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Within the context of the Cold War, the Bandung Spirit, expressed in 1955 by the African and Asian Countries was a call for peaceful coexistence, for independence from the hegemony of any superpower and for solidarities towards the weak and those being weakened by the world order of the day.

It was an alternative to the hegemonic blocs, headed by the superpowers of the day, the US and the Soviet Union.

Now, 50 years later, in the context of Globalisation, the world is still characterised by wars, similar systems of domination by the powerful and the continuous exploitation of the weak. Is there any alternative?

Nineteen socially engaged intellectuals, academics and activists from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, and USA, propose their reflections for an international collective work related to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Bandung Asian-African Conference 1955.

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Now, at the beginning of the 21st century, I am sure it is still relevant that those questions faced by nations of the two continents fifty years ago are thought over and solved. Fifty years ago, in trying to convince the leaders and statesmen to participate in the Conference, Sukarno pointed to the very long distance covered by the imperialists' lifeline in the two continents. It stretched out from the Straits of Gibraltar in the west, entered the Mediterranean Sea and proceeded down to the Suez Canal and Red Sea, went along the Indian Ocean in the east, and continued through the Southern China Sea up to the Japanese Sea in the northeast. Along this lifeline of imperialists, said Sukarno, both on the left and the right sides, there are scattered many countries of Africa and Asia which are not free from colonial domination, suppression and exploitation. Along this very "lifeline", the blood and breadth of the world's capitalists, which was sucked from the chests and hearts of the Afro-Asian peoples, flows.



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