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### **After ‘the end of capitalism’: what’s next?**

In *The End of Capitalism* (1996) J.K. Gibson-Graham attempted to open up an imaginative space for economic alternatives at a point when they seemed to be entirely absent, even unwanted, a thing of the past or the distant future. The book deconstructed the discourse of capitalism that dominated so much economic, social and cultural thinking and practice. Today, despite widespread views that capitalism is in trouble or even dead, there is still much to do if we are interested in acting as thinkers, analysts and policy makers to make “other worlds possible”. In this presentation I ask what kinds of academic subjects and practices might support the ontological project of bringing alternative economies into being. Drawing on Gibson-Graham’s 2006 book *A Postcapitalist Politics* I introduce an academic subject who cultivates the affective, ethical and reparative dimensions of her thinking. I briefly review two experiments with performing new worlds: 1) a project of rereading tropical geographies of the early to mid 20th century for insights into how they might contribute to alternative Asian development pathways, and 2) an action research intervention to build the solidarity economy through social enterprise development in the Philippines.