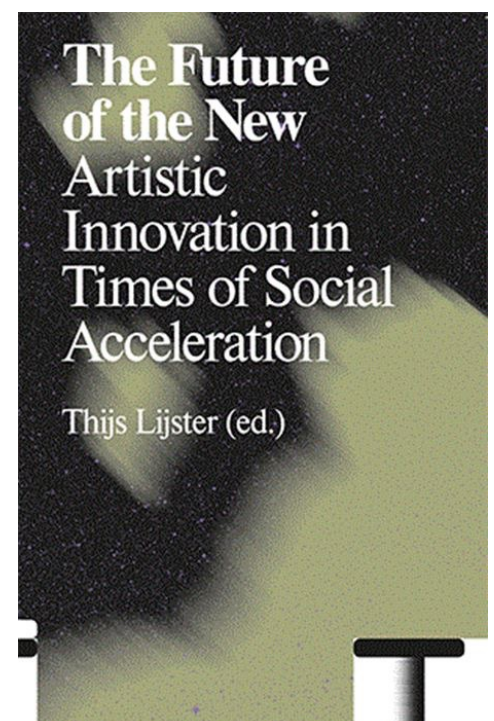
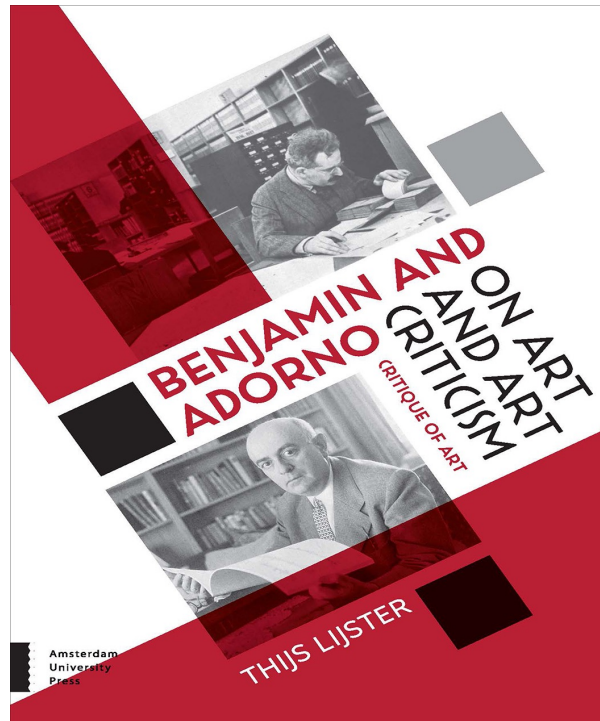
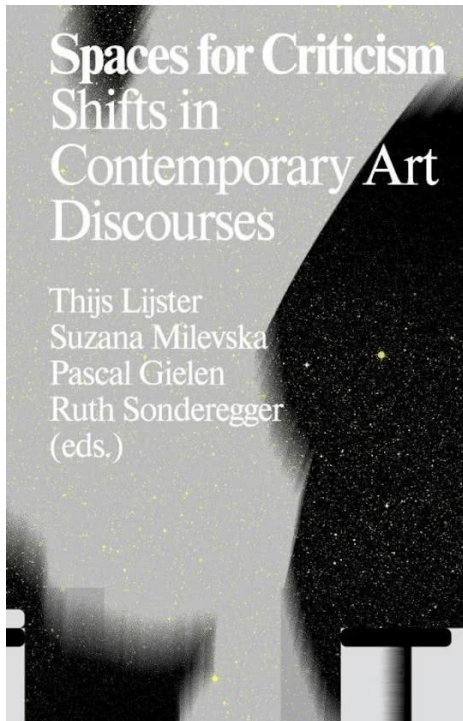
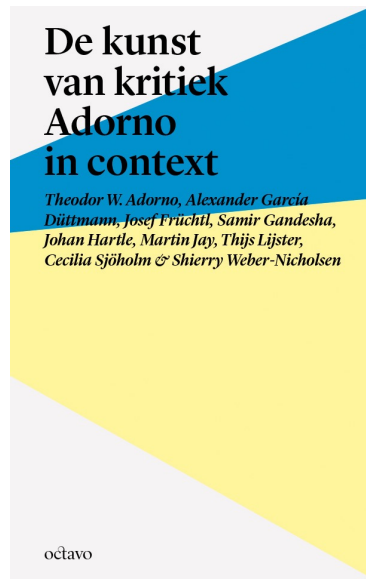
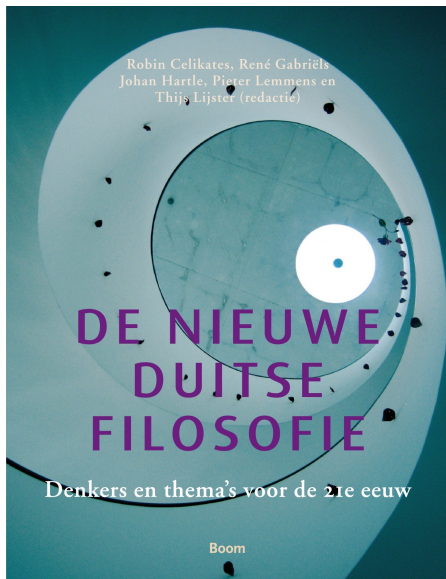


# Precarity and commoning

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SeCuM, Ghent, 11/10/2021



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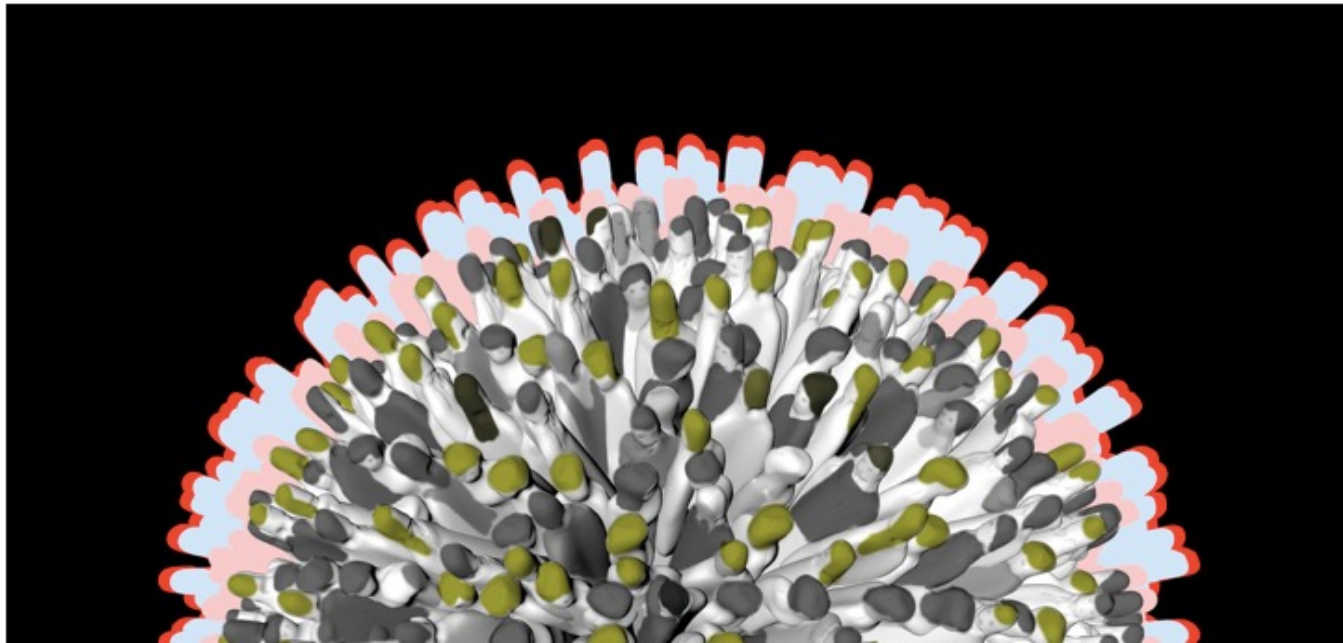
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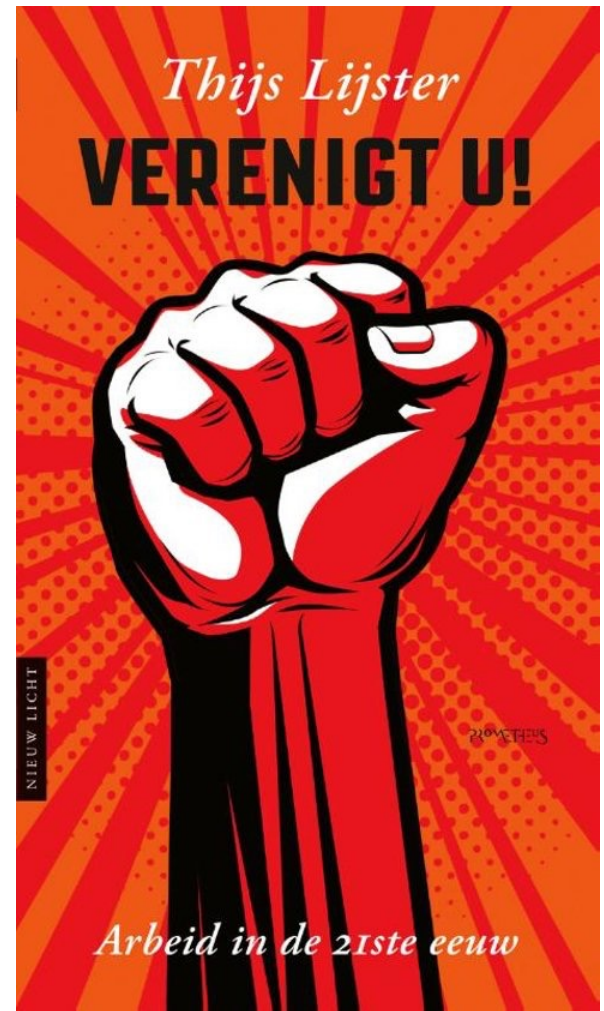
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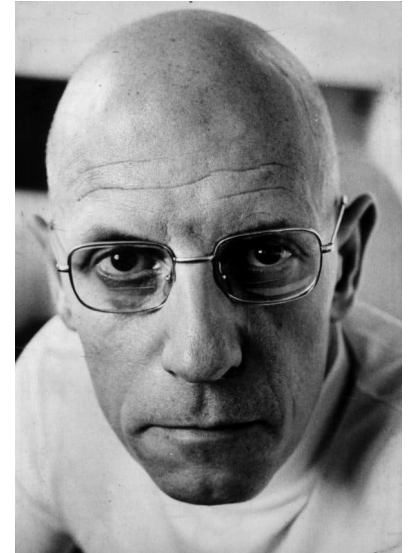
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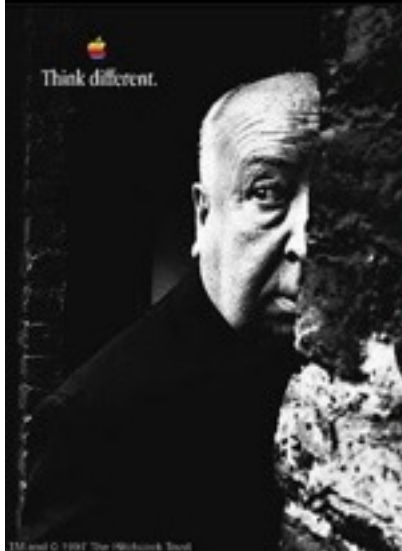
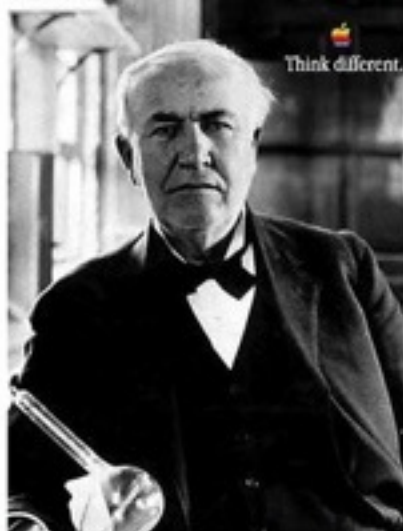
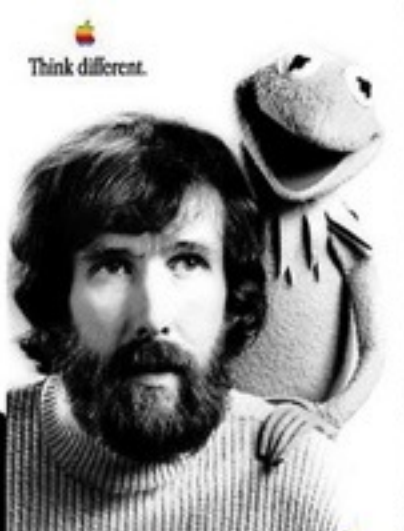


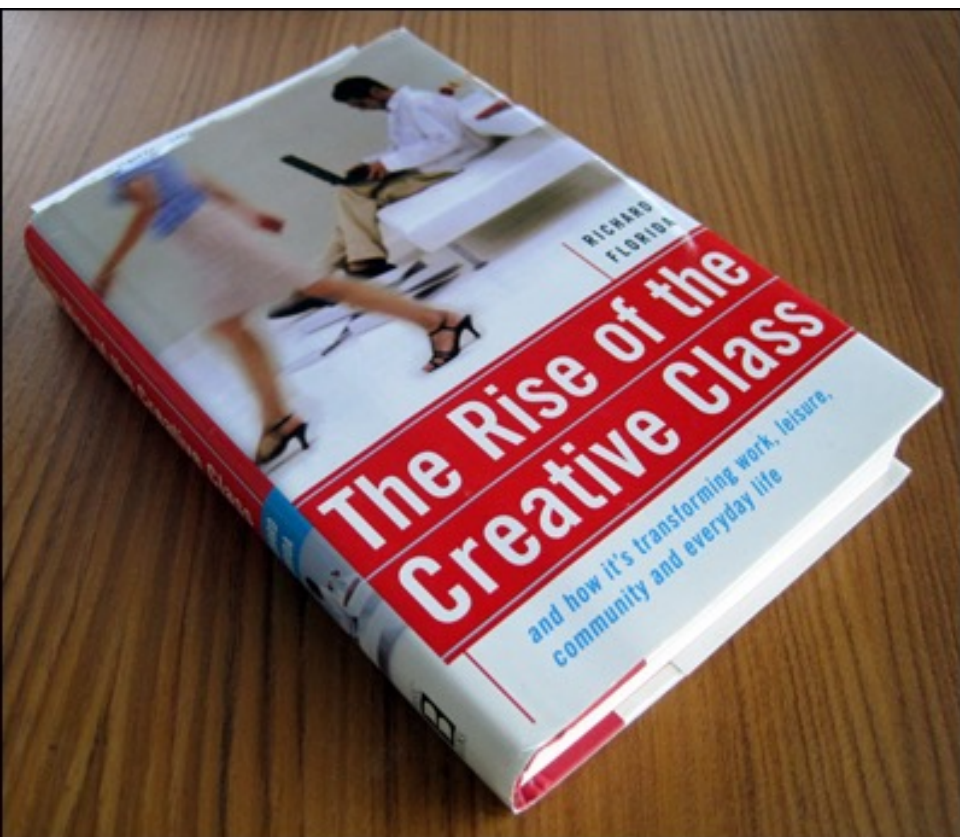
# Neoliberalism and postfordism

- Labour as commodity (Marx) -> labour as 'human capital' (Foucault)
- “the stake in all neoliberal analyses is the replacement every time of *homo oeconomicus* as partner of exchange with a *homo oeconomicus* as entrepreneur of himself, being for himself his own capital, being for himself his own producer, being for himself the source of [his] earnings.” (Foucault, 1979)
- The principle of the 'total human'









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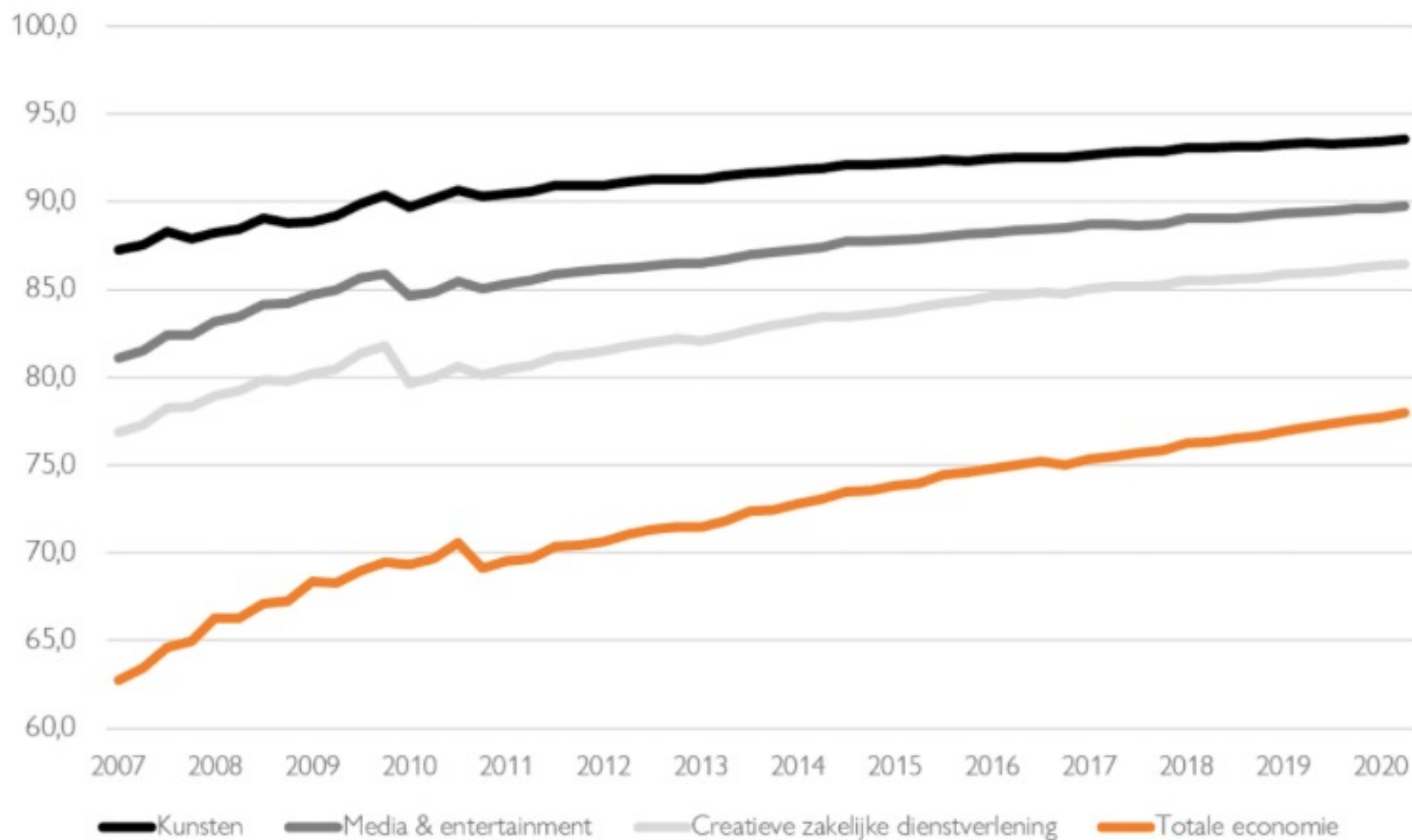


# Creative labor and precarity

- Pascal Gielen: contemporary model-worker as “capitalist caricature of the bohemien artist”
- “Measures aimed at giving wage-earners greater security were replaced by measures directed towards relaxing hierarchical control and taking account of individual 'potential'. In a political reversal autonomy was, as it were, exchanged for security.” (B&C, *The New Spirit of Capitalism*, 190)



Figuur 1. Ontwikkeling van het aandeel eenmanszaken in de culturele sector, 2007-2020 (%)



Bron cijfers: CBS 2020c en CBS 2020d, op basis van afbakening culturele sector uit CBS 2018.



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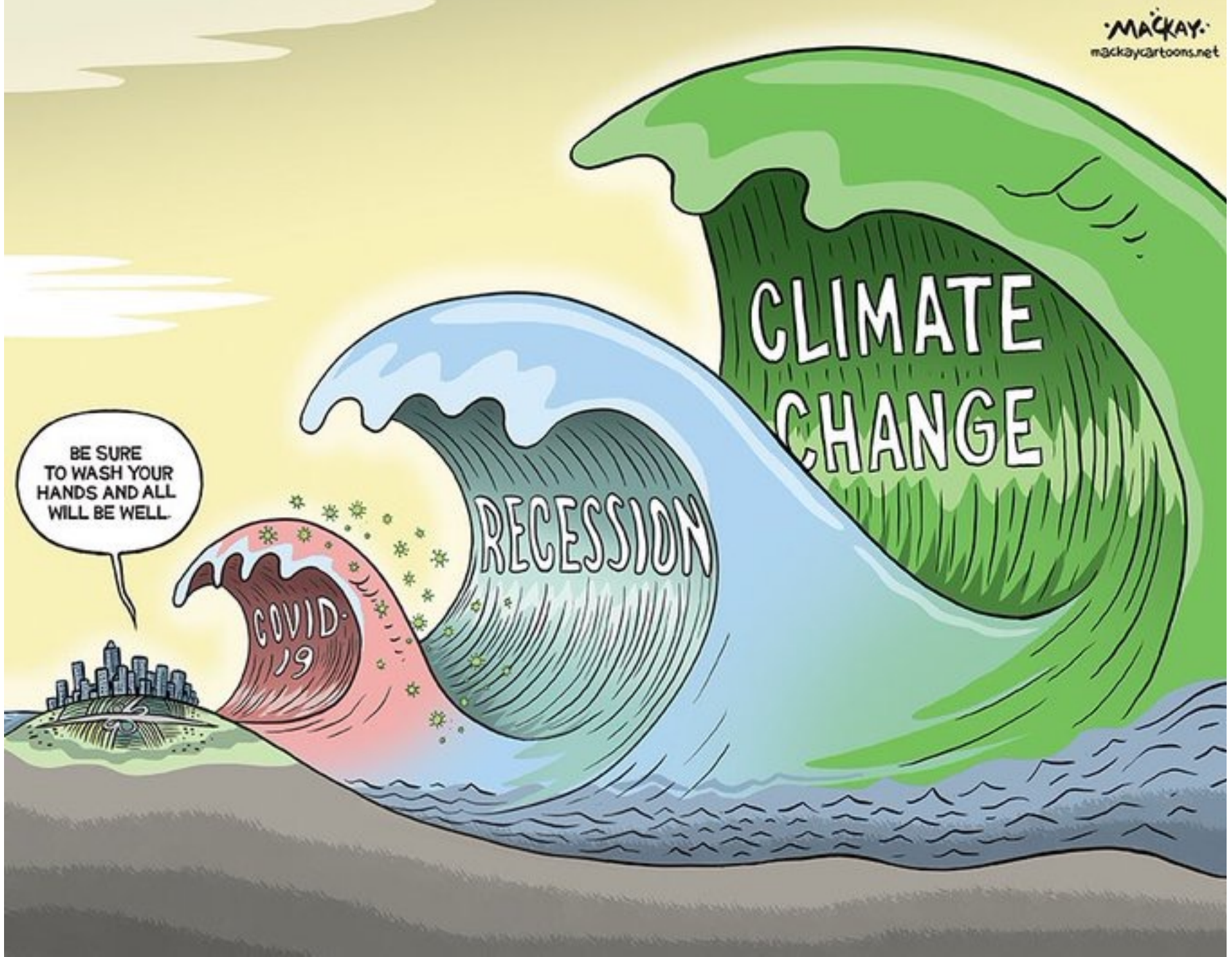
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# Creative labor and precarity

- *Precariousness* as socio-ontological condition (cf. J. Butler, *Precarious life*)
- *Precarity* as political-economic order (cf. I. Lorey, *State of Insecurity*)
- *Precarization* as mode of governing and disciplining (Lorey)
- The *precariat* as a class (cf. G. Standing, *The precariat. The new dangerous class*)



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# Commoning culture

- Commons: resources owned, governed and used neither by a single individual (private) nor by a state (public) but by a community.
  - “Most generally, the commons refer to a broad set of resources, natural and cultural, that are shared by many people. Traditional examples of commons include forests, fisheries, or groundwater resources, but increasingly we see the term commons used for a broader set of domains, such as knowledge commons, digital commons, urban commons, health commons, cultural commons, etc.” (IASC, International Association for the Study of the Commons, 2018)
- Commoning as verb (rather than as noun)
  - “To me, however, it is important to emphasize not only that enclosures happen all the time, but also that there is constant commoning. People again and again try to create and access resources in a way that is different from the modalities of the market, which is the standard way for capital to access resources” (M. De Angelis)
- Precariousness and common(ing) are related both on a conceptual and a practical level (e.g. de-individualization of precarity).

# Commoning culture

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# Questions and discussion

- Thanks for your attention!
- Are there any questions?

