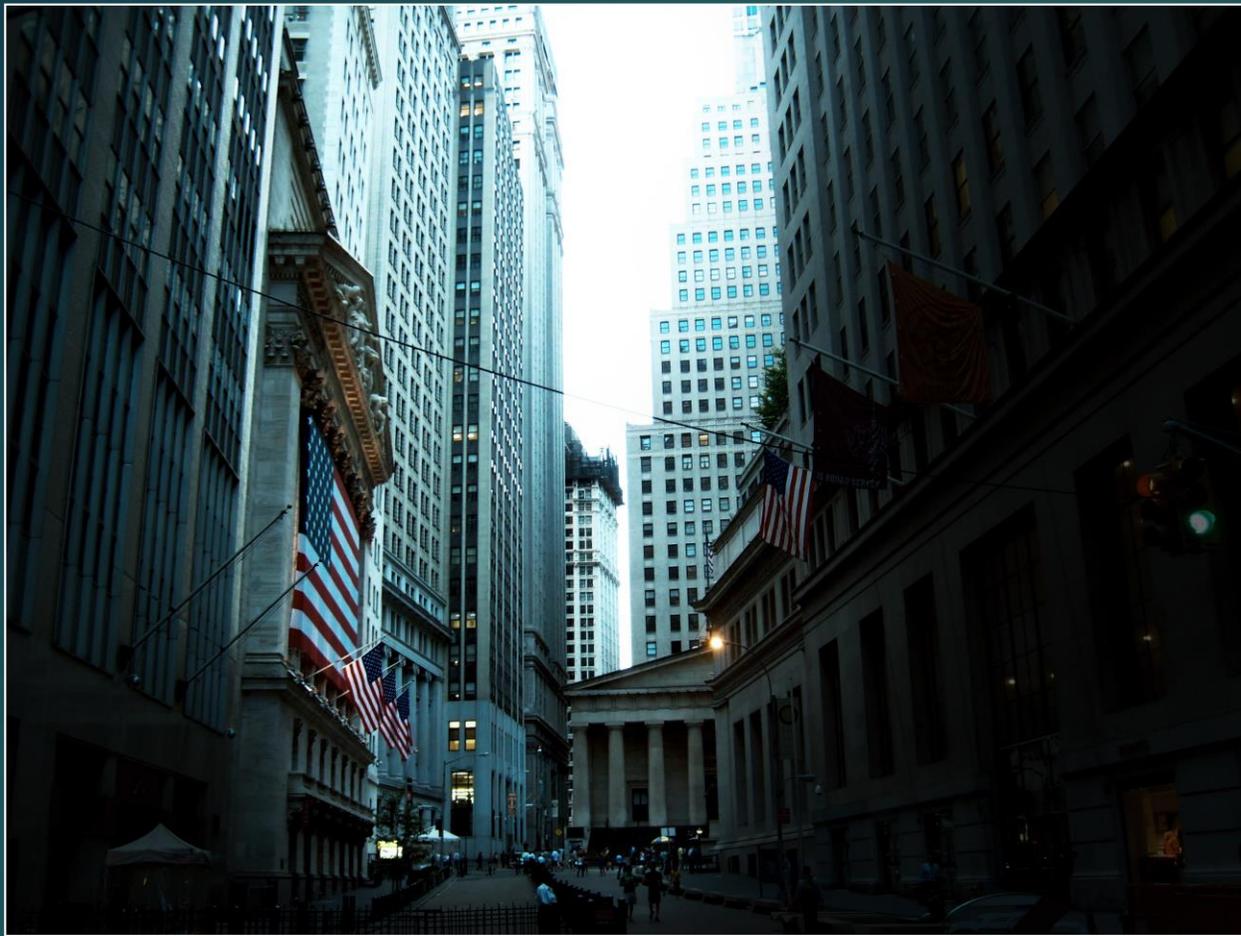


The world runs on individuals
pursuing their separate interests.
The great achievements of
civilization have not come from
government bureaus.

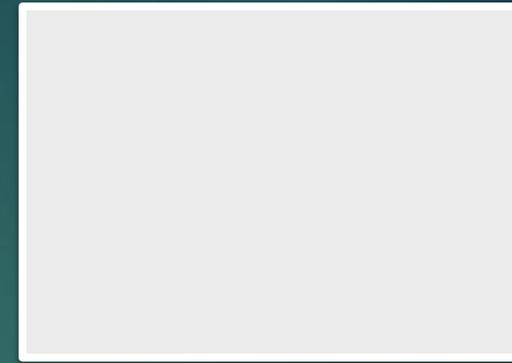
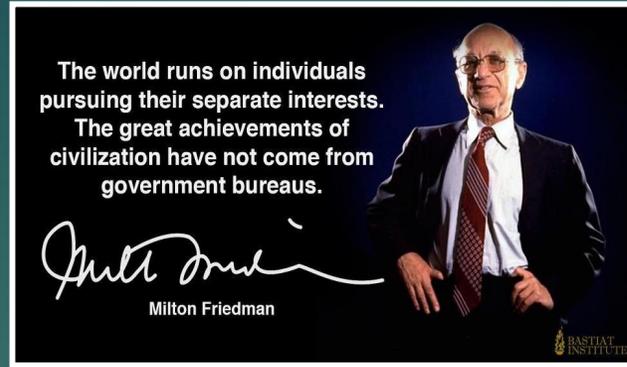
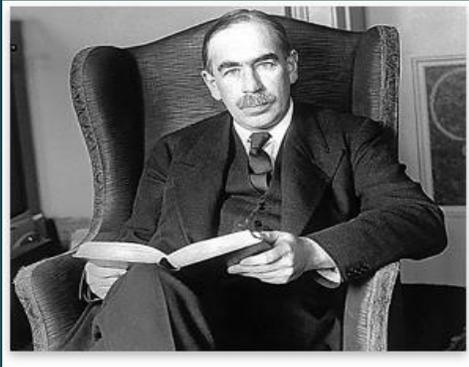
A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Milton Friedman', is positioned to the left of the man's portrait.

Milton Friedman





The paradigm on which the last long wave was built – deregulation and trickle down - imploded in the financial crisis



The old theories do not give guidance

– we are living in an empty room,
where nationalism, xenophobia and protectionism are filling
the vacuum - an explosive empty room

Is this the beginning of the next long wave?

A brief long term perspective on EU social policy

The labour contract ...

- the handshake between an employer and a worker

...and the social contract

- national and international labour law, social policies, collective agreements to establish a level playing field

The ILO Philadelphia Declaration: "labour is not a commodity"

European countries have been leaders in
the development of social
contracts/models

- The Continental
 - The Anglo-Saxon
 - The Scandinavian
 - A southern European
- models reflecting different values, traditions
and political priorities

Member States have used the EU
to strengthen social policy to manage
economic integration:

- "The first Europe" in the 1950s – health and safety in coal and steel industry
 - A social dimension for the Single Market in the 1980s
 - European Employment Strategy in the end of the 1990s
 - A European Pillar of Social Rights



A European Pillar of Social Rights

- end of austerity, a new balance between economic and social policies – social policies as a productive factor
- social rights based on national as well as European legislation
- covering three fields: access to labour market and equal opportunities, decent work and social protection



The ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work

The Background:

- lack of basic rights at work and limited protection for people in the informal economy
 - growing insecurity in the new digital economy
 - widespread social and political discontent

Preparing for the 2019 ILO 100 years Jubilee:

Hope and change: A new paradigm?

- Agenda 2030
- The European Pillar of Social Rights
- The message from the IMF, the World Bank, the OECD on a new balance between economic and social policies
- The ILO Global Commission