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In the last decade or so, global capitalism has undergone a radical transformation in a number of contradictory ways. Powerful imperialist states seem increasingly willing to cast away old 'containment' policies in favour of direct military operations around the world. These very same states have centralised power in order to coordinate and mediate a number of devolved local, national and global social networks. At the same time, new modes of global, national and local resistance have arisen to challenge this new form of capitalist globalisation.

The Left has provided some of the most cogent analyses of these processes. These debates are ongoing both within the labour movement and amongst groups working for a progressive, radical and emancipatory politics.

In order to help continue and facilitate these debates, the Conference of Socialist Economists is holding a two-day conference at Leeds University, UK, around the theme of Empire and Beyond. Issues to be discussed include:

- Empire and beyond: New imperialism for old?
- The restructuring of the state
- New modes of governance and discipline
- The political economy of neoliberalism
- The relevance of post-structuralism for Marxist theory
- Anticapitalist movements & networks of global resistance
- Technology, environmentalism and globalisation
- Uneven and combined development:
- The South & globalisation
- The nature of socialism today

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