

Endorsements for David Schwartzman's book, *The Global Solar Commons, the Future That is Still Possible: A Guide for 21st Century Activists* (Oct. 2020):

"This book is a much needed set of guiding posts, of which there are still too few, for those on the left who take political strategy seriously and want to come up with practical ways to bring about, eventually, an egalitarian, if not classless and state-free future that is at same time ecologically sustainable. But this proposed manuscript goes much further than any so far of its ilk in that Schwartzman combines clarity regarding overall political strategy with the necessary technical know-how and basis to get to the sort of society desired by increasingly many. Schwartzman's work is especially important in contexts like European and offshoot settler colonial regimes, such as the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, where many activists are getting lost between purist leftism and social democratic and liberal perspectives ensconced in faddish radical language."

Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro, Editor-In-Chief, Capitalism Nature Socialism

"This is an important book which intervenes at a crucial time in debates around the Green New Deal, and its refreshing clarity will make the book indispensable, even to those who might initially disagree on some points. The author situates 'solar' not just as a set of technologies, but in terms of the earth-system itself. In a strategic sense, this points towards our whole relation with the living world, including our food systems; however, Schwartzman also indicates the key immediate steps needed to halt climate change, never shying away from a clear stance: against nuclear, for carbon capture, for example. In opposition to 'degrowth' theories, Schwartzman boldly states the need for an increased (renewable) energy demand to fuel the transition itself.

While observing that "we cannot wait for the end of the rule of capital" to begin the transition, the book is clear about the fundamental incompatibility of capitalism with the social system humanity deserves. This issue is posited right now by the role of the military industrial complex in blocking systemic change. Challenging head-on today's xenophobic nationalism, Schwartzman rightly calls for the emergence of a new global Subject, a process inseparable from a collective visioning of radical alternatives."

Robert Biel, Professor, University College London