

Give a Man a Fish



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In *Give a Man a Fish* James Ferguson examines the rise of social welfare programs in southern Africa, in which states make cash payments to their low income citizens. More than thirty percent of South Africa's population receive such payments, even as pundits elsewhere proclaim the neoliberal death of the welfare state. These programs' successes at reducing poverty under conditions of mass unemployment, Ferguson argues, provide an opportunity for rethinking contemporary capitalism and for developing new forms of political mobilization. Interested in an emerging "politics of distribution," Ferguson shows how new demands for direct income payments (including so-called "basic income") require us to reexamine the relation between production and distribution, and to ask new questions about markets, livelihoods, labor, and the future of progressive politics.

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前面很精彩，问题也很有趣，但是……经验的内容不是民族志啊，而是一些话颠来倒去……像是个蛇尾。所以作者说“我只讲这些现象的潜力，也不给答案，我们继续观察……好狡猾。”

1) 討論有關「無條件基本收入」的議題，提出的設想以及前面幾章的論證非常精彩有趣，但需要注意的是，作者的假設至少建立在兩點之上，即存在大量過剩的勞動力，和互相依賴的 (interdependncty) 的歷史傳統，且這個假設還需要時間的檢驗 (作者很狡猾地在結論部分才確實坦承這一點)，畢竟南非和納米比亞的例子恐怕也不見得已經成功，頁193舉的瑞士的例子，已經在2016年被否決了；2) 相同論述在不同章節點翻來覆去地重複，好啰嗦，頁150引了張鷗的strangers in the city，這麼多年過去了，作者再舉「浙江村」的例子，恐怕已經不能代表所謂的contemporary china了吧。。。

美帝劳动节读本只讲分配的政治经济学~

批判neoliberalism著作，不过为什么我觉得这么虚....

精彩！！

绝望。学术界真叫人绝望。问题是什么问题在哪里大家都明白，可是没有办法改变。除了坐在教室里和同僚唇枪舌战。我再也不想读这样的work了，很聪明很清晰理论很强，然后呢？没有然后了。理解更多的现实，越明白现实无法改变。资本的力量现代国家的力量太强大。活着太难了。太难了。

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