Record Nr. UNINA9910476804303321 Implications of the euro: a critical perspective from the left // edited **Titolo** by Philip Whyman, Mark Baimbridge, Brian Burkitt Pubbl/distr/stampa [Place of publication not identified]:,: Taylor & Francis,, 2006 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xxvii, 236 pages) Disciplina 332.4941 Soggetti Euro - Great Britain Monetary policy - Great Britain Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di contenuto Book Cover -- Half-Title -- Title -- Copyright -- Dedication --Contents -- List of Illustrations -- Notes on Contributors -- Foreword -- Preface -- Acknowledgements -- 1. The Left and the Euro -- 2. The Great Debate: The Labour Party and European Integration -- 3. Economic Consequences for Britain -- 4. What Type of European Monetary Union? -- 5. Economic Performance and the Euro -- 6. The Euro: An Outsider's Perspective -- 7. The ECB in Theory and Practice --8. The Left Must Wake up Europe Isn't Working -- 9. A Post-Keynesian Strategy for the UK Economy -- 10. The European Social Model: Myth or Reality -- 11. Voting No The Euro and Labour Voters -- 12. What Future in the European Union? -- 13. Hooked to the Falling Stars -- 14. A Safe European Home? -- 15. British Trade Unions and EMU: Natural Supporters or Conflicting Interests? -- 16. The European Social Model: Between a Rock and a Hard Place? -- 17. How the Euro Threatens the Well-being of the Planet and its People -- 18. EMU and British Sovereignty -- 19. Euro Versus the People -- 20. The Establishment of a Commonwealth of Europe -- 21 Fighting Against Federalism -- 22 Rediscovering Progressive Economic Policy Outside EMU --Bibliography. Sommario/riassunto To date, critical analysis of the EMU project has largely been advanced from the centre-right spectrum of British politics. Comparable questions from the centre-left have failed to find a coherent voice.

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Left-Right issue there are noticeable divisions in opinion across British business, the trade union movement and within the Labour Party. Offering a unique insight into this key debate from the 'centre-left', eurosceptic view point, this book provides a rigorous analysis of all the salient economic and political issues of concern, such as: \* the economics of a single currency \* employment and social implications \* sovereignty \* political determination. The arguments presented in this volume highlight the emergence of a coherent alternative to deepening economic integration as a platform to build a just and equitable society. Contributions are drawn from leading academics, trade union leaders and prominent politicians, both from the Labour Party and the wider progressive Left in British politics. This informative and thought provoking book will be indispensable reading for students and practitioners in economics, politics and international relations, as well as those interested in this highly contentious topic.