

Anarchism and cosmopolitanism

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Abstract

Until recently, the relationship between theories of international anarchy and anarchism has been ignored. Very recent work has started to bridge the gap between International Relations theory and the usefulness of anarchism and anarchist theory for the understanding of global politics. This article takes this discussion one step further by examining the relationship between classical anarchism (1860s–1940s), cosmopolitanism, post-anarchism and the global justice movement. It then investigates the linkages between the works of the 19th- and 20th-century anarchists, Rudolf Rocker and Gustav Landauer, and contemporary examinations of the linkages between cultural nationalism, cosmopolitanism and the classical and post-anarchist projects.

Introduction

Recent interest in cosmopolitanism has overlooked its anarchist roots. Although consensual and libertarian currents can be found in all human societies, the specific ideology anarchism, is a product of a conjunction of forces (scientism, statism/anti-statism, perfectionism, modern capitalism/anti-capitalism) in Europe in the 18th and early 19th centuries.¹ Another influence, I would argue, is cosmopolitanism. Here I will examine the works of the 19th- and 20th-century anarchists, Rudolf Rocker and Gustav Landauer, who wrote about the linkages between cultural nationalism, cosmopolitanism and the anarchist project. But I will also place these strands of thought within the recent post-modernist reading of anarchism known as post-anarchism.

The Context: Varieties of Kantian Cosmopolitanism

First, my argument must be situated amongst a variety of cosmopolitanisms that have flourished in political theory, sociology and history since the end of the Cold War and the emergence of the paradigms of globalization, diasporas, hybridity and post-modernism.² These include the discussion influenced by a pronounced revival of the Kantian project. At first blush the varieties of Kantian cosmopolitanisms have little in common with the anarchist project, be they the full-blown federalist project of Daniele Archibugi,³ the more restrained version promoted by David Held⁴ or the (on the face of it) oxymoronic versions of communitarian Kantianism promoted

¹ G. Crowder, *Classical Anarchism: The Political Thought of Godwin, Proudhon, Bakunin and Kropotkin* (Oxford: Oxford University Press/Clarendon Press, 1991); C. Levy, 'Social histories of anarchism,' *Journal for the Study of Radicalism*, 4(3) (2010), pp. 4–10.

² M. B. Steger, *Globalization. A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003); S. Dufoix, *Diasporas* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003). For cosmopolitan studies, see S. Vertovec and R. Cohen (Eds), *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002); S. Caney, *Justice Beyond Borders* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005); R. Fine, *Cosmopolitanism* (London: Routledge, 2007); R. J. Holton, *Cosmopolitanisms: New Thinking and New Directions* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2009).

³ D. Archibugi, *The Global Commonwealth of Citizens. Toward Cosmopolitan Democracy* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008).

⁴ D. Held, *Democracy and the Global Order* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1995); D. Held, *Global Covenant* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2005). Also see G. W. Brown, *Grounding Cosmopolitanism: From Kant to the Idea of a Cosmopolitan Constitution* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2009).

by David Miller⁵ or Richard Bellamy and Dario Castiglione.⁶ Of course, it is well known that Immanuel Kant warned that a cosmopolitanism that led to a world state would be a cosmopolitanism gone wrong. The political theorist Mervyn Frost, addressing this problem, has proposed a conceptual framework of ‘two anarchies’ embodied in a system of counterbalancing sovereign states and global civil society, thus freedom and diversity would be assured as the dictatorship of state-centric international society would be lessened.⁷ Anarchists should appreciate the pluralism of Frost’s suggested remedy. Indeed, one of the few classical anarchists who wrote extensively on international relations, Pierre-Joseph Proudhon, endorsed the balance of power, upon which, paradoxically, most forms of Kantian cosmopolitanism implicitly rely. And, as argued by Alex Prichard, Proudhon anticipated the logic of federalism and supranationality, which underlies the European project of the 20th and 21st centuries (indeed functionalist pluralists such as Harold Laski and David Mitrany read Proudhon with interest), albeit his projected agro-industrial federalism is rather different than the Single European Market.⁸

A methodological anarchism could be employed in the ongoing debate about the nature of the international system under the Westphalian and post-Westphalian orders and the degree to which 1648 marked a break between a world of multi-level medievalism and the modern world of sovereign states, or to what extent modern globalization and cosmopolitan politics are forms of neo-medievalism. However, until very recently, most historical and International Relations debates have not drawn consciously on the canon of classical anarchist thought, but the politics of alter-globalization is another matter, for as we will shortly see, it draws upon the same sources as post-anarchism. Frost’s elegant formulations reference neither classical nor post-modern anarchist sources, while Rob Walker dances around the subject even if his injunction to move from the discipline of International Relations to the ‘politics of the world’ and thus ‘the potentialities of more universally conceived humanity’ are closer still to the utopian vision of the classical anarchists. Certainly, the anti-statist federal pluralism of Proudhon would have been a useful reference when Walker warned his readers of the dangers of a super global sovereignty or a consortium of superpowers who might exercise a shared global sovereignty.⁹

⁵ D. Miller, *National Responsibility and Global Justice* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007); D. Miller, Special Issue, ‘Nationalism and global justice—David Miller and his critics,’ *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 11(4) (2008), pp. 369–570.

⁶ R. Bellamy and D. Castiglione, ‘Between cosmopolis and community: three models of rights and democracy in the European Union,’ in D. Archibugi, D. Held and M. Kohler (Eds) *Re-Imagining Political Community: Studies in Cosmopolitan Democracy* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 1998), pp. 152–178.

⁷ M. Frost, *Global Ethics: Anarchy, Freedom and International Relations* (London: Routledge, 2009).

⁸ A. Prichard, ‘Justice, order and anarchy: the international political theory of Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (1809–1865),’ *Millennium*, 35(3) (2007), pp. 623–645; A. Prichard, ‘Deepening anarchism: international relations and the anarchist ideal,’ *Anarchist Studies*, 18(2) (2010), pp. 29–57.

⁹ H. Spruyt, *The Sovereign State and its Competitors: An Analysis of Systems Change* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1996); T. Eertman, *Birth of Leviathan: Building States and Regimes in Medieval and Early Modern Europe* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997); L. Benton, *A Search for Sovereignty. Law and Geography in European Empires, 1400–1900* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010); S. Sassen, *Territory Authority Rights. From Medieval to Global Assemblages* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006). For R. B. J. Walker, see *After the Globe, Before the World* (London: Routledge, 2010), p. 59. And for the concept of a consortium of superpowers, see C. Schmitt, *The Nomos of the Earth in the International Law of Jus Publicum Europaeum [1950/1974]*, trans. G. L. Ulmen (New York: Telos, 2003). Chantal Mouffe has advocated the pluralization of hegemony, a sort of social democratic or post-Marxist version of Schmitt’s proposals, see *On the Political* (London: Routledge, 2005), pp. 113–114 and P. Tambakaki, ‘Cosmopolitanism or agonism? Alternative visions of world order,’ *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 12(1) (2009), pp. 101–116.

But recently a series of pioneering articles examine in detail how the thought of Kropotkin, Proudhon and other classical anarchists can address key issues in the field of International Relations.¹⁰ With reference to cosmopolitanism and anarchism, the interventions by Richard Falk¹¹ and Alex Prichard¹² are the most relevant. Falk anticipated connections in earlier work, but he reminds us now that philosophical anarchism's traditions of cooperation, non-violence, community, small-scale social organization and local solutions can be applied to practices in cosmopolitics. While for Prichard, David Held's middle way between Marxism and anarchism and the centrality Held attaches to multi-level and federal solutions makes him a candidate for anarchist conversion, despite his lack of interest in the canon.¹³

Cosmopolitanism, Post-Anarchism and Libertarian Social Democracy

But perhaps a more direct connection between anarchism and recent forms of cosmopolitanism are the discussions that Saul Newman has pursued in a series of recent works, most notably in his *Unstable Universalities*.¹⁴ In this work and the even more recent *The Politics of Post-Anarchism*, Newman draws connections between classical anarchism and post-modern thought by placing it within the related fields of cosmopolitan and globalization studies.¹⁵ Post-anarchism, Newman argues, is a post-modernist take on the classical variety of anarchism; indeed, the first principles of post-modernism itself can be found in a certain reading of Max Stirner, Mikhail Bakunin and other works of the classical anarchist canon. Stirner perhaps does not need a re-working, but Newman has argued that Bakunin and Kropotkin can be purged of their positivism and scientism and be more easily adaptable to the radical critique of power and sovereignty one finds in the works of Jacques Derrida and Giorgio Agamben, for example. The radical form of post-modernist cosmopolitanism present in Derrida's final works can easily be assimilated into, or placed near to, post-anarchism.¹⁶ Also, the critique of the camp and the state of exception found in Agamben, or similar discussions pursued by Costas Douzinas, come close to a critique of state power found in the anarchist canon.¹⁷ The libertarian cosmopolitanism promoted by Derrida's New International is closer still to the anarchist tradition, one which melds the uniqueness

¹⁰ E. Cudworth and S. Hobden, 'Anarchy and anarchism: towards a theory of complex international systems,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 399–416; A. Goodwin, 'Evolution and anarchism in international relations: the challenge of Kropotkin's biological ontology,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 417–437.

¹¹ R. Falk, 'Anarchism without "anarchism": searching for progressive politics in the early 21st century,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 381–398; R. Falk, 'Anarchism and world order,' in J. R. Pennock and J. W. Chapman (Eds) *Anarchism* (New York: New York University Press, 1978), pp. 63–87. And also see T. G. Weiss, 'The tradition of philosophical anarchism and future directions in world policy,' *Journal of Peace Research*, 12(1) (1975), pp. 1–17.

¹² A. Prichard, 'Introduction: anarchism and world politics,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 373–380; A. Prichard, 'What can the absence of anarchism tell us about the history and purpose of international relations,' *Review of International Relations* (forthcoming) and Prichard, *op. cit.*, Ref. 8.

¹³ A. Prichard, 'David Held is an anarchist. Discuss,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 439–459.

¹⁴ S. Newman, *Unstable Universalities. Poststructuralism and Radical Politics* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2007).

¹⁵ S. Newman, *The Politics of Post-Anarchism* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2010), pp. 63–64.

¹⁶ See J. Derrida, *Spectres de Marx* (Paris: Editions Galilée, 1993); J. Derrida, *Cosmopolites de tous les pays, encore un effort* (Paris: Galilée, 1997a); J. Derrida, *L'hospitalité* (Paris: Calmann-Lévy, 1997b).

¹⁷ For G. Agamben, see *Homo Sacer* (Turin: Einaudi, 1995); G. Agamben, *Stato di eccezione* (Turin: Bollati Boringhieri, 2003). For Douzinas, see *Human Rights and Empire: The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism* (London:

of the individual with the necessity of collective action, closer indeed than the rather vaporous and muddled acrobatics of Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, which involve a recycling of the automaticity of Marx's much more thrilling telling of 19th-century globalization and the pairing of Empire and Multitude (and perhaps, with some exaggeration, celebrating the strange marriage of Baruch Spinoza and Rosa Luxemburg or Georges Sorel).¹⁸

Newman and others also see the global movements of the 21st century (the movement of movements after Seattle 1999, the Zapatistas, the movement in support of the *sans-papiers*, the cities of refuge projects and the no-borders activists) as practical manifestations of this post-modern, indeed post-anarchist, form of cosmopolitanism.¹⁹ Paul Gilroy's vision of post-race thinking—planetary humanism, which transcends the racist and imperial assumptions of Kant and radical identity politics of today—is another stimulating example. Gilroy's formulation is rather similar to Walter D. Mignolo's 'worldly culture,' which seeks to avoid the trap of a 'universal reason' predicated on the 'West versus the rest,' by embracing a liminal 'border thinking.'²⁰

Although Hannah Arendt may be classed as a republican thinker who stressed the importance of national citizenship over putative world citizenship, she also had a strong libertarian streak and therefore a latent critique of the international order of nation-states,²¹ especially shown in her praise of non-party council movements from the Russian Soviets of 1917 to the workers' councils

Routledge, 2007). Also see S. Newman, 'Connolly's democratic pluralism and the question of state sovereignty,' *British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, 10(2) (2008), pp. 227–240.

¹⁸ M. Hardt and A. Negri, *Empire* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2000); M. Hardt and A. Negri, *Multitude: War and Democracy in the Age of Empire* (New York: Penguin Press, 2004). Also see G. Balakrishnan, 'Hardt and Negri's Empire,' *New Left Review*, 5 (September–October 2000), pp. 142–148; R. Munck, 'Review,' *Cultural Logic*, 3(2) (2001); T. H. Hale and A.-M. Slaughter, 'Hardt and Negri's "Multitude": the worst of both worlds,' *Open Democracy*, available at <http://opendemocracy.net> (accessed 25 May 2005). For an anarchist critique of Hardt and Negri, see A. Flood, 'Is the emperor wearing clothes?,' March 2002, available at www.struggle.ws. Slavoj Žižek criticizes Hardt and Negri's naïve embrace of the assumptions of globalization theory in 'The ideology of empire and its traps,' in P. A. Passavant and J. Dean (Eds) *Empire's New Clothes: Reading Hardt and Negri* (London: Routledge, 2004), pp. 253–264. Whereas Georges Sorel's myth of the proletarian general strike was based on the Sorel's empirical knowledge of the French proletariat of the early 20th century, Hardt and Negri's 'multitude has no direct source or referent': see K. Shapiro, 'The myth of the multitude,' in P. A. Passavant and J. Dean (Eds) *Empire's New Clothes: Reading Hardt and Negri* (London: Routledge, 2004), pp. 308, 289–314.

¹⁹ References in Notes 14 and 15; D. Graeber, 'The new anarchists,' *New Left Review*, 13 (2002), pp. 61–73; G. Chesters, 'Shape shifting,' *Anarchist Studies*, 11(1) (2003), pp. 42–65; M. Rupert, 'Anti-capitalist convergence? Anarchism, socialism and the Global Justice Movement,' in M. Steger (Ed.) *Rethinking Globalism* (Lanhan, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), pp. 121–135; R. J. F. Day, *Gramsci is Dead. Anarchist Currents in the Newest Social Movements* (London: Pluto Press, 2005); J. Adams, 'Redrawing the "imaginary lines": exceptional space in an exceptional time,' *Borderlands*, 5(3) (2006), available at <http://borderlands.net.au>; C. Gabay, 'Anarcho-cosmopolitanism: the universalisation of equal exchange,' *Global Society*, 22(2) (2008), pp. 197–216; T. May, 'Equality among the refugees: a Rancièrian view of Montréal's sans-status Algerians,' *Anarchist Studies*, 16(2) (2008), pp. 121–134; U. Gordon, *Anarchy Alive!: Anti-Authoritarian Politics from Practice to Theory* (London: Pluto Press, 2008); M. Maeckelbergh, *The Will of the Many. How the Alterglobalisation Movement is Changing the Face of Democracy* (London: Pluto, 2009), pp. 8, 85–88; D. Graeber, *Direct Action: An Ethnography* (Edinburgh: AK Press, 2009); A. Carrière, 'Social movements and the Bolivian state: anarchistic trends in practice and theory,' *Global Discourse*, 1(2) (2010), available at <http://global-discourse.com/contents>; R. Krøvel, 'Anarchism, the Zapatistas and the global solidarity movement,' *Global Discourse*, 1(2) (2010), available at <http://global-discourse.com/contents>; D. Murray, 'Democratic insurrection: constructing the common in global resistance,' *Millennium*, 39(2) (2010), pp. 461–482.

²⁰ P. Gilroy, *Between Camps* (London: Allen Lane, 2000), p. 17; W. D. Mignolo, *Local Histories/Global Designs: Coloniality, Subaltern Knowledges, and Border Thinking* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2000), pp. 39–40.

²¹ A. Herzog, 'Political itineraries and anarchic cosmopolitanism and the thought of Hannah Arendt,' *Inquiry*, 47(1) (2004), pp. 20–41.

of the crushed Budapest revolt of 1956. Moreover, her pleas for the universality of ‘the right to have rights’ have been adopted by a wide spectrum of alter-globalizer thinkers and global justice activists.²² However, it is probably true that Arendt would feel some uneasiness with many of her current ardent supporters. She would have been closer to April Carter’s discussions of global citizenship:

In contemporary terms a rigorous interpretation of being a world citizen within an international sphere dominated by *realpolitik* would imply living as independently as possible, and an ‘inner emigration’; or else it would require a more active anarchist resistance, such as the non-payment of taxes and refusal of military service. Alternatively it might mean the kind of adventurous challenging of borders and state regulations undertaken by Gary Davis (a One World activist of the 1950s, [CL]). The true home of a committed world citizen would be a national prison. There have been periods, and there are certainly countries, where this bleak interpretation seems the only one possible, but it is not universally convincing.²³

Even closer to Arendt’s heart might have been Bonnie Honig’s form of libertarian social democratic cosmopolitanism, which sees the virtues of not dispensing with the thick social goods of physical and social security promoted by internationalist national communities and the national state.²⁴ Thus, Honig prizes the affective relationships which neighbourliness may foster, but she holds out for a conditional relationship between a nationally grounded communitarian position and the virtues of global civil society, which she calls agonistic cosmopolitics.²⁵ A mere reinforcement of national ties will not protect the very qualities communitarians wish to protect. ‘In other words, rather than renationalize the state, democratic cosmopolitans seek to denationalize the state, not because they do not value affective ties and memberships but precisely because they do.’²⁶ Thus, Honig’s position takes us some distance from the anti-statist governmentality-centred Foucaultianism, in which category Seyla Benhabib has mistakenly placed her.²⁷ Thus, a libertarian social democratic sensibility, agonistic cosmopolitics, Honig argues, should embrace Arendt’s motto of the right to have rights, ‘as long as we understand rights to imply a world-building that is not incompatible with the project of building juridical institutions and safeguards but also reaches beyond the project because it is wary of how power and discretion accrete in such institutional contexts.’²⁸ Thus, from her ‘doubly gestured diagnoses’ of ‘in/formal law and politics’ she promotes an agonistic cosmopolitics that would also advance the Derridean project

²² P. Owens, *Between War and Politics: International Relations and the Thought of Hannah Arendt* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), p. 16; P. Hayden, *Political Evil in a Global Age: Hannah Arendt and International Theory* (London: Routledge, 2009), p. 91; D. Baum, S. Bygrave and S. Morton (Eds), ‘Hannah Arendt: After Modernity,’ *New Formations: A Journal of Culture/Theory/Politics*, 71 (2011), pp. 5–124.

²³ A. Carter, *The Political Theory of Global Citizenship* (London: Routledge, 2001), p. 181.

²⁴ B. Honig, *Democracy and the Foreigner* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001).

²⁵ B. Honig, *Emergency Powers* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009), pp. 129–134. Andrew Dobson has proposed a ‘thick cosmopolitanism,’ which is rather similar to Honig’s agonistic cosmopolitics, see A. Dobson, ‘Thick cosmopolitanism,’ *Political Studies*, 54(1) (2006), pp. 165–184.

²⁶ Honig, *op. cit.*, Ref. 24, p. 105.

²⁷ Honig, *op. cit.*, Ref. 25, p. 134. And for S. Benhabib, see *Another Cosmopolitanism* (with Jeremy Waldron, Bonnie Honig and Will Kymlicka), ed. R. Post (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).

²⁸ Honig, *op. cit.*, Ref. 25, p. 130.

of the cities of refuge, but still recognize the importance of a politics of engagement with the democratic state.²⁹

Cosmopolitanism and Anarchism in Historical Context

It is also important to look at how cosmopolitanism shaped the classical anarchist movement (1860s–1940s) and indeed how the cosmopolitan/global/diasporic turn in modern thought and sensibility can inform a contextual historical account of classical anarchism itself. A notable example is Benedict Anderson’s study of José Rizal, the novelist and Filipino revolutionary executed by the Spanish in 1896. In this biographical study, the historian of nationalism and South-East Asia traces the cosmopolitan worlds of Cuban and Filipino nationalism, anarchism and modernism during the era of the first bout of modern globalization.³⁰ Elsewhere, I have traced a series of interlocking networks, which encircled the world in the same historical period as Anderson’s study.³¹ Thus, the anarchist movement of the pre-1914 period manifested itself through exile networks that were found in safe cosmopolitan ‘cities of refuge’ such as Paris and London, in the Americas and in the circuits of imperial power (formal and informal), especially in port cities.

Recent studies have examined these phenomena in ante bellum Buenos Aires (perhaps the city with the largest anarchist movement in the world in 1910),³² Havana (as a hub for the circulation of anarchism on Caribbean shores)³³ or Alexandria and Beirut (in the heyday of colonial cosmopolitanism in the Middle East),³⁴ while José Moya has promised a book entitled *The Anarchist Atlantic* (with the obvious influence of Paul Gilroy’s famous work on the Black Atlantic).³⁵ Anderson’s book supplies us with an Anarchist Pacific (Hong Kong, Tokyo, etc.) and an Anarchist Mediterranean (Barcelona, Marseille, etc.). Similar approaches include the study of the spread of syndicalism within the British Empire or the spread of the Industrial Workers of the World from the USA to Mexico, Peru and other Latin American localities.³⁶ Davide Turcato re-imagined the history of Italian anarchism not as a national movement but as a movement of migrants from the

²⁹ Honig, *ibid.*, pp. 130–132.

³⁰ B. Anderson, *Under Three Flags. Anarchism and the Anti-Colonial Imagination* (London: Verso, 2005).

³¹ Levy, *op. cit.*, Ref. 1.

³² J. Moya, ‘The positive side of stereotypes: Jewish anarchists in early twentieth-century Buenos Aires,’ *Jewish History*, 18(1) (2004), pp. 19–48.

³³ K. Shaffer, ‘Havana hub: Cuban anarchism, radical media and the trans-Caribbean anarchism network, 1902–1915,’ *Caribbean Studies*, 37(2) (2009), pp. 45–81.

³⁴ See I. Khuri-Makdisi, *The Eastern Mediterranean and the Making of Global Radicalism, 1860–1914* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010); S. Zubaida, ‘Middle Eastern experiences of cosmopolitanism,’ in Vertovec and Cohen, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2.

³⁵ J. C. Moya, ‘Modernization, modernity and the trans/formation of the Atlantic World in the nineteenth century,’ in J. Cañizares-Esquerro and E. Seeman (Eds) *The Atlantic in Global History: 1500–2000* (New York: Prentice-Hall, 2006). For Gilroy, see *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1993).

³⁶ C. Levy, ‘Anarchism, internationalism and nationalism in Europe, 1860–1939,’ *Australian Journal of Politics and History*, 50(3) (2004), pp. 330–342; L. van der Walt and M. Schmidt, *Black Flame: The Revolutionary Class Politics of Anarchism and Syndicalism, Vol. 1* (Edinburgh: AK Press, 2009); S. Hirsch and L. van der Walt (Eds), *Anarchism and Syndicalism in the Colonial and Postcolonial World, 1880–1940* (Leiden: Brill, 2011).

Italian peninsula.³⁷ Indeed, the Italian anarchist Errico Malatesta was part of a discussion group in a pub in 1890s London's Covent Garden, which called itself the Cosmopolitans (a group of British and exile radicals), and was organized by the globe-trotting syndicalist, Tom Mann.³⁸

There were other cosmopolitan circuits besides the exilic and syndicalist, such as the anarchist bohémias—artistic spaces in major cosmopolitan cities central to post-impressionist art and modernist poetry (London's Fitzrovia, Paris's Montmartre, Munich's Schwabing, etc.).³⁹ A recent interest in the circuits of the anarchist terrorism in the 1890s has attracted the attention of 'terrorologists' and 'securocrats' because of obvious, if rather superficial, comparisons with the globally structured, but anti-cosmopolitan, fundamentalism of Al-Qaeda.⁴⁰ Besides the 14th-century historian and 'political sociologist,' Ibn Khaldun, the cities of *al Andalus* (Andalusia) under the Cordoban Umayyads, 'or the long-distance interchanges between multi-ethnic Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal empires in the 17th and 18th centuries,' provide another genealogy of cosmopolitanism, which counters Al-Qaeda's restricted vision of the *umma* and is a refutation of the widespread association in the Muslim world of cosmopolitanism, in general, with Western imperialism.⁴¹

Employing a modified version of Ulrich Beck's concept of a methodological cosmopolitanism can highlight an alternative history of modernity in which the state form is not the endpoint of all narratives, thus a counter-history, which can be traced from the transnational Christian charitable orders, confraternities and guilds of the medieval period (Kropotkin noted them with interest) to the Republic of Letters of the early modern period. But methodological cosmopolitanism can also be used to uncover the intellectual origins of classical anarchism itself.⁴² There is the cosmopolitanism (in spirit and *modus operandi*) of the Radical Enlightenment, first discussed by Margaret Jacob, and now superseded by the path-breaking study of the international pathways of Spinozism by Jonathan Israel, from whom some classical anarchists drew their militant rationalism, secularism or atheism.⁴³ There is also the marriage of radical international thought

³⁷ D. Turcato, 'Italian anarchism as a transnational movement, 1885–1915,' *International Review of Social History*, 52(3) (2007), pp. 407–444; K. Zimmer, "'The whole world is our country": immigration and anarchism in the United States, 1885–1940,' PhD thesis, University of Pittsburgh, 2010.

³⁸ C. Levy, 'The rooted cosmopolitan: Errico Malatesta, syndicalism, transnationalism and the international labour movement,' in D. Berry and C. Bantman (Eds) *New Perspectives on Anarchism, Labour and Syndicalism: The Individual, the National and the Transnational* (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010), p. 76.

³⁹ Levy, *op. cit.*, Ref. 1, pp. 16–19.

⁴⁰ D. C. Rapaport, 'Then and now: the significance of historical parallels,' and the other papers in a seminar ('What Can and Cannot be Learned from the History about Terrorism: A Dialogue between Historians and Social Scientist') hosted by the Department of Homeland Security, Arlington, Virginia, 15–16 June 2007. The conference debates are rehashed in a series of published exchanges, in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 20 (2008), pp. 563–611. Also see P. Stott, 'Anarchism, terrorism studies and Islamism,' *Global Discourse*, 1(2), available at <http://global-discourse.com/contents>. For focussed historical and political science studies, see M. Collyer, 'Secret agents: anarchists, Islamists and responses to politically active refugees in London,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 28(2) (2005), pp. 278–303; P. Di Paola, 'The spies who came in from the heat: the international surveillance of anarchists in London,' *European History Quarterly*, 37(2) (2007), pp. 189–215; B. Gage, *The Day Wall Street Exploded: A Story of America in the First Era of Terror* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009); A. Butterworth, *The World that Never Was: A True Story of Dreamers, Schemers, Anarchists and Secret Agents* (London: Bodley Head, 2010).

⁴¹ Holton, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2, pp. 67–68.

⁴² U. Beck, 'The cosmopolitan perspective: sociology in the second age of modernity,' in Vertovec and Cohen, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2, pp. 61–85; U. Beck, *Cosmopolitan Vision* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2004).

⁴³ M. C. Jacob, *Strangers Nowhere in the World: The Rise of Cosmopolitanism in Early Modern Europe* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006); J. I. Israel, *Radical Enlightenment: Philosophy and the Making of Modernity 1650–1750* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001); J. I. Israel, *Enlightenment Contested: Philosophy, Modernity, and the Emancipation of Man 1670–1752* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006); J. I. Israel, *A Revolution of the Mind*.

and the *commercial* cosmopolitanism of the early 19th century (discussed by Gregory Claeys), central to explaining the origins of classical anarchism and indeed Marxism.⁴⁴ And there is the radical cosmopolitan politics of Tom Paine, William Godwin and Anarcharsis Cloots ('the orator for the human race'), who countered the militant chauvinism of the Jacobins, with the unfortunate Cloots losing his head to the guillotine and Paine nearly so.⁴⁵

A cosmopolitan sensibility also informs the three waves of social radicalism, which crested and fell in the period from 1848 to the early 1920s. Thus, anarchist and syndicalist internationalism are present in the two eras of transnational labour solidarity and first propelled the First International into the limelight in the 1860s, while in a second phase the rapid rise of internationalist syndicalism in the immediate pre-1914 years threatened the more nationally focussed and bureaucratic social democratic parties of Europe and elsewhere. A third iteration of these waves arose in 1917 and fell with the concurrent stabilization of bourgeois Europe by 1924 and the predominance of authoritarian Soviet Russian communism over competing radical ideologies, thus depriving the cosmopolitan libertarian left of geographical, social and political space.⁴⁶ By the 1930s, libertarian cosmopolitanism was an anomalous survivor: what nation-state or empire would supply Spanish anarchists and syndicalists weaponry during the Spanish Civil War? The international anarchy of nation-states and empires from Popular Front France to the Stalinist Soviet Union did not look kindly upon Spanish anarchism.

A cosmopolitan take on the waves of social radicalism and radical mobilization, radical ideologies, and the emergence of the welfare/warfare and totalitarian state complexes in the 20th century is a route which few global historians have travelled. This secret history is yet to be written, albeit Jeremi Suri's account of the rise of Great Power détente in the late 1960s and early 1970s, as a reaction to the global social radicalism of the 1960s and '1968,' is a laudable exception.⁴⁷ The social radicalism of global civil society threatened to disturb the international sphere of nation-state 'anarchy,' and thus nation-state power elites of all ideological stripes, East and West, sought an end to this dangerous spiral of unpredictable events by restoring order on the international plane through clamping down ideological conflict in global civil society. In other words, the globalized and partially cosmopolitan forces of the '1968' movements threatened and disturbed the ordered world of nation-state 'anarchy' in much the same way as the victorious anarchists in Barcelona did in the summer of 1936.

Of course, George Orwell (a veteran of Barcelona's 1937 May Days)⁴⁸ in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, gave us an imaginative portrayal of a dystopian mirror image international society in which three

Radical Enlightenment and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Democracy (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2010). Spinoza was sometimes called the new Stoic and compared with the antinomian cosmopolitan Zeno, see Israel, *Enlightenment Contested*, 2006, pp. 456–470.

⁴⁴ G. Claeys, 'Reciprocal dependence, virtue and progress: some sources of early socialist cosmopolitanism and internationalism in Britain, 1750–1850,' in F. van Holthoorn and M. van der Linden (Eds) *Internationalism and the Labour Movement, 1830–1940*, vol. 1 (Leiden: Brill, 1988); M. R. García, 'Early views on internationalism: Marxist socialists vs. liberals,' *Revue Belge de Philologie et D'Histoire*, 84(4) (2006), pp. 1049–1073.

⁴⁵ Carter, *op. cit.*, Ref. 23, p. 50.

⁴⁶ Levy, *op. cit.*, Ref. 1; Turcato, *op. cit.*, Ref. 37; van der Walt and Schmidt, *op. cit.*, Ref. 36; Hirsch and van der Walt, *op. cit.*, Ref. 36; M. R. García (Ed.), 'Labour internationalism: different times, different faces,' *Revue Belge de Philologie et D'Histoire*, 84(4) (2006), pp. 961–1023; R. Darlington, *Syndicalism and the Transition to Communism: An International Comparative Analysis* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008).

⁴⁷ J. Suri, *Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Détente* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2003).

⁴⁸ G. Orwell, *Homage to Catalonia* (London: Secker & Warburg, 1938).

world blocs fought endless, inconclusive phoney wars to mobilize their populations in blind obedience to ruling elites.⁴⁹ This was adopted by C. Wright Mills, Herbert Marcuse and other radical critics in the 1950s and 1960s and was superimposed on to the logic of the Cold War, and thus influenced the radicalism of those 1968ers who had not yet fallen in love with any geographically specific social and political model, namely those middle-class radicals who rediscovered the historical legacy of classical anarchist and syndicalist cosmopolitanism discussed earlier in this section.⁵⁰

Cosmopolitanism, Anarchism, Nationalism and Ethnicity: Tales of *Mittleuropa* and Yiddishland

The surges of internationalist and cosmopolitan radicalism described earlier were undermined by both the ‘anarchy’ of a system of nation-states and power blocs, on the one hand, and the conundrum, state–nation–culture, on the other. From 1848 to 1989, cosmopolitan social radicals were always blindsided by the impact of both.⁵¹ Here I will look at two thinkers who tackle the themes surrounding state–nation–culture. But my argument turns full circle: just as post-modernist anarchist theorists, such as Newman, claim that Stirner and other anarchist thinkers anticipate the theories of the post-modernists of the late 20th century, so too did Gustav Landauer and Rudolf Rocker’s interventions anticipate Paul Gilroy’s speculations about planetary humanism⁵² and foreshadow the disputes between primordialists and modernists in today’s field of nationalism studies.⁵³

Landauer was a German Jewish anarchist, murdered by the *Freikorps* after the suppression of the Munich Soviet in 1919, while Rocker was a German gentile anarchist who, during his exile in pre-1914 London, learned Yiddish and became the charismatic leader of the thriving community of London’s East End Jewish anarchists. He died in 1958 during another extended exile in the USA, but lived to see the destruction of his adopted culture of cosmopolitan and diasporic Yiddishland by his fellow Germans.⁵⁴ The ‘rootless cosmopolitans’ of Nazi and Stalinist imagination, the

⁴⁹ G. Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (London: Secker & Warburg, 1949). Orwell knew of the discussions between anarchists, Trotskyites (James Burnham, Max Shachtman, etc.) and the *sui generis*, Bruno Rizzi in the wake of the Hitler-Stalin pact in 1939: see B. Rizzi, *The Bureaucratization of the World*, translated and with an introduction by A. Westoby (New York: Free Press, 1985).

⁵⁰ C. Wright Mills, *The Causes of World War Three* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1958); H. Marcuse, *One Dimensional Man* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1964); A. Jamison and R. Eyerman, *Seeds of the Sixties* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1994), pp. 36–46.

⁵¹ A. Körner (Ed.), *1848: A European Revolution? International Ideas and National Memories of 1848* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 2000). For 1968, see A. Marwick, *The Sixties: Cultural Revolution in Britain, France, Italy and the United States, c.1958–c.1974* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998); G.-R. Horn, *The Spirit of '68: Rebellion in Western Europe and North America, 1956–1976* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007). For 1989, see K. Kumar, *1989: Revolutionary Ideas and Ideals* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2001); A. Weiner and J. Connelly (Eds), ‘Revisiting 1989: causes, course and consequences,’ *Contemporary European History*, 18(3) (2009).

⁵² See Ref. 20.

⁵³ M. Guibernau, *The Identity of Nations* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2007).

⁵⁴ For Landauer, see C. B. Mauer, *Call to Revolution: The Mystical Anarchism of Gustav Landauer* (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1971); E. Lunn, *Prophet of Community: The Romantic Socialism of Gustav Landauer* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1974); H. Link-Salinger, *Gustav Landauer, Philosopher of Utopia* (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 1977); G. Landauer, *Revolution and Other Writings: A Political Reader*, ed. and trans. G. Kuhn and preface by R. J. F. Day (Oakland, CA: PM Press, 2010). For Rocker, see M. Vallance, ‘Rudolf Rocker—a biographical sketch,’ *Jour-*

Jewish people of *MittelEuropa*, the Pale of Settlement and the diasporic ghettos in the Atlantic world were the native or, in Rucker's case, the adopted homeland of radical and anarchist theorists who tackled the triadic problem of nation–state–culture.⁵⁵

Landauer combined a Stirnerite and Nietzschean sensibility (fight your inner statist, might have been his slogan; the source of real power was micro-power, this proto 'Foucaultian' argued) and manifested a spiritually based politics of community, with Sorelian overtones. Thus, the folk was both a real historically developing organism and a mythical illusion, but unlike the illusion of the state, which bred slave-like behaviour, the myth of the folk brought life and hope. Landauer called himself South German, German, Jew and an indefinable I. He promoted the idea of multiple, indeed hybridic (to use a worthwhile anachronism), identities. He married a Marburg neo-Kantianism with anarchism and, most importantly, a reading of Herder, in which the concept of the *Volk* was not predicated on racial hierarchies, but was harnessed to a quest to preserve the uniqueness of each culture within an enveloping, libertarian anti-statist cosmopolitanism.⁵⁶ He also embraced a form of spiritual Zionism and inspired the kibbutz, but he did not embrace the settling of the land of Palestine by the denizens of Yiddishland (as did the assimilated French Jewish anarchist Bernard Lazare after he turned to Zionism in the wake of the Dreyfus affair).⁵⁷ He argued that since the Jewish people were least smitten by the cult of the state, they could take the lead in constructing communities independent of the state. His most famous follower was Martin Buber, whose early attempts to promote a bi-national solution to the question of Israel/Palestine, as well as his existentialist spiritual studies of Judaism, owed a great deal to Landauer.⁵⁸

Rucker's position is better understood as an anarchist version of contemporaneous Austro-Marxism, although a direct comparison of Landauer and Rucker can be confusing because they use the terms folk and nation to mean different and contrasting things. Rucker was not a Stirnerite but a rationalist, and he was very taken by Wilhelm von Humboldt (as is Noam Chomsky,

nal of Contemporary History, 8(3) (1973), pp. 75–95; M. Graur, *An Anarchist 'Rabbi': The Life and Teachings of Rudolf Rucker* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997). For London's East End and within the globalized cosmopolitan anarchist milieu of pre-1914, see B. P. Gidley, 'Citizenship and belonging: East London Jewish radicals 1903–1918,' PhD thesis, Goldsmiths, University of London, 2003, and the older study by Bill Fishman, W. J. Fishman, *Jewish Radicals: From Czarist Stetl to London Ghetto* (London: Duckworth, 1974). For the global Yiddish anarchist subculture before 1914, see F. Biagini, *Nati altrove: il movimento ebraico tra Mosca e New York* (Pisa: Bibliotecs F. Serantini, 1998); A. Bertolo (Ed.), *L'anarchico e l'ebreo. Storia di un incontro* (Milan: Elèuthera, 2001); N. Sznajder, *Jewish Memory and the Cosmopolitan Memory* (Cambridge: Polity, 2011).

⁵⁵ P. Wirtén, 'Free the Nation-Cosmopolitanism Now!', *Eurozine*, 22 November 2002, available at www.eurozine.com; M. Löwy, *Rédemption et Utopie: Le judaïsme libertaire en Europe centrale* (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1988).

⁵⁶ Lunn, *op. cit.*, Ref. 54, pp. 101–104, 243–244; C. Levy, 'Max Weber, anarchism and libertarian culture: personality and power politics,' in S. Whimster (Ed.) *Max Weber and the Culture of Anarchy* (Basingstoke: Macmillan, 1999), pp. 83–109.

⁵⁷ P. Oriol, *Bernard Lazare* (Paris: Stock, 2003).

⁵⁸ M. Graur, 'Anarchy-nationalism: attitudes towards Jewish nationalism and Zionism,' *Modern Judaism*, 14(1) (1994), pp. 1–19; P. Mendes-Flohr, 'Nationalism as a spiritual sensibility: the philosophical suppositions of Buber's Hebrew humanism,' *Journal of Religion*, 69(2) (1989), pp. 155–168. Landauer's approach also influenced one of the founders of modern nationalism studies, Hans Kohn, see K. Wolf, 'Hans Kohn's liberal nationalism: the historian as prophet,' *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 37(4) (1976), pp. 651–672. For the role of anarchism in the Kibbutz movement, see J. Horrox, *Living Revolution: Anarchism in the Kibbutz Movement* (Edinburgh: AK Press, 2009). For Israeli anarchists today and the Israeli-Palestinian question, see U. Gordon, 'Israeli anarchism: statist dilemmas and the dynamics of joint struggle,' *Anarchist Studies*, 15(1) (2007), pp. 7–30.

whose linguistic theories and anarchist politics are influenced by the German thinker).⁵⁹ In Rocker's major work, *Nationalism and Culture* (first published in 1937),⁶⁰ anticipating the modernist scholar of nationalism, John Breuilly,⁶¹ he argued that the nation was a product of state elite power plays, not some pure primordial fact or some ineffable spirit (*geist*): the nation was invented, to paraphrase Benedict Anderson,⁶² and brought together artificially a number of folk groups who shared common cultural traits individually and separately. Albeit Rocker did not display Anderson's appreciation for the interplay of language, print culture and shared experience (and this is odd because Rocker was a printer, publisher, indeed a translator of world culture into Yiddish for his fellow East End anarchists).⁶³

This leads us to the anarchist attraction to Esperanto,⁶⁴ a language invented in the multi-cultural and polyglot city of Bialystok, in the heart of Yiddishland. There are interesting connections with modern cosmopolitics, since Archibugi discusses the need for an Esperanto-like solution to the problem of political discourse in his projected federal world parliament.⁶⁵ Early in his political career, Antonio Gramsci had debated with the anarchists over the usefulness of Esperanto.⁶⁶ But Gramsci had been a very promising student of linguistics and he dismissed Esperanto as stuff and nonsense. For him, an attachment to Esperanto by Italian anarchists and socialists represented an artificial form of cosmopolitanism and prevented Italian socialism from developing a realistic form of internationalism. Artificial languages reflected the worse type of artificial cosmopolitanism: Gramsci was a language pluralist; he wanted his Sardinian nephew to speak Sardinian at home; he was fascinated before and during incarceration with the vocabulary of Sardinian. But he was also a melting-pot socialist and proclaimed the glories of the Italian language and the power which it had invested in the humanist educated elite: he wanted the subaltern and working classes to master these codes to achieve hegemony.⁶⁷ He was a rooted cosmopolitan, and that other rooted cosmopolitan, Landauer, was also critical of Esperanto because it lacked a passionate attachment to real life. Indeed, at different times and without their mutual knowledge, Gramsci and Landauer both criticized the chief Italian anarchist advocate of Esperanto, Luigi Molinari.⁶⁸

The Sardinian's notion of hegemony is derived, in part, from the concept of the prestige and the soft/hard power of dominant languages.⁶⁹ Peter Ives, who has earlier written on Gramsci, linguistics and Marxist theory,⁷⁰ has addressed Archibugi in light of Gramsci's intellectual biography.⁷¹

⁵⁹ Chomsky discusses von Humboldt in *American Power and The New Mandarins* (New York: Vintage, 1969).

⁶⁰ R. Rocker, *Nationalism and Culture* (Montréal: Black Rose Books, 1998 [1937]).

⁶¹ J. Breuilly, *Nationalism and the State*, 2nd edn (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1993).

⁶² B. Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, rev. edn (London: Verso, 2006).

⁶³ Graur, *op. cit.*, Ref. 54, pp. 190–191.

⁶⁴ L. L. Zamenhof, *An Attempt Toward an International Language* (New York: Henry Holt, 1889).

⁶⁵ Archibugi, *op. cit.*, Ref. 3, pp. 260–262, 271–272.

⁶⁶ C. Levy, *Gramsci and the Anarchists* (Oxford: Berg, 1999), pp. 99–102.

⁶⁷ A. Carlucci, 'The political implications of Antonio Gramsci's journey through languages, language issues and linguistic disciplines,' *Journal of Romance Studies*, 9(1) (2009), pp. 27–46.

⁶⁸ Landauer, *op. cit.*, Ref. 54, pp. 276–279 ('Do Not Learn Esperanto!' [1907]).

⁶⁹ F. Lo Piparo, *Lingua, intellettuali, egemonia in Gramsci* (Bari: Laterza, 1979).

⁷⁰ P. Ives, *Language and Hegemony in Gramsci* (London: Pluto, 2004); P. Ives, *Gramsci's Politics of Language: Engaging the Bakhtin Circle and The Frankfurt School* (Toronto: University of Toronto, 2004).

⁷¹ P. Ives, 'Cosmopolitanism and global English: language politics in globalisation debates,' *Political Studies*, 58(3) (2010), pp. 516–535.

Thus, the emergence of global English as today's lingua franca, as Ives argues, can be likened to the disputes over Esperanto between the anarchists and Gramsci. Can global cosmopolitanism be expressed in a language that is not intimate to the speaker?

Gramsci criticized the arid and abstract positivism of the Free Thinker followers of Esperanto because they did not understand how culture and power interacted in the real world, and thus from this perspective, Gramsci claimed that his historicist Marxism was more libertarian than the anarchists' anarchism because it was more realistic. Perhaps, he would have agreed with Hannah Arendt (even if the analogy grates on our contemporary ears), who wrote in response to Karl Jaspers' enthusiasm for cosmopolitan world government, 'A world citizen, living under the tyranny of world empire, and speaking a kind of glorified Esperanto, would be no less a monster than a hermaphrodite.'⁷²

Rocker, too, was sensitive to the liberating potential of local experience and, anticipating Benedict Anderson, he argued that national cultures arrive from a shared sense of history or memory (curiously he did not think the Jews possessed these attributes), not inherent racial attributes or state-based official scripts, and therefore were malleable and changed across time and space. For Rocker, folk-group culture was protected by the right of each individual to carry and practice such a culture within a cosmopolitan world federation: in this regard he was a keen admirer of Proudhon's promotion of federation, of 'voluntary socialism,' as he put it, and for a form of individually chosen culture.⁷³ At heart Rocker was a rationalist cosmopolitan, who bowed reluctantly to the need to accommodate cultural differences but longed for a world of global citizens. This is rather close to Gilroy's planetary humanism, but Rocker also anticipated the ugly sounding but useful neologism glocalization ('the inter-penetration of the global and the local and its ambivalence').⁷⁴

Conclusion: Zeno, Cosmopolitanism, Anarchism (Classical and Post-Modern)

From its origins, the concept of cosmopolitanism was Janus-faced. The Cynics and the Stoics coined and brought into practice cosmopolitanism. But as Douzinas notes there were always two traditions of cosmopolitanism.⁷⁵ The better-known varieties were the Alexandrine, Roman and later British imperial usages.⁷⁶ Thus, a variety of cultures could flourish under the benevolent rule of imperial law, in which all citizens were equals. Universal morality derived from rational human conduct would restrain local national rivalries of the citizens of the empire by teaching them to restrain their human passions through Stoical principles. Chomsky and Douzinas argue that the modern-day inheritors of this tradition have used this as a fig leaf to promote the selfish

⁷² From a quotation in Carter, *op. cit.*, Ref. 23, p. 168.

⁷³ Graur, *op. cit.*, Ref. 54, pp. 204–205.

⁷⁴ Holton, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2, p. 210.

⁷⁵ Douzinas, *op. cit.*, Ref. 17, pp. 133–176.

⁷⁶ D. Inglis and R. Robertson, 'Beyond the gates of the polis: reconfiguring sociology's ancient inheritance,' *Journal of Classical Sociology*, 4(2) (2004), pp. 165–189; D. Inglis and R. Robertson, 'The ecumenical analytic: "globalization", reflexivity and the revolution in Greek historiography,' *European Journal of Social Theory*, 8(2) (2005), pp. 99–122.

interests of the hegemon⁷⁷: thus human rights are American rights; humanitarian intervention is American intervention; cosmopolitanism is the ideology of frequent travellers.⁷⁸

But Douzinas also reminds us that there is another lesser known antinomian tradition which can be found in the cosmopolitanism of Diogenes of Sinopi, the homeless and city-less philosopher (an apt exemplar, in our modern era, of the liminal, border-crosser) who told the visiting Alexander to move, as he was blocking the sun or in Zeno's *Republic*, a treatise written by a *metic*, an outcast, a Cypriote of Phoenician or Semitic background, whose 'city in the sky' enveloped the entire world, not the bounded polis, and did away with laws and compulsion, with temples, court houses and gymnasia, and which has found a new iteration in the discourses and practices of post-anarchist cosmopolitanism in the early 21st century.⁷⁹ Cosmopolitanism can be freed from the dubious joys of imperial shock and awe and returned rightfully to utopia, even freed from modern-day cosmopolitical 'Free Thinkers,' 'from its contemporary champions, who have turned into a rather dull institutional blueprint.'⁸⁰ And in Zeno's injunction to 'make your own city, with your own friends, now, wherever you happen to live,'⁸¹ we see an early anticipation of Landauer's existential communitarian anarchism.

⁷⁷ N. Chomsky, *The New Military Humanism: Lessons from Kosovo* (London: Pluto, 1999). In a different manner, Mark Mazower deconstructs the imperial assumptions of the post-1945 human rights regime. See M. Mazower, 'The strange triumph of human rights, 1933–1950,' *Historical Journal*, 47(2) (2004), pp. 377–393; M. Mazower, *No Enchanted Palace: The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009).

⁷⁸ C. Calhoun, 'The class consciousness of frequent travellers: towards a critique of actually existing cosmopolitanism,' in Vertovec and Cohen, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2, pp. 86–109.

⁷⁹ R. Fine and R. Cohen, 'Four cosmopolitan moments,' in Vertovec and Cohen, *op. cit.*, Ref. 2, pp. 138–139; Douzinas, *op. cit.*, Ref. 17, p. 153.

⁸⁰ Douzinas, *ibid.*, p. 248.

⁸¹ Quoted in Douzinas, *ibid.*, p. 298.

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