



Marxism's Theoretical Tradition After Marx: A Reading and Discussion Program

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[For a brief biography of names and definitions of terms that may be unfamiliar, refer to T. Bottomore, Ed., **A Dictionary of Marxist Thought.**]

A. The first theoretical generation after Marx and Engels

1. Austro-Marxism: Marxism in the Vienna of Freud, Carnap, Wittgenstein, and Strauss

T. Bottomore and P. Goode, **Austro-Marxism**, Ch. 1,2, and 7 (first Adler piece)

R. Hilferding, "Bohm-Bawerk's Criticism of Marx" and P. Sweezy, "Introduction" both in P. Sweezy, ed., **Karl Marx and the Close of his System.**

2. Russian Marxism: Russian Social Democratic Party, Lenin, Bolshevism

V.I. Lenin, **Materialism and Empirio-Criticism**, Ch 2, 6
"Conspectus on Hegel's Book, *The Science of Logic*" in **Collected Works, vol. 38** (especially Book 3)
"On the Question of Dialectics" in **Ibid.**

State and Revolution

Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism

The Emancipation of Women

Left-wing Communism: An Infantile Disorder

G. Plekhanov, **Socialism and Political Struggle**
The Role of the Individual in History
Essays in the History of Materialism

- G. Lukacs, **Lenin: A Study on the Unity of his Thought**
- L. Althusser, **Lenin and Philosophy** (especially the essays “Lenin and Philosophy” and “Lenin Before Hegel”)
3. The Struggle in Germany: Reform or Revolution
- R. Luxemburg, **Social reform or Revolution**
The Accumulation of Capital, Section 3
- K. Kautsky, **The Road to Power**
- E. Bernstein, **Evolutionary Socialism**, especially the Introduction and the Conclusion
4. The larger context: imagining and constructing transitions from capitalism to communism
- F. Engels, **Socialism: Utopian and Scientific**

B. Marxism and the Consequences of Soviet Power

1. “Official Marxism” and the Third International: economic or political determinisms?
- J. Stalin, **The Foundations of Leninism**
Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR
- L. Trotsky, **Terrorism and Communism**
The New Course
The Permanent Revolution
- O. Lange, **Political Economy**, Vol. 1, Ch1 and 2
- M. Cornforth, **Materialism and the Dialectical Method**
- D. Guest, **A Textbook of Dialectical Materialism**
- N. Bukharin, **The Theory of Historical Materialism**

N. Bukharin and E. Preobrazhensky, **The ABC of Communism**

M. Dobb, **Studies in the Development of Capitalism**, Ch 1 and 8

P. Sweezy, **The Theory of Capitalist Development**, Chs 11 and 13-18

E. Mandel, **Late Capitalism**, Ch 1, 17, and 18

2. Dissents from “Official Marxism”: turning to culture and to the analysis of Thinking (of theory) itself

General works: S. Resnick and R. Wolff, **Knowledge and Class**, ch 2.
New Left Review, **Western Marxism: A Critical Reader**

Georg Lukacs, **History and Class Consciousness**, especially the essays,
“What is Orthodox Marxism?”
“Class Consciousness”
“Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariate”
The Ontology of Social Being, Vol 2

Antonio Gramsci, **Prison Notebooks, Vol. 1** Edited by Joseph Buttigieg,
Especially the Introduction, pp. 1-64
The Modern Prince

Frank Annunziato, “Gramsci’s Theory of Trade Unionism”
Rethinking Marxism 1:2 (Summer 1988)

R. Wolff, “Gramsci, Marxism and Philosophy” *Rethinking Marxism* 2:2 (Summer 1989)

Chantal Mouffe, ed., **Gramsci and Marxist Theory**,
especially essays by Mouffe and Paggi.

The Frankfurt School:

Max Horkheimer, **Critical Theory: Selected Essays** ,
especially the essays “Materialism and
Metaphysics” and “Traditional and Critical
Theory.”

A. Arato and E. Gebhardt, eds., **The Essential Frankfurt School Reader**, especially the essays by
Horkheimer, “The End of Reason;” Herbert
Marcuse, “Some Social Implications of Modern
Technology;” Walter Benjamin, “The Author as
Producer;” and Theodor Adorno, “Subject and
Object.”

W. Benjamin, “The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical
Reproduction,” in his book of essays entitled
Illuminations

Martin Jay, **The Dialectical Imagination: A History of
the Frankfurt School**

Herbert Marcuse, **One-Dimensional Man: Studies in the
Ideology of Advanced Industrial Society**

Some other Marxists of note:

Ernst Bloch, **The Principle of Hope** and **On Karl Marx**

Karl Korsch, **Marxism and Philosophy**

V.N. Voloshinov, **Freudianism: A Marxist Critique**

C. World War II and after: the proliferation of many Marxisms

1. Marxism beyond Europe

- Mao Tse-tung (original anglicized spelling)
“On Contradiction”
“On Practice”
“On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the
People”
“On Liberalism”
- Samir Amin, **Unequal Development** and **Eurocentrism**
- C.L.R. James, **Black Jacobins** and **At the Rendezvous of
History**
- Edward Said, **Orientalism**
- Bryan S. Turner, **Marx and the End of Orientalism**
- Amilcar Cabral, **Unity and Struggle: Selected Speeches and
Writings**

2. Althusser and the Explosion of French Marxism

- Louis Althusser, **Reading Capital**, Parts I and II.
For Marx, Chs 3, 6, and 7.
Politics and History, especially the essay
entitled, “Marx’s Relation to Hegel”
Lenin and Philosophy, especially the essays,

“Lenin and Philosophy”, “Preface to Capital”, and “Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses.”

Essays in Self-Criticism, especially the essays, “Elements of Self-Criticism” and “Is it Simple to be a Marxist in Philosophy?”

- A. Callari and D. Ruccio, Eds., **Postmodern Materialism and the Future of Marxist Theory: Essays in the Althusserian Tradition**
- Jean-Paul Sartre, “Marxism and Existentialism” in **Search for a Method and The Critique of Dialectical Reason**
- Henri Lefebvre, **Dialectical Materialism** and **The Sociology of Marx** and **The Critique of Everyday Life**
- Lucien Goldmann, **The Human Sciences and Philosophy**
- Mark Poster, **Existential Marxism in Postwar France**

3. Italian Marxism

- Antonio Negri, **Marxism Beyond Marx**

4. Contradictions within Soviet Marxism

- David Bakhurst, **Consciousness and Revolution in Soviet Philosophy**

5. Marxism and Postmodernism

- Raymond Williams, **Marxism and Literature**
- Stuart Hall, “On Postmodernism and Articulation: An Interview,” in E. Ann Kaplan, **Postmodernism and its Discontents**
- Warren Montag, “What is at Stake in Postmodernism?” in Kaplan, **Ibid.**
- Resnick and Wolff, **Knowledge and Class**, Ch 1.
- Fred Jameson, “Marxism and Postmodernism” in *New Left Review* 176 (July-August, 1989).
- A. Callari, S. Cullenberg, and C. Biewener, eds., **Marxism in the Postmodern Age**, Introduction and essays by Amariglio and Ruccio, Montag. Norton, and Sandler and Diskin.
- J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff, eds., **Class and its Others**, Editors’ Introduction.
- J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff, eds.,

**Re/Presenting Class: Essays in
Postmodern Marxism**, Editors'
Introduction.

6. New and Recent Directions in Marxist Class Analytics

- Bruce Norton, "Reading Marx for Class," in Gibson-Graham, Resnick and Wolff, **Re/Presenting Class**, 23-55. [Note: the other essays in this volume illustrate Norton's argument.]
- Resnick and Wolff, **Knowledge and Class**, Ch. 3.
- Erik Olin Wright, **Class Counts**, Ch 1.
- Resnick and Wolff, "'The Diversity of Class Analyses: A Critique of Erik Olin Wright and Beyond.'" *Critical Sociology* 29:1 (April 2003), 7-28. [Note: This entire issue of *Critical Sociology* is devoted to articles that expand upon and develop the Resnick and Wolff critique of E.O. Wright.]
- Wolff, "Marxism and Democracy," *Rethinking Marxism*, 12:1 Spring 2000, 112-122.
- Anjan Chakrabarti and Stephen Cullenberg, **Transition and Development in India**, esp. chaps 1 and 3.
- Wolff, **Democracy at Work: A Cure for Capitalism**
- Wolff and Resnick, **Contending Economic Theories: Neoclassical, Keynesian and Marxian**
- David M. Brennan et al, Editors. **Routledge Handbook of Marxian Economics**
- Theodore A. Burczak et al, Editors. **Knowledge, Class, and Economics: Marxism Without Guarantees**