

UTOPIA 68/18. IN SEARCH OF NEW IMAGERY

Half a century of utopia

The journalist Elixabete Garmendia Lasa, taking the pretext of May 68, recalls the events and movements that took place around the utopia existing in the Basque Country in the 60s and 70s. ETA became a focal point in terms of what were at the time referred to as the national question and the social question. The first steps towards organised feminism are also taken. [Elixabete Garmendia Lasa](#)

In pursuit of utopia. Interview with Amaia Lasa

The writer Amaia Lasa, in an interview with the journalist Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro, tell us of her lifelong struggle in pursuit of utopias and social transformation: her early days of journalism in the Basque language, her contact with May 68, the final Franco years, her experience in Nicaragua at the time of the Sandinista revolution, her career in the field of education, the feminist struggle utopia... [Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro](#)

Classical utopia and new utopia

Alba Garmendia, a doctoral student in Philosophy, analyses the contrast between two meanings of utopia: on the one hand, a perfect yet impossible world and, on the other, a good feasible non-place. May 68 represents the transition from the former to the latter. [Alba Garmendia](#)

Praxis: meeting point between pragmatism and utopia

The lecturer in Social Psychology Eduardo Apodaka highlights the fact that, in view of the left's collapse, debates have proliferated about objectives and efficient strategies. However, a reflection on praxis is needed in maintaining such a far-reaching standpoint. Emancipating and revolutionary praxis is an exercise in realising utopian desires or meanings. They need to be realised in practice and through practice, i.e. the tension existing between utopia and pragmatism is inseparable from it, as it loses its meaning without it. [Eduardo Apodaka](#)

Care at the heart of the debate?

Uzuri Aboitiz Hidalgo, a doctoral student in Social Anthropology, analyses the historic and socio-cultural construction of the meaning of the concept of care, with a view to encouraging its use and critical meaning. However, the aim is to pinpoint any strong points or limits that may enable social transformation to take place. [Uzuri Aboitiz Hidalgo](#)

The struggle for care. Interview with Begoña Zearreta

Begoña Zearreta, a carer at a residential home, in an interview with the journalist Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro, recounts her experience during the strike called by workers from these homes in Bizkaia so as to comment on different aspects of the problems affecting care. [Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro](#)

Feminist eco-socialism: a new utopia?

Iñaki Barcena, lecturer in Political Science and environmental activist, highlights the fact that the crisis we are currently experiencing is not only linked to the relationship between humans and nature, but also that we are immersed in a multipolar crisis. In view of such a major crisis in our civilisation, the author defends the need to create a new form of utopian thought: feminist eco-socialism, hybridisation and a compendium of three ideological trends or three social movements. [Iñaki Barcena](#)

From utopia... to the alternative

Anaiz Agirre and Xabier Harluxet, members of the Bizi! alter-globalisation movement, maintain that we are currently living in a world that is detached from the land, and that this territory needs to be recovered in order to find a solution to the environmental and social crisis. The Bizi! movement offers various proposals to help us explore the path from utopia to the alternative, in favour of a sovereign, sustainable and caring Basque Country. [Anaiz Agirre • Xabier Harluxet](#)

On behalf of the host city. Interview with Begoña Huarte

Begoña Huarte, in an interview with the journalist Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro and based on her experience in the collective course of action taken in December 2016 to secretly bring eight migrants from the Greek border to the Basque Country, reflects on the humanitarian crisis affecting migrants and refugees and on both the response given and the one that should be given by our society in view of such a crisis. [Lorea Agirre Dorronsoro](#)

NEWS TODAY

This gathers together cultural information focusing on the present from various areas and perspectives. This year we shall be closely following culture, sociolinguistic and globalization matters. This section draws on various specialists: Itziar Ugarte, Jaime Altuna and Ignazio Aiestaran.

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