Fuck Neoliberalism
Translating Resistance

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In a long history of ruination and destruction, neoliberalism is the most recent and virulent form of capitalism. This book is a call to action against the most persistent and pestilent disease of our time. Translated into over twenty different languages, the book offers a call to action that transcends local contexts and speaks to the violent global conditions of our neoliberal age.

Fuck Neoliberalism: Translating Resistance is a worldwide middle finger to the all-encompassing ideology of our era. The original essay sparked controversy in the academy when it was first released, and has since spread around the world as enthusiastic rebels translated it into their own languages. This book brings those translations together, accompanied with short essays from each translator that explain the reasons why they translated the text and describes the localised struggles against neoliberalism in their regions.

With translations into languages from across the globe, including Mandarin, German, Indonesian, Spanish, Hindi, Italian, Korean, and many more, this book highlights the international nature of resistance to the totalitarian ideology of neoliberalism.

Featuring a cover produced by renowned artist Ed Repka (a.k.a. the King of Thrash Metal Art), this internationalized, heavy-metal rant against the all-powerful ideology highlights a chink in its armour. When people across the world find a way to communicate a shared message and stand together, resistance can be both beautiful and inspiring.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Simon Springer is professor of human geography and director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Newcastle, Australia. His research agenda explores the social and political exclusions that neoliberalism has engendered, particularly in posttransitional Cambodia, where he emphasizes the geographies of violence and power. He cultivates a cutting-edge theoretical approach to his scholarship by foregrounding both poststructuralist critique and a radical revival of anarchist geographies.

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“In the dismal halls of academia’s precarious contracted labour, it was delightful to hear these joyful strains of fuck it, yep fuck it to hell. Simon Springer’s ode to our current situation is the tantric yoga all our subjectivities need.”
—Bek Conroy, autonomous and precarious artist activist academic

“Fuck Neoliberalism is a call to action for an abandoned generation. Simon Springer wants us to find the everyday moments, conversations, and places where we can resist this social, political, and economic violence we increasingly face and build a new world better than the current one. A must-read for anyone trying to understand and change this world we live in!”
—Kean Birch, author of We Have Never Been Neoliberal: A Manifesto for a Doomed Youth

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