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Work Together, Trust Each Other In All Kinds of Weather

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In the face of multiple crises and the polarization of public debate, Éloi Laurent advocates another way forward: cooperation.

At a time when society is fragmenting, it no longer seems possible to have a discussion, to speak civilly or to come to an agreement. An epidemic of loneliness, ubiquitous monetization at the expense of health, the digital hold on human relationships, disruption of the meaningfulness of work, etc.—the crisis in cooperation takes many forms. In order to confront today's democratic and environmental issues, we must urgently imagine new forms of social life freed of the grip of economism and the all-consuming digital world. This is Éloi Laurent's message in his stirring manifesto, part philosophy, part economics. While human cooperation has been trapped in too restrictive a definition and equated with collaboration, Laurent details the levers at our disposal for regenerating our intimate connections, social and vital—a condition indispensable to founding a society that will steward its ecosystems and human members alike.