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1. Anyone who thinks English exceptionalism, nationalism and ‘regulatory realignment’ - the root drivers of Brexit - would have ended with a ‘soft brexit’ ie a customs union or a Norwegian style deal, misunderstands what brexit has always been about.

2. ‘No-deal’ has always been the logical goal for those who’ve driven the brexit agenda. The question @UKLabour should be asking the govt is, ‘what part of the ‘level playing field’ do you want to change? Food standards? Env protections? Workers rights?

3. The issue of fish, whilst playing to worst instincts of territorial jingoism is, excuse the pun, a red herring. This is about phase 2 of the neoliberal project. Building on the gains of the last 40 years.

4. The reality for those who want to challenge this grim trajectory is to understand phase 2 will be about hollowing out what’s left of our democracy as @FisherAndrew79 eloquently argues here https://t.co/gwinDtG73e

5. The crisis of democracy, which brexit is but the latest manifestation, is what we must mobilise against. So many other issues are but symptoms of this underlying malaise.

6. To do that we have to practise and deepen a culture of democracy & tolerance of dissent in our own respective progressive political movements. This applies to @uklabour, trade unions, campaign groups.

7. It also means building alliances with as broad a range of those opposed to authoritarianism, racism and the hoarding of wealth and power that is accelerating globally.

8. If we don’t deepen our democracy and decentralise power to people and communities then as @XRebellionUK have already shown, ecological and climate destruction will prevail.

9. Brexit has always been about preventing that and enabling the already wealthy and powerful in this country to take back yet ever more control for themselves, the 1%

10. To stop that we have to win power and quickly. Deepening our democracy, the best defence against this onslaught, can not be done from opposition. Here's how we win:

https://t.co/kITg23taQQ

11. Come and find out more about how we do this on Monday 14 Dec Register today to reserve your spot on the call with @labourlewis @CarolineLucas @LaylaMoran @TommySheppard and @JonCruddas_1 next Monday evening

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