

The last 3 months of 2021 were a mixture of celebrations & mourning:

- the lockdown was lifted already in September, so it was finally possible to meet with friends in person!
- I've had my birthday parties!
- both rats died :(
- I've wrote about Resilience of Technical Communities & I've given two talks in person: you can watch videos here:
 - November 2021, NLUUG : <https://youtu.be/2HstogAFn9g>
 - September 2021, NLNOG: <https://youtu.be/Ycrl7NI8s0Y>
 - December: netnod.se/blog/technical-communities-resilience-during-covid-19-pandemic
- Alisa & me traveled to Berlin, for a week!!
- there were many "natural" disasters, due to Climate Chaos :(
- we've had a small New Years Eve party
- the cat is still amazing!!!

Birthday

I've turned 49 in October. I've celebrated it 3 times that day: with family in a Serbian cafe, for breakfast; with colleagues in the office (Dutch style), and with my Catalyst-Lab sisters-pod online!



and I had a big birthday party on a Saturday Night!

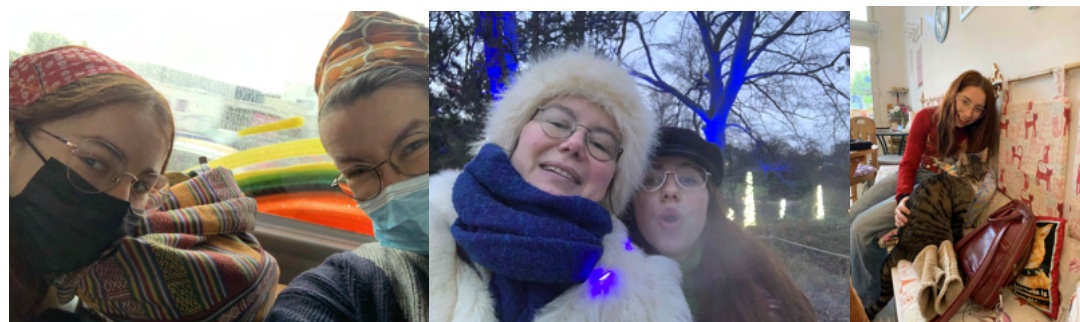


Berlin

Our week in Berlin was wonderful - and I wrote about it here:

<https://lists.pusci.nl/vws/arc/uncivilization/2021-12/msg00009.html>





Death (of rats)

One of the rats was quite sick, so after an operation & medication, we decided to make her "sleep", forever. The other one very soon followed - she died peacefully, at home. We gave them both funerals.

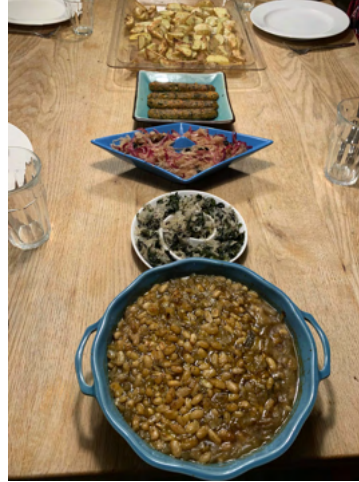
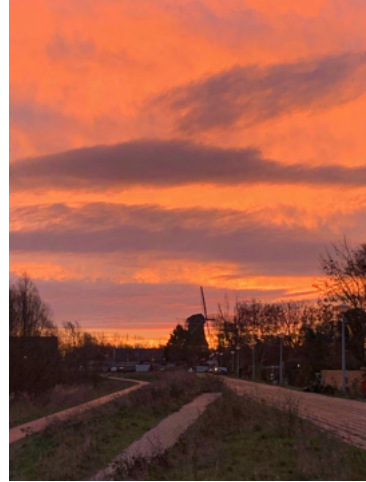
It's sad that their lives ended - and I am glad that we've shared love & care & fun while they lived!



Life

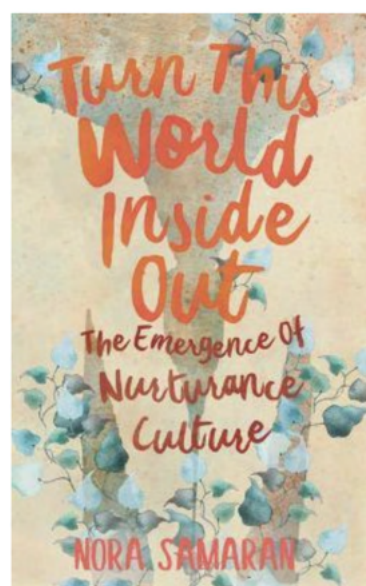
The rest of life is to be seen in these pictures: parks & exhibitions, protests & festivals, supping & plants...





Books

These are some of the books that made an impact on me in Q4 2021:



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The Story of the Russian Revolution
 by China Miéville
 Part of the Russian Revolution 1917 series

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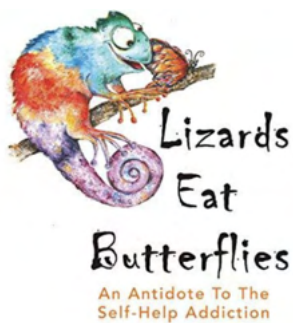
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My Top 10 21st-Century Alternative Economic Theory Books:

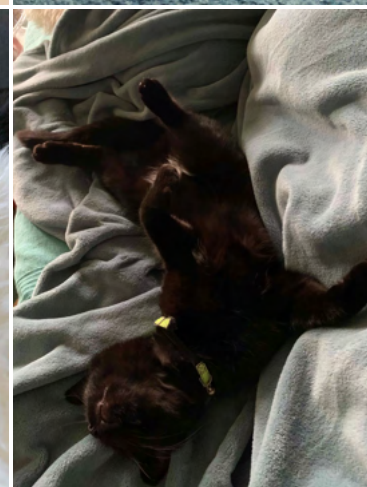
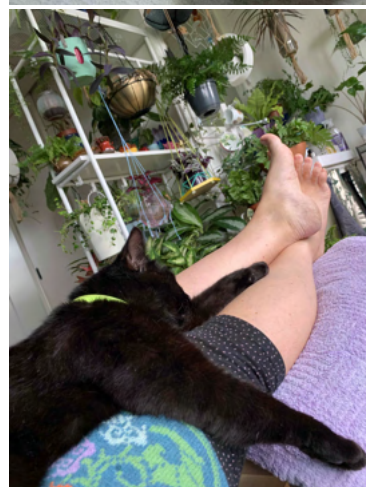
- Giving Economy, Heather Marsh (in "Binding Chaos", 2013)
- Post-carbon Economy, Naomi Klein (in "On Fire", 2021)
- Caring Economy, Riane Eisler (2007) : <http://caringeconomy.org/>
- Decolonising Economics, Nonhlanhla Makuyana (2021) <https://decolonisingeconomics.org/>
- Ecofeminism, Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva (2014) <https://www.environmentandurbanization.org/ecofeminism>
- Mutualism, Sara Horowitz (2021)
- Doughnut Economics, Kate Raworth (2017) <https://doughnuteconomics.org/>
- Mission Economy, Mariana Mazzucato (2021)
- The Support Economy: Shoshana Zuboff (2002) <http://www.thesupporteconomy.com/>
- Enlightenment Economics, Diane Coyle (in "The Economics of Enough", 2011)

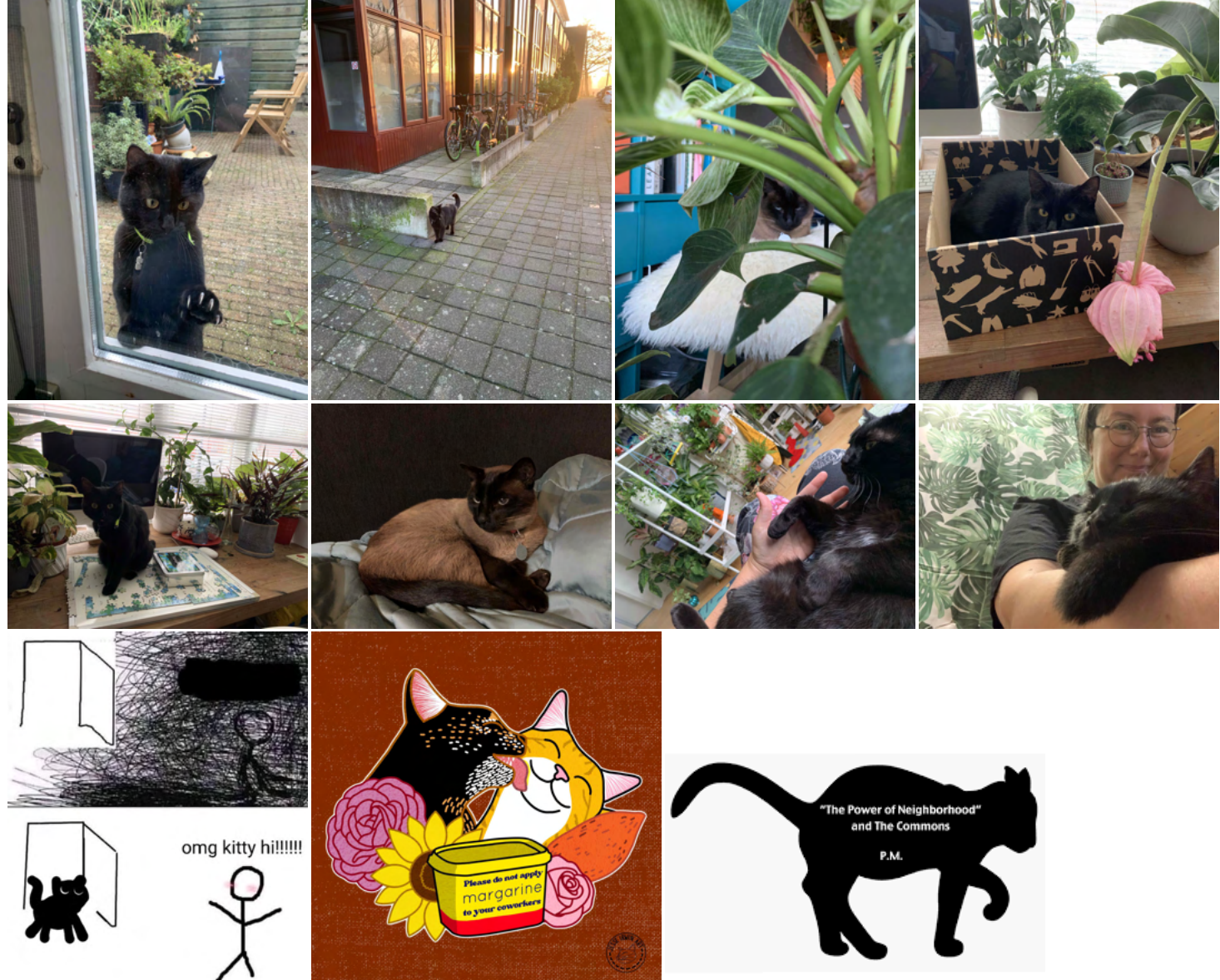
What all of these have in common is criticism of neoliberal capitalism and a focus on sustainability, care, equity, and co-empowerment.

There is much more material about



And of course, **The Cats** -- Mracak: the most loved person in the family; and other random cats!!!





Memes



