

## Associations

### Marcello Musto: **War and the Left**

Marcello Musto's important study outlines the contours of Marxism's theoretical position on the question of war. Since the middle of the 19th century, there have been many changes in interpretation, but the author has nevertheless found the most methodologically important motifs, theses and timely messages. Capitalist wars are always about capital and the economic interests of the bourgeoisie, although the author does not deny the thesis of national wars and the right of nations to self-determination. The great debate today is how the Marxist view of the Ukrainian-Russian war fits into the recognition of the right of nations to self-determination..... 5

### Boyan Stanislavski: **Fantasies of the Ukrainian-Polish dream state**

The author examines the historical and current geopolitical background of the Ukrainian-Polish rapprochement in the shadow of war, using publicistic tools to conclude that this strange "alliance" and the war rhetoric of Poland in general could potentially lead not only the Eastern European region but also humanity as a whole into a catastrophe. Stanislavski also points out that such a nation-state alliance based solely on anti-Russian sentiments and Russophobia, whose existence depends on the interests of the United States of America as a great power, cannot be stable..... 22

### Ricardo Antunes: **Pandemic capitalism: What now?**

Ricardo Antunes investigates the structure of capitalism in the context of Covid-19. He argues that it is not the coronavirus that has brought us to the world we live in today, but that it has exposed, and of course exacerbated the problems of the terrible capitalist conditions. One of his main conclusions is that the pandemic did not take place on the margins of, or outside, the social metabolic reproductive order of capital, but was the result and consequence of the system's nature-destructive character..... 30

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Péter Agárdi: **Reception and ideology of Attila József (1945–1989).** *István Király on the poet*

The reception and cult of Attila József has always sensitively reflected the dominant and oppositional ideologies of the time, and has also had a significant impact on them. In the few years after liberation, it was possible to enjoy and interpret his artistic value and his ideological messages without prejudice and vulgarisation, but from 1948 onwards the poet's oeuvre and poetry became a victim of daily politics and Stalinist distortions. From 1958 until the collapse of the state socialist regime, the rigid canon was gradually dissolved, then pluralised and re-ideologised. Although István Király was not a specialist in Attila József as a researcher, his numerous speeches, writings and public appearances prove that he not only reflected but also shaped the Attila József canon. At the same time, on the threshold of the recapitalising regime change, he was preparing to run in opposition, and he undertook to praise the poet's left-wing worldview and „yet morality”, while at the same time acknowledging his own 40-year communist commitment ..... 45

Noémi Szőke: **„Gályások”.** *Hungarian migrants in the London labour market*

This study explores the working experiences of Hungarian migrants in their destination country, England, London in the last decade. Relying on her participant observations and interviews, the author formulates a picture through the eyes of Hungarian migrant laborers regarding how the labour market physically, mentally and economically exploits them. She explains the motives of the main economic actors (employment agencies, employers) and the manipulative tools at their disposal to achieve these exploitations; in addition to discussing how all of these fit into the wider socio-economic context ..... 80

Emil Øversveen: **Capitalism and alienation.** *Towards a Marxist theory of alienation for the 21st century*

Alienation is, in the author's correct view, not an anthropological issue, but a specific product of the very capitalist modernization that the author wishes to transcend. It should be analysed not in the manner of conservatism and Frankfurt paternalism, but as an obstacle to the process of socialisation. The Marxist theory of alienation is not intended to explain all subjective, psychic experiences and feelings of life. It suffices, for example, to predict that alienation will increase when the development of production and technology coincides with the processes of commodification and marketisation, or when the institutions of democracy and collective self-determination are dismantled and replaced by market mechanisms ..... 106

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Sándor Roland Krajcsi: **The joint Cuban–Soviet space mission in the light of propaganda and reality**

On 18 September 1980, the Republic of Cuba reached a major milestone in its history when it was able to send its own astronaut into the infinite cosmos as member of the international space programme 'Intercosmos' coordinated by the Soviet Union. The significance of the journey was further enhanced by the fact that

Cuban astronaut Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez had African ancestors. Thus the small Caribbean Island sent the first black cosmonaut into space, who at the same time was the first Latin American astronaut too. The Cuban leadership quickly recognised the importance and the potential of the expedition, which therefore became an important propaganda tool on the island. This study examines the economic, political and social impact of the space travel on Cuba, both on the level of reality and propaganda..... 131

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Gábor Szász: **The impact of artificial intelligence on jobs**

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Nancy Lindisfarne – Jonathan Neale: **All things being equal**

The new book about the early human societies by David Graeber and David Wengrow is a passionate statement against social inequalities and oppression. But the authors make a mistake when they want to counter the apologetic arguments of liberal and conservative authors by moving into an extreme position of stating that the appearance and persistence of inequality does not have, and never ever had, any objective ecological-social roots. In fact, the understanding of objective conditions and their evolution is indispensable for winning the fight for social transformation in our time ..... 168

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