

Praxis in Marx and Marxism

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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 traditional Marxism, withstand a challenge to a deeply embedded notion of productionist praxis?

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