The best of times or the worst of times? – a reading guide before COP26

Will the 26th climate conference of nations, the COP26 in Glasgow (from Sunday 31 October to Friday 12 November) be the turning point where world leaders will finally find the courage to deliver what it needed to tackle the climate emergency or will it once more be the usual ‘much ado about nothing’ high-level media circus?

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- Laurent, From welfare to farewell, ETUI (2021)
- Bollen, Van Hauwaert, Beys, For a fair and effective industrial climate transition (2021)
- Sabato and Fronteddu, A socially just transition through the European Green Deal?, ETUI (2020)
- Galgóczi, Towards a just transition: coal, cars and the world of work, ETUI (2019)
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