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Preface

This book is a compilation of essays, for the most part reprinted from *Marxism Today*, some as they first appeared, others adapted to varying degrees.

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There are three pieces which are reprinted from other publications: Beatrix Campbell, 'New Times Towns', based on her series 'Campbell's Kingdom' which first appeared in *The Guardian* (August and September 1989); Paul Hirst, 'After Henry' based on the piece of the same title which appeared in *New Statesman and Society* (21 July 1989); Michael Rustin, 'The Trouble with New Times' based on 'The Politics of Post-Fordism' which appeared in *New Left Review*, 175 (June/July). There are also three extracts here from *The Manifesto for New Times*, published in June 1989: 'The New Times', 'Paths to Renewal' and 'Realignment of Politics'. *The Manifesto* was written by Beatrix Campbell, Marian Darke, Tricia Davis, David Green, Joanna de Groot, Ron Halverson, Steve Hart, Martin Jacques, Charlie Leadbeater, Bert Pearce, Jeff Rodrigues, Mhairi Stewart and Nina Temple, and was subsequently amended by the Communist Party executive committee.

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