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This book is conceived as a blend which combines new text with excerpts and fragments from earlier writings. Specifically, the Introduction is the English version of a book dating from 2015, Un socialismo possibile (Il Mulino, Bologna); Chapter 2 reproduces the text of a paper, Production Modes: Marx’s Method and the Feasible Revolution, which appeared in the October 2016 issue of the European Scientific Journal; Chapter 3 is the English translation of Cooperativismo, capitalismo e socialismo (Novalogos, Aprilia, 2012); Chapter 4 reports pages from ‘On the Advantages of a System of Labour-Managed Firms’ (Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity, vol. 5, no. 1); Chapter 5 reproduces, with some additions, the text of the paper ‘Marx, Marxism and the Cooperative Movement’ (Cambridge Journal of Economics, 2005, no. 1); Chapter 6 analyses cooperation in connection with the labour theory of value; Chapter 7 offers a closer look at the links between Marxism and producer cooperatives; Chapter 8 is about criticism of labour-managed firms, Chapter 9 reprints excerpts from ‘On Producer Cooperatives and Socialism’, a paper published in International Critical Thought (2014, vol. 4, no. 3); Chapter 10 offers an outline of the evolution of socialism from its utopian stage to the emergence of producer cooperation theory; Chapter 11 is about the democratic firm in the estimation of intellectuals; Chapter 12 analyses the actions and attitudes of trade unions as involuntary antagonists of history and progress.

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