

Praxis in Marx and Marxism

Prague, December 14-15, 2022

The question of praxis has become a vexed one, and not just in its relationship to theory. Is *transforming* the world simply a matter of political engagement? Is it a matter of socio-economic production or a more fundamental engagement with what Marx called the capitalist social form? Or does it call for a reconsideration of human activity as a whole? Following Moishe Postone's influential argument, the traditional Marxian notion of praxis clearly remained subject to a productivist ontology. In the wake of Postone's critique, however, subsequent value-form readings of *Capital* as a monetary labour theory of value have arguably turned away from the problem of praxis to address the exegesis of Marx's categorial critique of capitalism. Can the notion of praxis be revised in the context of planetary climate change and the persistence of late capitalism? Can Marx's thought, and *a fortiori* traditional Marxism, withstand a challenge to a deeply embedded notion of productionist praxis? Is there an alternative that might still remain faithful to the Marxian oeuvre, or to its spirit?

The conference will be held at Academic Conference Centre (Akademické konferenční centrum) in central Prague (<http://www.akc-avcr.cz/>).

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Program:

Wednesday, 14 December 2022

9:00-9:30 COFFEE & SNACKS

9:30-9:40 INTRODUCTION

9:40-11:20 **GRAMSCIAN PERSPECTIVES**

Stefano Franchi (Independent Scholar, Austin, Texas)

Gramsci's Praxis from Borg to Gilead

Jana Ndiaye Berankova (Columbia University)

Rossi contra Tafuri: Italian Architectural Theory and Marxism in the 1960s

Michael Peterson (DePaul University)

Language, Inheritance, and Praxis in the Work of Antonio Gramsci

11:20-11:35 COFFEE BREAK

11:35-12:45 **PRAXIS IN MARX**

Alberto Moreiras (Texas A&M University)

Praxis as Experience

Nick Nesbitt (Princeton University)

The Proof of the Pudding is in the Pudding: Theoreticism contra Praxis

12:45-14:45 LUNCH BREAK

14:45-16:25 **PRAXIS IN EASTERN EUROPEAN MARXISM I**

Monika Woźniak (Institute of Philosophy, CAS)

Praxis and Knowledge of Nature in Evald Ilyenkov and Jarosław Ładosz

Sasha Freyberg (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)

Correlation and Agency: The Praxis Debates of Marxist Philosophy in the GDR

Ivan Landa (Institute of Philosophy, CAS)

Thought and Action: Praxis in Czech Marxism

16:25-16:40 COFFEE BREAK

16:40-17:50 **PRAXIS IN EASTERN EUROPEAN MARXISM II**

Una Blagojević (Central European University)

Yugoslav Philosophy of Praxis: Heidegger and the Crisis of Humanity

Jiří Růžička (Institute of Philosophy, CAS)

Praxis as a Site for the Emergence of Something New

18:30 DINNER

Thursday, 15 December 2022

9:30-10:40 **HEIDEGGERIAN CRITIQUES**

Laurence Hemming (Lancaster University)

What does Praxis Realise – Heidegger and the Place of Politics

Kurt Mertel (American University of Sharjah)

Expanding the Terrain of Emancipation: Massimo Cacciari and Left-Heideggerianism

10:40-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:20 **PRAXIS FROM A CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE**

Maddalena Cerrato (Texas A&M University)

Cybercapitalism and Infrapolitical Praxis

Jon Beasley-Murray (University of British Columbia)

Posthegemonic Praxis?

Gareth Williams (University of Michigan)

Extinction, Praxis, and the Concealed Ground of Alienation

Michael Hauser (Institute of Philosophy, CAS)

Praxis and Anti-value as the Dominant Form of Capital

13:30 LUNCH