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The editorial board of *Eszmélet* organized a round table on the 10th of July 2017 on the new book by József Böröcz (*Hasított fa. A vilárendszer-elmélettől a globális struktúraváltásig* [Split wood. From world systems-analysis to global structural change], *Eszmélet Könyvtár*, Budapest, L'Harmattan Kiadó, 2017). The roundtable was chaired by Attila Meleg, with the participation of Annamária Artner, József Böröcz, György Földes and Tamás Geröcs. Below we republish the edited and expanded version of the contributions of Annamária Artner and Tamás Geröcs. In our next issue the contribution of György Földes will also be published

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