

WHO WE ARE,
WHAT WE DO
A MANIFESTO

RADIX

THINK
TANK
FOR THE
RADICAL
CENTRE

"WE CAN NOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH THE
SAME LEVEL OF THINKING THAT CREATED THEM"

Albert Einstein



“WHAT
COLLAPSED ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008,
WAS NOT JUST A BANK
OR A FINANCIAL SYSTEM.
WHAT FELL APART THAT DAY
WAS AN ENTIRE POLITICAL
PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMIC
SYSTEM, A WAY OF THINKING ABOUT
AND LIVING IN THE WORLD.”

**Anatole Kaletsky
in *Capitalism 4.0***



CHALLENGING
ESTABLISHED
NOTIONS.
RE-IMAGINING
OUR SOCIETIES

OUR GOAL is a sustainable society where all citizens can live securely with dignity, are active participants in society and are free to pursue their own interpretation of the good life.

WE AIM to achieve this by re-imagining the way our institutions function through utilizing contemporary ideas and technologies.

WE EXIST to translate this thinking into practical policy solutions. We seek to help bring the vitality of thinking outside the establishment to bear on the issues we all face.

WE ARE DETERMINED to challenge received wisdom. To be provocative enough to shake our institutions out of their complacency. We seek to undermine entrenched interests.

WE EXPLORE the potential of open source, participative citizenship that is now possible in a way that it never was in the past. To re-empower citizens to take charge of their own destinies.

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WE ARE LIVING A PARADOX

The current age is fizzing with energy, dynamism, creativity and human potential. It is one of unprecedented wealth – though not shared by all.

We find ourselves in an era of exceptional new possibilities – some using new technologies; more involving radical new thinking and social innovation to shape the institutions of the future.

Cultures, expectations, ways of living and doing are all changing dramatically before our eyes. The problems caused by entrenched thinking are obvious to us all.



INSTITUTIONAL
FAILURE IN
A TIME OF
INNOVATION

PREVIOUS ASSUMPTIONS ARE FALLING AWAY. THE OLD WAYS OF DOING THINGS ARE BEING CONSTANTLY DISRUPTED FOR THE BETTER.

Paradoxically, at a time when we have the means for people to be active participants in their own society, they have never felt more dis-empowered and ignored. As a result, we are seeing the rise of reactionary forces espousing the politics of blame and a return to an imaginary past that never existed.

The fault lies in our institutions and in approaches that are designed to address the problems of the last century, or the century before.

“YOU NEVER CHANGE THINGS BY FIGHTING THE EXISTING REALITY. TO CHANGE SOMETHING, BUILD A NEW MODEL THAT MAKES THE EXISTING MODEL OBSOLETE”

BUCKMINSTER FULLER

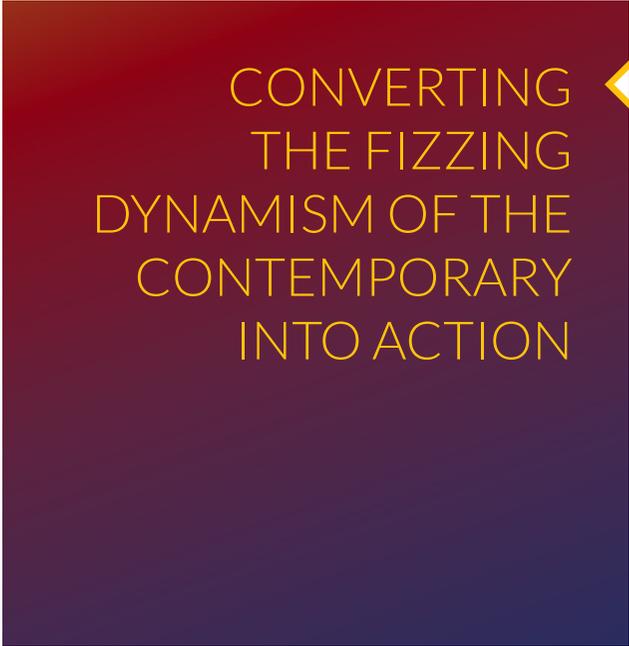
ENTREPRENEURIAL POLICY MAKING

Our core purpose is to find effective approaches to the most pressing issues affecting our societies, our economies and people's everyday lives.

We use our convening power to bring together citizens, thinkers and doers and to drive positive change.

We call this an entrepreneurial approach to policy making and implementation. Entrepreneurs can imagine a different world and then go out and create it. The entrepreneurial approach is the ability to think radically in a forward-looking fashion.

We explore solutions that challenge conventional wisdom and those interests that act to resist change.



CONVERTING
THE FIZZING
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CONTEMPORARY
INTO ACTION

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APPROACHES

THERE IS
ANOTHER WAY

WE OPERATE FROM THE RADICAL CENTRE

CENTRE because archaic notions of left and right are meaningless in the contemporary world. They no longer provide the tools to achieve progress fit for a twenty-first century world.

CENTRE because our policies need to work for the whole population not a few entrenched interests.

RADICAL because our institutions need to be constantly challenged, renewed and re-imagined to meet current and future needs.

We aim to show that there are exciting and liberating responses to the failures of the current system and the consequent public anger and frustration.

Extremist populism or minor tweaks to the entrenched establishment are not viable options.



THERE IS INDEED
ANOTHER WAY.

THE CHALLENGE LIES
IN CONVERTING NEW
IDEAS INTO POLICY
AND ACTION



SUCCESS IS ALL AROUND US

Many worldwide are scoring successes. They dare to think afresh. They use the resources they have to hand to solve issues faced by real people. They are creating a different way of doing and being.

The challenge is to bring these successes into the policy arena and replicate them at scale. To do so in the face of established forces that will continue to resist change. And to do so without falling into the industrialised and dehumanising processes that are destroying our humanity.

WHO WE ARE

We are politically non-aligned.

We have been founded to appeal to innovative, independent-minded people of all parties and none.

We believe that renewal and revitalisation of our democratic systems is not only imaginable but eminently achievable.

Our body of knowledge will be drawn both from a network of like-minded people and from citizens who have their own ideas about how their lives and prospects can be improved.

We hope to provide everyone who cares to engage with us with a platform through which they can make a difference.

We encourage debate and the meeting of minds across the conventional ideological divides.

WE PROVIDE YOU WITH A PLATFORM TO
ENGAGE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



JOIN US AND
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

▶ WHY WE'LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- On our web site (www.radix.org.uk) you can subscribe to receive our provocative articles by email
- Use our website to take part in broader debate, or comment on any of our suggestions
- Suggest ideas and projects to us by using the @radix_uk handle on Twitter or by emailing us at hello@radix.org.uk
- Help and participate at one of our listening events, when we take on one of the big issues and deconstruct it
- Let us know about any successful initiative that you know about or have participated in. We will work on ways to scale up such successes
- You can talk in public about the radical centre
- We are a UK registered educational charity. Make a contribution if you would like to support what we are doing

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