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Three narratives dominate the political field today; each one aspiring to shape the transition towards a "new Greek reality" and a "new economic model of production".

The first, that of the dominant political system exhausts its vision on the premises of stability and development; *stability* meaning servitude, misery, subservience and *development* means selling out, privatization, fiscal austerity, cheap and precarious labor.

The second, that of the bankrupted left, unstable and ephemeral, merely makes opposition while espousing a long lost social democratic period. This narrative focuses on moderate management crisis, the taxation of the church and the bourgeoisie, without taking into account (at best) that these funds are transferrable and internationalized. What makes the proposal of the left to be so popular is the promise of the restoration of wrongdoing. What makes this proposal insolvent, almost ridiculous so to speak, is the question of how to do this without a break with the international organizations of EU - IMF etc.

The third, that of the fascist extreme right, invests in the most backward and dark instincts of an alienated society, by promising order and security under a national identity that has always been a social totalizing tool based on the need to defend oneself against a foreign enemy. The nostalgia for militarized and totalitarian society is affecting the disoriented lumpen elements and the remaining elements of that era.

Domination of the imaginary

No matter how different these narratives look, they are all placed exactly in the same context, that of the capitalist system, the triumph of which (especially after the collapse of communist totalitarian regimes) has swept the imagination of almost all of the population on the planet, as well as its viability. The stupendous myth that capitalism brings prosperity and opportunities for all, may be applicable to an even smaller and smaller part of population to the detriment of all others and the environment, however dominates. The misery that is an experience for almost 90 % of the world population, seems to be not enough to deconstruct this power on imaginary. So, today there are very few those who can imagine anything beyond capitalism.