

Brundtland Report Revisited: Toward a New Humanist Agenda¹

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ABSTRACT In the spirit of the *Brundtland Report*, the article singles out not only the profound institutional and cultural barriers to accomplishing a more sustainable development, but reflects on several of the necessary radical steps and strategies: the transformation of capitalism, the transformation of politics and regulation, the restructuring of science and education, and a revolution in culture. The article points out several untapped forms of education, in part viewing society as a learning system where a multitude of small actions can make a major difference. It ends with a tentative proposition of a new humanist agenda for a sustainable future. In general, the article addresses the challenge of transforming the complex aggregate of modern society – its cultural, economic, political and scientific components — in order to tackle dramatic environmental destruction.