

Plato, Relevant Still: The Concept of the Uniquely Appropriate

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Back when I was a socialist, a card-carrying member first of DSOC (Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee) and then its successor DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) and a regular contributor to *Dissent*. . . I was aware, fully so, of the darker possibilities inherent in the socialist vision. After all, one would have to be stupid not to know that what was often called (in contradistinction to ideologues' dreams of what might be) "actually existing socialism" (that is, Communism), was not merely a passing Stalinist aberration.

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