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# Seminar North-South Divide

Input by Christoforos Pavlakis

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# Stéphane Hessel (1917-2013)

***This is not an ideological revolution. It is driven by an authentic desire to get what you need. From this point of view, the present generation is not asking governments to disappear but to change the way they deal with people's needs (The Guardian 28.2.13)***

# Current trends

- Disillusionment
- Allusion to the populists

# Labour market conditions

- Record high unemployment
- Recently, a newspaper article published in Greek daily quoted an individual commenting on a local 'fulfilment centre' that "The feedback we're getting is that it's like being in a slave camp", while an unnamed manager at the same workplace described employees as follows: "You're sort of like a robot, but in human form".

# When the lost generation finding a voice'

- Occupy Wall Street Movement
- Indignados

... but also...

- retreat (psycho-social disorders, self-harm and suicide), relocation and reverse colonialism (emigration from Europe, illustrated by Portuguese young people being actively encouraged to move to former colonies such as Mozambique and Brazil) – and perhaps re-alignment, where newly shared experiences bring together young people in ways that cannot yet be anticipated.

*Where is the safe haven for human capital?*

Prof. Howard Dean, rapporteur of the Council of Ministers' meeting in Kiev, October 2012

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by Ulrich Beck and Daniel Cohn-Bendit



**Thank you for your attention!**