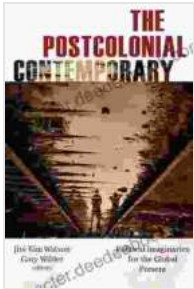


# Political Imaginaries for the Global Present: Beyond Neoliberal Governance and the Politics of Identity



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The world is facing a moment of profound crisis. The old order of neoliberalism and the politics of identity is crumbling, and a new world is struggling to be born. What will this new world look like? What kind of political imaginaries will guide us into the future?

Political imaginaries are the stories we tell ourselves about the future. They are the visions of a better world that inspire us to act and to struggle. They shape our understanding of what is possible and what is desirable.

The dominant political imaginaries of our time are inadequate to address the challenges of the global present. Neoliberalism, with its emphasis on free markets and individualism, has led to a world of inequality,

environmental destruction, and social unrest. The politics of identity, with its focus on group rights and recognition, has led to a world of division and conflict.

We need new political imaginaries that can inspire us to build a better world. We need imaginaries that are based on solidarity, equality, and sustainability. We need imaginaries that can help us to overcome the divisions that have plagued our societies for too long.

There are many different ways to imagine a better future. Some people imagine a world without war, poverty, or oppression. Others imagine a world where everyone has access to healthcare, education, and a decent standard of living. Still others imagine a world where we live in harmony with nature and with each other.

No matter what our vision of the future, we need to start by imagining it. We need to create stories and images that can inspire us to believe that a better world is possible. We need to build a movement of people who are committed to fighting for this better world.

The global present is a time of great uncertainty. But it is also a time of great opportunity. We have the chance to create a new world, a world that is more just, more equitable, and more sustainable. But to do so, we need to start by imagining it.

## **Beyond Neoliberalism and the Politics of Identity**

The dominant political imaginaries of our time are neoliberalism and the politics of identity. Neoliberalism is based on the belief that the free market is the best way to organize society. It emphasizes individualism,

competition, and deregulation. The politics of identity is based on the belief that the most important thing about people is their group membership. It emphasizes group rights and recognition.

Both neoliberalism and the politics of identity have had a negative impact on the world. Neoliberalism has led to a world of inequality, environmental destruction, and social unrest. The politics of identity has led to a world of division and conflict.

We need new political imaginaries that can help us to overcome the problems of neoliberalism and the politics of identity. We need imaginaries that are based on solidarity, equality, and sustainability. We need imaginaries that can help us to create a better world for all.

### **Imaginaries of Solidarity**

Solidarity is the foundation of a just and equitable world. It is the recognition that we are all connected to each other and that we have a responsibility to help each other.

There are many different ways to imagine solidarity. Some people imagine a world where everyone has access to healthcare, education, and a decent standard of living. Others imagine a world where we live in harmony with nature and with each other. Still others imagine a world where we are all working together to create a better future.

No matter what our vision of solidarity, we need to start by practicing it in our own lives. We need to build relationships with people from different backgrounds and cultures. We need to work together to solve the problems

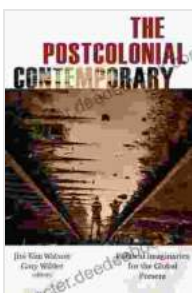
that face our communities. And we need to stand up for justice and equality for all.

## Imagineries of Equality

Equality is essential for a just and equitable world. It is the recognition that all people are of equal worth and that they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.

There are many different ways to imagine equality. Some people imagine a world where everyone has the same opportunities to succeed. Others imagine a world where everyone has the same rights and freedoms. Still others imagine a world where everyone is treated with the same dignity and respect.

No matter what our vision of equality, we need to start by working to create it in our own lives. We need to challenge discrimination and prejudice in all its forms. We need to work to create opportunities for all people, regardless of their race, gender, class, or sexual orientation



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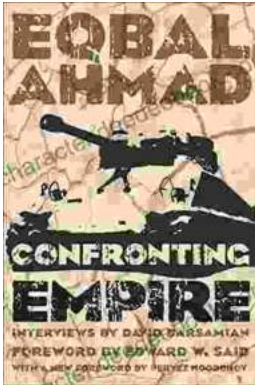
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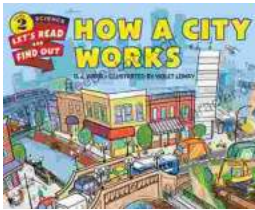
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