

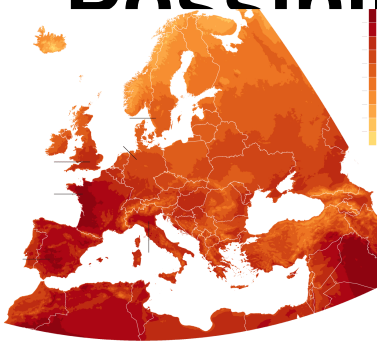
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Heatwave Reflections: We Won't Return to the World Before, But We Still Have the Possibility of Living, and Living Well

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As Europe endures its second spring heatwave of the year, the established powers are not confronting capital's grip on energy, finance, and agriculture — they are tightening it. Daniel Tanuro, Belgian ecosocialist and author of *The Impossibility of Green Capitalism*, argues that what is happening is not accidental but systemic: fossil investment grows, G7 leaders congratulate climate deniers, and even the European Commission dismantles its own inadequate green measures. The Holocene is over; the question is what kind of Anthropocene we are building. Tanuro insists that the degree of manageability of our future Earth depends entirely on our anti-capitalist struggles today. [AN]

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[1] The G7 summit referred to here took place in Canada in June 2026. Tanuro refers to US President Donald Trump, whose administration withdrew the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change. The Strait of Hormuz, linking the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman, is a critical chokepoint for global oil shipments.

[2] The European Commission's "Omnibus" legislative package, proposed in 2025, was widely criticised by environmental organisations as rolling back key elements of the European Green Deal, including weakening corporate sustainability reporting requirements, relaxing methane emission regulations, and diluting provisions of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism.

[3] On the relationship between labour movements and the ecological crisis, see Daniel Tanuro, "Internationalism or Geostrategy, One Must Choose!", Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières, 6 July 2025. Available at: <https://www.europe-solidaire.org/spip.php?article>[VERIFY]

[4] The Paris Agreement, adopted at the COP21 United Nations climate conference in December 2015, commits signatory states to limiting the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and to pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C. On the scientific basis for projections of long-term temperature stabilisation, see the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), *Sixth Assessment Report: Climate Change 2021 — The Physical Science Basis* (Cambridge University Press, 2021). Available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>

[5] The Holocene is the current geological epoch, which began approximately 11,700 years ago following the last ice age and is characterised by the relatively stable climate conditions under which human civilisation developed. Geologists debate whether a new epoch, the Anthropocene, should be formally recognised to mark the period of dominant human impact on Earth's geology and ecosystems.

[6] Daniel Tanuro, *L'impossible capitalisme vert* (La Découverte, 2010); English edition: *Green Capitalism: Why It Can't Work* (Resistance Books/Merlin/IIRE, 2013). For Tanuro's broader ecosocialist analysis, see also his "Foundations of an ecosocialist strategy", Europe Solidaire Sans Frontières, article 22770. Available at: <https://www.europe-solidaire.org/spip.php?article22770>

[7] The closing lines echo François Villon's *Ballade des pendus* (also known as *L'Épitaphe Villon*), c. 1463: "Frères humains qui après nous vivez, / N'ayez les cœurs contre nous endurcis" ("Brother humans who live after us / Do not harden your hearts against us"). The poem, written from the perspective of hanged men addressing the living, is one of the most celebrated texts of medieval French literature.