

“Work in progress” the progressive dictionary with 55 terms re-defined by global leaders is on sale

An initiative of the IDEAS Foundation and which was presented during the Global Progress conference in Madrid, which is an overview of the state of art of progressive thinking through the definition of concepts that determine our times

“Work in progress” includes concepts like freedom, sustainability, democracy, politics, crisis, equality and poverty analyzed by authors as relevant as Bill Clinton, Al Gore, José Luís Rodríguez Zapatero, Joseph Stiglitz, Lula Da Silva, Gordon Brown, Ed Miliband, Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba and Felipe González among others.

The IDEAS Foundation, a think tank of progressive proposals, offers us the possibility of having, in only one reference book a collection of concepts that define current progressive thinking by great and prominent global political leaders, intellectuals and experts.

It is a project initiated by the IDEAS foundation two years ago, during the Global conferences in Madrid and New York as well as the preparatory meetings. The result is “Work in progress: 55 terms for progress” launched during the III Global Progress Conference held in Madrid on October 18 and 19, which brought together progressive leaders, strategists and political analysts to set a common global agenda and establish the priorities of Social democracy in terms of employment, new technologies and industrial policy, the improvement of the Welfare State and global economic governance.

The volume is the compilation of 55 terms on the state of art of progressive thinking to help us in an attempt to answer and transform our world through the view point of 55 authors among which:

Bill Clinton, former US president. Leadership: “Leadership seeks to build a fairer society, based on the values of liberty and equity that places the individual at the core of its policies (...).”

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Lula da Silva, former Brazilian President. Poverty: “Putting an end to hunger and poverty worldwide is the essential condition to build a better world with more equality, democracy and peace among people and nations.”

Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, candidate of the PSOE to the Spanish Presidency. Democracy: “There is no democracy without universal suffrage and the separation of powers but, neither can we standardize as democracy, in the 21st century, a political system that does not promote social justice, fights production models that jeopardize human dignity and does not clearly and boldly increase transparency and open participation for an open citizenship.”

Al Gore, former US Vice President and 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. Climate Change: “this climate crisis is an opportunity to experiment something very few generations have had the privilege to experience: a generational mission, the stimulus of a moral purpose, a common and unified cause, the emotion of being obliged by circumstances to set pettiness (...), an opportunity for us to uplift ourselves

According to the General Director of the IDEAS, Carlos Mulas, “Work in progress is not a finite work, but a first contribution to a future “Dictionary of ideas for progress” to be released during the coming years.”

“Work in progress: 55 terms for progress” published by Edhasa is on sale in bookshops and the usual points of sale.