



## From COVID-19 to the collapse of our civilization.

In [Solidaridad Internacional Andalucía](#) (SIA), we are moved by the number of deceased people during the health crisis provoked by coronavirus. We cannot imagine the pain of their families and friends for lives cut short under such difficult and unusual circumstances. We offer you all our affection and we wish you the best possible spirit.

We are also convinced that cooperation and solidarity -principles that defines us- are nowadays and under these circumstances more important than ever, and because of that, we want to share some thoughts considered necessary. Not expecting to downplay it, COVID-19 is not the centre of our concern: **it is more dangerous than this virus to have forgotten we are fragile, vulnerable, interconnected and ecological dependent; and to lack communities strategies of care, cooperation, mutual support and, the most flagrant today, a strong and universal health care system.**

In SIA, we have been going in depth some years in the diagnosis that stands up **we are lost in a systemic crisis. This crisis is leading inexorably our civilization to a collapse.** A quick process in historical terms, although slow during our lifetimes. **Every time, more professionals agree on that changes -visible in the world, our environment and, of course, our lives- are going to be extreme during this decade.** And it is really illustrative that we start 2020 with such exceptional situation.

**We are arriving to collapse in a spiral movement that lead us from a crisis period to another, with intermediate periods of recovering each time less satisfactory.** Anyone can see it: the recovery after the 2008 crisis never gave us back the welfare state we had before, and now we envisage another crisis that promise to be worse than the last one... At the end of an electrocardiogram record each time weaker and more confuse, heart monitor only can give us back the continuous beep of our civilization collapse.

This health alert brings to the table some questions that have to deal the cause of this “electrocardiogram.” For example, **the existence of a strong and universal public health system cannot be conditioned by ceilings or rules of spending<sup>1</sup>, nor it is compatible with the privatizing rationale; cares are fundamental for the sustaining of the family, community and life; with political will, strong decisions could be made in order to give answers to such a serious problem like the climate change; and the citizenship is willing to make unimaginable sacrifices for the common good<sup>2</sup>.**

It also outlines that **if States may be threatened, they will not hesitate in militarise the streets to control population.** Accordingly, **measures being taken at global level may be understood as experiments of social control** for foreseeable conflict contexts derived from the collapse process. And although it is less evident, it also seems like **coronavirus is going to be the perfect cover of an inconvenient truth** that it was already announced everywhere: **that our economic model and its mantra of sustained growth is leading us to a dead end.** It will be hidden that, **before the COVID-19 arrived, we were already going deep into an unprecedented crisis,** coronavirus will

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<sup>1</sup> Indeed it is not without significance that our health system scarcities became such visible only three months after the entry into force of the article 135.2 of the Spanish Constitution, reformed by PSOE and PP (Socialist Party and Popular Party, respectively) in 2011 in order to limit the public “spending” of the Administration budget.

<sup>2</sup> As often happens, under these circumstances, it is unavoidable to empathise with the border drama, because, could we imagine that there were barbed wire in our streets -such the ones in Ceuta or Melilla- in order to hamper that families go out to buy meanwhile Amazon keeps moving packages from one place to another?

take charge of and it will be said that an effort need to be made in order to sustain the economic growth, for the benefit of a few and despite, always too, the planet life.

**In SIA, we do not want nor a militarised society nor we think that we can keep on gambling on the growth. We wish an aware and committed citizenship with *another possible world*.** That is why we have being exploring, proposing and carrying out research, training, sensitivity and international cooperation projects that, along with decrease, and brought together under what we call “local resilience and global justice” roof, suggest some clues and changed answers to face the current and coming challenges.

**Articles, texts, videos and other recommended materials:**

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