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# Abstract

Recent responses to the global economic crash of 2008, such as Occupy Wall Street and other political encampments, have raised important questions about the constitution of the "we" and the relationship between democracy and change in the context of contemporary capitalism. To address these important new political developments, this

article argues for "participatory contract building" as a new direction in critical contract

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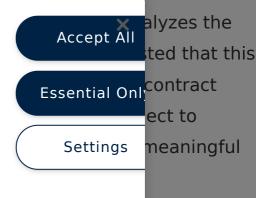
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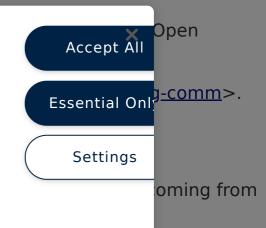
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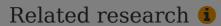
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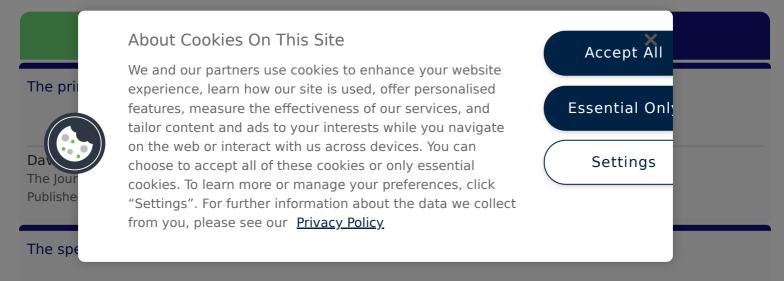
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