

Thinking time

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As I mentioned yesterday, it has been a long and quite tiring week because of rapidly evolving world events, and having to keep track of them whilst simultaneously trying to make sure that the material we were producing for this site, on YouTube, as well as on LinkedIn and Substack, where I also now post, was as up to date as best we were able to make it.

In addition to all that, I tried to make progress on some of the ongoing projects here, including the production of a guide to MMT and the politics of care, but I will be honest and admit that events got the better of me there, and progress has been slow. This has also been apparent in other series, like that on economic thought, where there simply hasn't been time to produce any new content.

All of this is a roundabout way of saying that I need a bit of a break today, more than anything else to gather my thoughts and reflect on where we might go next, because that seems to be important after a week in which Mark Carney had the courage to say that the world order of which he has been a part has fallen apart, irretrievably, and that a new one must, as a consequence, be created.

Thinking I had already done has let me react to that suggestion this week in ways that would not otherwise have been possible, but some quiet time and a good walk today might be necessary to recharge the batteries.

If those activities produce some reasonable photographs, I will share them. Otherwise, please take a look at today's video and the others we have produced this week. It makes clear why we have to change. I will return to that theme tomorrow. It is also now bound to be a theme of our day in Cambridge on 28 February. [Tickets and details are available here](#). It would be good to see you there.