

**Community Development Queensland
Seminar 2020**



Possible Post Crisis Futures

A Discussion and virtual drinks via ZOOM - Wednesday 15th April 4-6pm

Please download the Zoom program to your computer before linking, see below.

You can link to the seminar here: <https://usc-au.zoom.us/j/790264290>

PLEASE SIGN IN 5 MINUTES EARLY AS WE WILL START AT 4PM

Community Development Queensland and our university partners introduce the first CD Seminar for 2020 with a discussion about where the disasters that have kick-started the year are leading us politically, economically and socially. Naomi Klein suggests that **the future will come from the ideas we already have lying around – but whose ideas will count? When do we speak up? What is at stake here?**

This will be a one-hour zoom discussion with break-out groups. To inform the discussion, Peter Westoby has provided some one-line signposts about four possible post-crisis scenarios. These are listed below.

For the hour, there will be a short introduction and a facilitator, but no keynote speaker. Rather, in order to come prepared, you are invited to:

- pre-watch the 8-minute Klein video (see link below under Scenario 2);
- pre-read the Olin Wright piece (see link below under Scenario 3);
- pre-read the Harari piece (see link below under Scenario 4);
- meet for a one hour zoom dialogue, 4-5pm – Don't forget to sign in at 3.55
- stay on-line for an hour of on-line social drinks. BYO drinks and sit on your own couch!

If you have not already done so, you will need to register for a free Zoom account and download the Zoom software. You can register [HERE!](#)

Four possible scenarios signposted:

Scenario #1: Business as usual (neoliberalism of the past 30 years +), albeit with the key goal being to again reduce the massively incurred debt and re-kickstart the economy on the same trajectory (including mass bailouts of 'old industries').

Scenario #2: Predatory capitalism and the application of the shock doctrine (aka Naomi Klein: <https://theintercept.com/2020/03/16/coronavirus-capitalism/>) as further enriching the unimaginably wealthy, mass privatisation, mass austerity and the undoing of social-ecological protections.

Scenario #3: Utopian possibilities (aka Eric Olin Wright's writing <https://www.versobooks.com/books/463-envisioning-real-utopias>), with popular support and political organisation of a transformative and emancipatory political economy, including rapid transitions to renewables, establishing of a basic income guarantee, significant investment in social housing, undoing of regressive policy that produces inequalities (e.g. negative gearing), re-localisation of economy/food systems and so forth.

Scenario #4: Authoritarian and surveillance state (aka Harari's current writing <https://amp.ft.com/content/19d90308-6858-11ea-a3c9-1fe6fedcca75>)

