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LEFT TURN

POLITICAL ESSAYS FOR THE NEW LEFT

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The 2008 financial crisis opened the door for a bold, progressive social movement. But despite widespread revulsion at economic inequity and political opportunism, after the crash very little has changed.

Has the Left failed? What agenda should progressives pursue? And what alternatives do they dare to imagine?

Left Turn is aimed at the many Australians disillusioned with the political process. It includes passionate and challenging contributions by a diverse range of writers, thinkers and politicians, from **Larissa Berendht** and **Christos Tsiolkas** to **Guy Rundle** and **Lee Rhiannon**. These essays offer perspectives largely excluded from the mainstream. They offer possibilities for resistance and for a renewed struggle for change.

Left Turn shows why the Left should be taken seriously. It is neither a policy document for a political party or a comprehensive list of ways to improve Australia. The essays are passionate, relevant, radical, controversial and topical; voices that are dying to be heard in an increasingly barren, media landscape.

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