

**SOCIOLOGY 9191A**  
**Social Science in the Marxian Tradition**  
**Fall 2020**

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**Class times and location**

Wednesday 10:30am -12:30pm  
Virtual synchronous

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**Technical Requirements:**



Stable internet connection



Laptop or computer



Working microphone



Working webcam

“The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways.  
The point, however, is to change it.”  
– Karl Marx

That is the point, it’s true—but not in this course. This quote, indirectly, hints at a deep tension in Marxism. If we want to change the world we need to understand it. But the desire to change something can infect our understanding of it. This is a pervasive dynamic in the history of Marxism and the first step is to admit there is a problem. This means acknowledging the presence of wishful thinking, without letting it induce paralysis. On the other hand, if there are pitfalls in being upfront in your desire to change the world there are also virtues. The normative

goal of social change helps to avoid common trappings of academia, in particular, the laser focus on irrelevant questions. Plus, in having a set of value commitments, stated clearly, you avoid the false pretense that values don't enter in the backdoor in social science, which they often do if you're paying attention.

With this caveat in place, Marxian social science really does have a lot to offer in understanding the world and that's what we'll analyze in this course.

The goal is to look at the different hypotheses that broadly emerge out of the Marxian tradition and see the extent to which they can be supported both theoretically and empirically. And we should in principle be open minded enough to toss out the dross and keep what can withstand the scrutiny of contemporary social science.

Apart from this sorting exercise, the purpose of this course is to introduce students to major theoretical and empirical debates in Marxian research. It approaches Marxian social analysis as a theoretical tradition and a program for social scientific research—not a unified paradigm with preset answers for all questions. For that reason we focus little on Marx's own writings and the classical literature, and more on core themes, theoretical problems, and substantive areas of analysis developed within the Marxian tradition. Readings are selected on the basis of clarity of exposition rather than their position within the canon; they focus on what I take to be the questions at the heart of the Marxian research project, but are not always consistent with Marx's own ideas. Some of the readings are attempts to empirically test ideas rooted in the Marxist tradition; they serve as exemplars for those interested in pursuing similar lines of research.

I take the following questions to form the core of Marxian research:

- (1) How are resources allocated in capitalist economies?;
- (2) How does this allocation affect political power?; and,
- (3) How does this allocation affect social change and social stability?

The first question is about class analysis *per se*, the second is about classes and states, and the third is about classes and historical dynamics. All of these questions are centrally about social class, which, depending on the topic, serves as the independent and dependent variable of Marxian social science. When we study the causal impact of class on ideology or states or gender or race, we're doing independent variable Marxism; when we study the historic development of class structures or class formations themselves, we're doing dependent variable Marxism.

The course begins with the examination of class structure and capital accumulation. We then examine the centrality of class at the core of Marxian research and analyze differences between Marxian and non-Marxian perspectives. We move onto the relationship between class and gender, and class and race. The final section delves into a variety of theoretical problems in Marxian class analysis including the question of how classes form as collective actors, how class compromises are forged, the relationship between class and the state, and finally, the dynamics between class and historical change. We close by examining classic Marxian arguments for the emergence of socialism and more recent attempts to re-imagine these formulations. We will read these historical, political, and economic contributions from a Marxian framework, and assess their strengths and weakness.

**Structure of the course:** Each class will be divided into the first hour where I will lecture for about 20-30 minutes on the topic, and the remainder of the hour will be devoted to “stupid questions” where we will cover the basic ideas again, and people will ask stupid questions like, “Can you repeat that” and “What’s the definition of…” and “Wait, how does that argument work?”

Over the second hour we’ll go through student memos on the weekly reading. You will have a chance to elaborate on your memo comments in class. Wait, what are memos?

Each week everyone will prepare short written memos, 150-300 words long, engaging some theme or problem in the reading. These should not be summaries or exegeses of the texts, nor mini-essays with extended commentaries on the readings. The point is to pose *focused questions that will serve as the basis for the seminar discussion*. As you do the readings each week, think about an issue that you really want discussed and clarified, and then formulate your comments to set up that discussion. While you’ll describe what you see as the issues in play in the question, you do not need to stake out a position (although you can if you want). The key is to pose a clear question that you want to discuss. It is entirely appropriate for questions to focus on ideas, arguments, or passages, which you do not understand. So you should come to class prepared both to talk about your memo and also to pose a “stupid question” or two.

Memos must be posted in our Google doc each Monday at 3pm – late memos will receive no marks.

**Reading:** All readings (except for the supplementary/background ones) mentioned in the syllabus are mandatory, and they should be completed *before* class. The supplementary/background reading material is meant as introduction or guide to further research in specific areas and may be useful in writing your papers.

**Grading:** Your final grade for this course, on a scale from A to F, will be based on:

- i) Attendance and participation in class (25%)
- ii) Weekly memos (25%)
- iii) Final paper (50%)

**Academic Honesty:** If you are unclear how to cite properly, please consult me or a tutor at the writing center. Plagiarism carries severe consequences including, but not limited to, failure from the course.

**General background reading:** This course does not require background in Marxist ideas, but if you feel the need to brush up and get a broader understanding of the theoretical context I would recommend one or more of the following. In particular, the Wolff book is an excellent and very short summary of the relevant literature:

Wolff, J. *Why read Marx today?*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2003.

Gamble, A., D. Marsh and T. Tant (eds). *Marxism and Social Science*. University of Illinois Press, 1999.

Bidet, J. (ed). *Critical Companion to Contemporary Marxism*. London: Brill, 2007, especially, “Whither Anglo-Saxon Marxism” by Callinicos, and “Analytical Marxism,” by Bertram.

Sweezy, P. *Theory of Capital Development*. New York: Monthly Review, 1964. Introduction and ch. 1.

Elster, J. *An Introduction to Karl Marx*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986.

Heilbroner, R. *Marxism: For and Against*. W.W. Norton & Company, 1980.

Mandel, E. *An Introduction to Marxist Economic Theory*, Pathfinder, 1973.

Manza, J. and M.A. McCarthy. “The neo-Marxist legacy in American sociology.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 37 (2011): 155-183.

Foley, D. 2006. “The Severest Critic,” p. 86-154, in *Adam’s Fallacy: A Guide to Economic Theology*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Chibber, V. 2018. *ABCs of Capitalism*. Jacobin.

### **Required Texts:**

Erik Olin Wright. *Marxist Social Science*. Unpublished Manuscript [Note: Called MSS below, please do not share or cite this manuscript]

### **Recommended Texts:**

Erik Olin Wright. *Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis*. Cambridge University Press, 1997. [Note: Student version from 2000 omits most of the technical discussions and data analysis; students interested in the statistical discussions might prefer the 1997 edition]

John E. Roemer. *Free to Lose: An Introduction to Marxist Economic Philosophy*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1988.

## **1. Sept 16 – Organizational session**

## **2. Sept 23 – The Marxian tradition, social science, and the role of class**

Required:

- Erik Olin Wright. 1997. “Class Analysis” in Class Counts, p. 1-34.
- Erik Olin Wright. 1999. “What is Analytical Marxism” and “Marxism as a Social Science” in Interrogating Inequality, p. 178-210.
- Erik Olin Wright. “Introduction” and “Basic Concepts” in MSS, p. 1-15.

## Background:

- Alvin Gouldner. The Two Marxisms: Contradictions and Anomalies in the Development of Theory, ch. 1.
- John E. Roemer. *Free to lose: An introduction to Marxist economic philosophy*. Harvard University Press, 1988. ch. 1: Introduction
- Jon Elster. *An Introduction to Karl Marx*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986. Ch. 1: “Introduction” and Ch. 2 “Marxist Methodology”

## Supplementary:

- Callinicos, A. (2004). *Making history: Agency, structure, and change in social theory*. Brill.
- Kymlicka, W. *Contemporary political philosophy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002. “Ch. 5 - Marxism”
- Burawoy, M. “Marxism after communism.” *Theory and Society* 29, 2 (2000): 151-174.
- Erik Olin Wright, 2011. “What is Emancipatory Social Science?” Ch. 1 in *Envisioning Real Utopias*, New York: Verso.
- Daniel Little. *The Scientific Marx*. Univ. of Minnesota Press, 1986.
- Daniel Little. “Marxism and method.” in Glaser, Daryl, and David M. Walker, eds. *Twentieth-century Marxism: A global introduction*. Routledge, 2007.
- Daniel Little. “Ch. 1 - Microfoundations of Marxism.” in *Microfoundations, method, and causation*. Transaction Publishers, 1998.
- Veneziani, R. (2012). Analytical Marxism. *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 26(4), 649-673.
- EO Wright, “Marxism after Communism,” in Interrogating Inequality, Ch. 11.
- Ellen Meikins Woods, 1981. “The Separation of the Economic and the Political in Capitalism,” *New Left Review*, 127.
- Levine, A. *A Future for Marxism? Althusser, the Analytical Turn, and the Revival of Socialist Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004.
- Alasdair McIntyre. “What is Marxist Theory For?”, in Alasdair MacIntyre's Engagement with Marxism: Selected Writings 1953-1974 edited by Paul Blackledge, Neil Douglas Davidson. p.96-101.
- Ernest Mandel, The Formation of the Thought of Karl Marx, selections
- Derek Sayer, Marx's Method: Ideology, Science and Critique in Capital, selections
- Maurice Dobb, Theories of Value and Distribution since Adam Smith, ch. 6, “Karl Marx”, pp. 137-166
- Geras, Norman, 1983. Marx and Human Nature: Refutation of a Legend. London: Verso.
- Clarke, S. Marx, Marginalism, and Modern Sociology, ch. 4 & 9.
- Anderson, P. (2016). *Considerations on western Marxism*. London: Verso Books.
- Joan Robinson, 1969. An Essay on Marxian Economics, selections.
- Wallace Clement & John Myles – “Class relations in Industrial Capitalism”, from The Relations of Ruling: Class and Gender in Postindustrial Societies, p. 3-21.

- Jeff Manza and Michael A. McCarthy. "The neo-Marxist legacy in American sociology." *Annual Review of Sociology* 37 (2011): 155-183.
- Geuss, R. The Idea of Critical Theory, ch. 3. "Critical Theory", pp. 55-95.
- Sweezy, P. "Marx's Method," in *The Theory of Capitalist Development*. New York: Monthly Review
- Meek, R. L. (1977). "Marginalism and Marxism," In *Smith, Marx, & After* (pp. 165-175). Springer, Boston, MA.
- Przeworski, A. "Marxism and rational choice." *Politics & Society* 14, no. 4 (1985): 379-409.
- Roemer, J. 1982. "Methodological Individualism and Deductive Marxism." *Theory and Society*. 11:513-520.
- Roemer, J. ed. 1986. *Analytical Marxism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Samuel Bowles and Herbert Gintis. *Democracy and Capitalism*. Basic Books, 1987. Ch. 1, "Politics, Economics, Democracy"

### 3. Sept 30 – Capitalism

Required:

- Erik Olin Wright. "The Political Economy of the Capitalist Mode of Production" in MSS, p. 56-120.

Background:

- Karl Marx, "Wage, Labor, and Capital" and "Value, Price, and Profit", selections.
- Howard Botwinick. 1993, "Capitalist Accumulation and the Aggregate Labor Market" in Persistent Inequalities.
- Jon Elster, *Making Sense of Marx*, "Ch. 3. Economics", 119-165.
- Paul Sweezy. The Theory of Capitalist Development, selections.

Supplementary:

- Joan Robinson, 1969. An Essay on Marxian Economics, selections.
- Karl Marx. Capital, V.1, selections
- Samuel Bowles, Richard Edwards, and Frank Roosevelt, *Understanding Capitalism: Competition, Command, and Change*, (Oxford: OUP, 2005).
- Duncan K. Foley. *Understanding capital: Marx's economic theory*. Harvard University Press, 2009.
- Robert Brenner, "Property and Progress: Where Adam Smith Went Wrong," in *Marxist History-Writing for the Twenty-First Century*, ed. Chris Wickham (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), 49–111.
- Dobb, M. H. (1975). "Karl Marx," in *Theories of value and distribution since Adam Smith: Ideology and economic theory*. Cambridge University Press.

- Anwar Shaikh, “Abstract and Concrete Labor,” “Capital as a Social Relation,” “Exploitation,” and “Surplus Value” in “Eatwell, J., Milgate, M., & Newman, P. (Eds.). (1990). *Marxian Economics*. Springer.
- Kliman, A. (2007). Capital. In *The Oxford Handbook of Karl Marx*. p. 1-21.
- Desai, M. “Capitalism”, in Eds: Bottomore, T., Harris, L., Kiernan, V. G., & Miliband, R. (1991). *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, Oxford, pp. 71-75 [5 pages]
- Piketty, T. *Capital in the twenty-first century*. Harvard University Press, 2017.
- Rebitzer, J. 1993, ‘Radical Political Economy and the Economics of Labor Markets’, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 31: 1394–434.
- Suresh Naidu, 2017. “A Political Economy Take on W/Y” in *After Piketty*.
- Wolff, R. P. 1988. *Moneybags must be so lucky*. Univ of Massachusetts Press.
- Wolff, R. P. 2014. *Understanding Marx: A reconstruction and critique of Capital*. Princeton University Press.
- Clegg, J. (2020). A Theory of Capitalist Slavery. *Journal of Historical Sociology*, 33(1), 74-98.
- Fine, B, and A. Saad-Filho. *Marx’s Capital (5<sup>th</sup> ed)*. Springer, 2016.
- Howard, M. C., & King, J. E. 1995. *The political economy of Marx*. NYU Press.
- Bowles, S. (1991). What markets can—and cannot—do. *Challenge*, 34(4), 11-16.
- Blaug, M. 1990. “A Methodological Appraisal of Marxian Economics” in Blaug, *Economic Theories: True or False?* Brookfield VT: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Fred Moseley. “Marx’s economic theory: True or false? A Marxian response to Blaug’s appraisal.” In Moseley, F. (ed.) (1995) *Heterodox Economic Theories: True or False?*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar.
- Mark Blaug. “Reply” In Moseley, F. (ed.) (1995) *Heterodox Economic Theories: True or False?*, Aldershot: Edward Elgar.
- Basu, D. (2017). Quantitative empirical research in Marxist political economy: A selective review. *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 31(5), 1359-1386.

#### 4. Oct 7 – Marxist class analysis and its alternatives

Required:

- Erik Olin Wright. “Class Structure” in MSS, p. 151-209.

Background:

- John E. Roemer. *Free to lose: An introduction to Marxist economic philosophy*. Harvard University Press, 2009. ch. 2, 4, and 5.
- Erik Olin Wright. 1997. “Class structure” & “The transformation of the American class structure: 1960-1990” in *Class Counts*, p. 43-66.
- Parkin, F. *Marxism and Class Theory: A Bourgeois Critique*, selections.

Supplementary:

- Richard Breen. (2005) Alternative Foundations for Class Analysis, Ch. 3. A Weberian framework for class analysis.
- Grusky, David B., and Jesper B. Sørensen. "Can class analysis be salvaged?." *American journal of Sociology* 103, no. 5 (1998): 1187-1234.
- Sørensen, A.B. 2000. "Toward a Sounder Basis for Class Analysis." *American Journal of Sociology* 105(6): 1523–1558.
- Erik Olin Wright. (2005) A framework for class analysis in the Marxist tradition in Alternative Foundations for Class Analysis, pp .4-30
- Sørensen, A.B. 2005 "The Foundations of a Rent-based Concept of Class", pp. 119-151 in Wright (ed.) *Approaches to Class Analysis*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Roemer, J. E. (1982). *A general theory of exploitation and class*. Harvard University Press.
- Roemer, J. E. (1982). New directions in the Marxian theory of exploitation and class. *Politics & Society*, 11(3), 253-287.
- Elster, J. (1982). Roemer versus Roemer: A Comment on" New Directions in the Marxian Theory of Exploitation and Class". *Politics & Society*, 11(3), 363-373.
- Elster, J. (1985), "Classes", in Making Sense of Marx, pp. 318-344 & 371-397
- Cottrell, A. (1984) "Modern Marxists on Social Classes" in Marxist Theory and Social Class
- Kliman, A. (2007). Exploitation. *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*.
- Chibber, V. (2007) "Developments in Marxist Class Analysis" pp.353-367 in Critical Companion to Contemporary Marxism
- Fine, B. 1998. "Human Capital Theory: Labour as Asset." In *Labour Market Theory: A Constructive Reassessment*, pp. 57–71.
- Goldthorpe, J.H. 2000. "Social Class and the Differentiation of Employment Contracts." In *On Sociology: Numbers, Narratives, and the Integration of Research and Theory*. Oxford University Press.
- Max Weber, "Status Groups and Classes," in Economy and Society I, pp. 302-307
- Wolff, R & Resnick, S. (2012) "Neoclassical Theory" – Contending Economic Theories, p. 51-104
- Wood, E.M. "History or Teleology? Marx versus Weber", ch. 5 in Democracy Against Capitalism: Renewing historical materialism
- Calnitsky, D. (2018). Structural and individualistic theories of poverty. *Sociology Compass*, 12(12), 1-14.
- Cohen, G. A. (1983). The structure of proletarian unfreedom. *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 3-33.
- Wright, EO. "The Shadow of Exploitation in Weber's Class Analysis," *American Sociological Review*, Dec. 2002, pp.832-853
- Wright, E. O., & Perrone, L. (1977). Marxist class categories and income inequality. *American Sociological Review*, 32-55.
- Wright, EO. "The Continuing Relevance of Class Analysis - Comments," *Theory and Society*, 1996, 25:5, Oct, 693-716.



- Goldthorpe, J.H. 2000. "Class analysis and the reorientation of class theory." In *On Sociology: Numbers, Narratives, and the Integration of Research and Theory*. Oxford University Press.
- Marshall, G. 1990. "John Goldthorpe and Class Analysis." In *Goldthorpe: Consensus and Controversy*. Falmer Press, Basingstoke.
- Rueschemeyer, D. and J. Mahoney. 2000. "A Neo- Utilitarian Theory of Class?" *American Journal of Sociology* 105(6): 1583–1591
- Sakamoto, A., & Kim, C. (2010). Is rising earnings inequality associated with increased exploitation? Evidence for US manufacturing industries, 1971–1996. *Sociological Perspectives*, 53(1), 19-43.

## 5. Oct 14 – Class and Gender

Required:

- Sen, Gita. 1980. "The Sexual Division of Labor and the Working Class Family: Towards a Conceptual Synthesis of Class Relations and the Subordination of Women." *Radical Review of Political Economy* 12(2): 76–86.
- Wright, E. O. (1993). Explanation and emancipation in Marxism and feminism. *Sociological Theory*, 39-54.
- Wright, E. O. "Conceptualizing the interaction of class and gender", ch.6 and "The noneffects of class on the gendered division of labor in the home", ch.8 in Class Counts

Background:

- Brenner, J. and Ramas, M. "Rethinking Women's Oppression" in New Left Review, pp. 33-71
- Heidi Hartman, "The Unhappy Marriage of Marxism and Feminism: towards a more progressive union", in *Women and Revolution*, ed by L Sargent (Boston: South End, 1981), pp. 1-42
- Maxine Molyneux, "Beyond the Domestic Labour Debate" *New Left Review*, 116.

Supplementary:

- Hartmann, Heidi. 1976. "Capitalism, patriarchy, and job segregation by sex." *Signs* 1:137-169.
- Michele Barrett, 1984. "Rethinking Women's Oppression: a Reply to Brenner and Ramas", *New Left Review*, 146.
- Angela Davis. 1981. *Women, Race, & Class*, selections.
- Secombe, W. 1974. "The housewife and her labour under capitalism" *New Left Review*, 83.
- S. Himmelweit and S. Mohun 'Domestic Labour and Capital', *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, Vol. 1, 1977
- Folbre, N., 1983. Of patriarchy born: The political economy of fertility decisions. *Feminist Studies*, 9(2), pp.261-284.

- Clement, W & Myles, J – “Household Relations Power Divisions and Domestic Labour” and “Bringing In Gender: Postindustrialism and Patriarchy”, from *The Relations of Ruling: Class and Gender in Postindustrial Societies*, p. 123-141; 142-175
- Stevi Jackson, “Marxism and Ferminism”, ch. 2 in Gamble, et. al, *Marxism and social science* (University of Illinois Press, 1999).
- MacKinnon, C. A. 1982. “Feminism, Marxism, Method, and the State: An Agenda for Theory”, *Signs*, 7(3), pp. 515-544
- MacKinnon, C. A. *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1989), pp.157-170
- Alison M. Jaggar, 1983. *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*, selections.
- Seccombe, W. *Weathering the Storm: Working-class families from the industrial revolution to the fertility decline*, Verso, ch. 6
- Weeks, Kathi. “From Wages for Housework to Basic Income” in *The problem with work: Feminism, Marxism, antiwork politics, and postwork imaginaries*. Duke University Press, 2011.
- Himmelweit, Susan. 1995. “The discovery of “unpaid work”: The social consequences of the expansion of “work”, *Feminist Economics*.
- Himmelweit, Susan. “Domestic Labour” in Eatwell, J., Milgate, M., & Newman, P. (Eds.). (1987). *Social Economics*. London: Macmillan. Pp. 35-38
- Fine, B. 2012, *Women's Employment and the Capitalist Family*, Ch. 1 & Appendix.
- Carling, A. (1995). Rational Choice Marxism and Postmodern Feminism: Towards a More Meaningful Incomprehension. In *Rational Choice Marxism* (pp. 301-323). Palgrave Macmillan, London.
- J. Humphries, “Protective Legislation, the Capitalist State, and Working class men,” *Feminist Review*, #7, 1981.
- J. Humphries, “Class Struggle and the persistence of the working class family”, *Cambridge J of Econ*, 1:3, 1977, pp.241-258
- McCall, K. 2005. The Complexity of Intersectionality, *Signs*, 30(31): 1771–1802
- Rosalind Pollack Petchesky. 1984. *Abortion and Woman's Choice: The State, Sexuality, and Reproductive Freedom*, selections.
- Goldthorpe, J. 1983. “Women and Class Analysis: In Defense of the Conventional View.” *Sociology* 17: 465–488.
- Stanworth, M. 1984. “Women and Class Analysis: A reply to John Goldthorpe.” *Sociology* 18(2): 161–169.
- Goldthorpe, J. 1984. “Women and Class Analysis: A reply to the Replies.” *Sociology* 18(4): 491–499.
- Folbre, N., 1991. The unproductive housewife: Her evolution in nineteenth-century economic thought. *Signs*, 16(3), pp.463-484.
- Folbre, N. (1982). Exploitation comes home: a critique of the Marxian theory of family labour. *Cambridge journal of Economics*, 6(4), 317-329.
- Engels, F. “The Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State”, especially the sections on the family.

- Karen Sacks, “Engels Revisited: Women, the Organization of Production and Private Property” in *Women, Culture, and Society*, ed. by Rosaldo and Lamphere (Stanford University Press, 1974).
- Bittman, M., England, P., Sayer, L., Folbre, N. and Matheson, G., 2003. When Does Gender Trump Money? Bargaining and Time in Household Work. *American Journal of sociology*, 109(1), pp.186-214.

## 6. Oct 21 – Class and Race

### Required:

- Clegg, J., & Usmani, A. (2019). The Economic Origins of Mass Incarceration. *Catalyst*, 3(3): 9-53.
- Calnitsky, D. and Martinez Billeaux, M. (2020). The class reductionist case for the centrality of race. Unpublished.

### Background:

- Bonacich, Edna. 1976. Advanced Capitalism and Black/White Relations in the United States: A Split Labor Market Interpretation. *American Sociological Review* 41: 34-51.
- Marable, M. (1982). The crisis of the Black working class: An economic and historical analysis. *Science & Society*, 130-161.
- Wright, E.O. 1979. “Race and Class”. In Class Structure and Income Determination.
- Clegg, J. J. (2015). Capitalism and Slavery. *Critical Historical Studies*, 2(2), 281-304.
- Reich, M. 1981, *Racial Inequality: A Political-Economic Analysis*, selections
- Rhonda M Williams. “Racial inequality and racial conflict: Recent developments in radical theory.” *Labor Economics: Problems in Analyzing Labor Markets*. Norwell: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993: 209-235.

### Supplementary:

- Derenoncourt, Ellora. (2018). Atlantic slavery’s impact on European and British economic development. [https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/elloraderenoncourt/files/derenoncourt\\_atlantic\\_slavery\\_europe\\_2018.pdf](https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/elloraderenoncourt/files/derenoncourt_atlantic_slavery_europe_2018.pdf)
- Derenoncourt, Ellora, and Claire Montialoux. (2018) "Minimum wages and racial inequality." *Harvard University Online Manuscript*. <http://www.clairemontialoux.com/files/DM2020.pdf>
- Williams, E. *Capitalism and slavery*. UNC Press Books, 2014 [1944].
- Clegg, J., & Foley, D. (2019). A classical-Marxian model of antebellum slavery. *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 43(1), 107-138.

- Naidu, S. (2020). American slavery and labour market power. *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 35(1), 3-22.
- Barbara J. Fields. 1990. "Slavery, Race and Ideology in the United States of America." *New Left Review*.
- Bonacich, Edna. 1980. Class Approaches to Ethnicity and Race. *Insurgent Sociologist*, X, no. 2, pp.9-24
- Mason, Patrick, 1995, "Race, Competition and Differential Wages" *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 19(4), pp. 545-567.
- Darity, William A., and Rhonda M. Williams. "Peddlers forever?: Culture, competition, and discrimination." *The American Economic Review* 75.2 (1985): 256-261.
- Goldfield, M. 1997. *The Color of Politics*. The New Press.
- Marabel, Manning. 1985. "Black Politicians and Bourgeois Democracy," in *Black American Politics* (London: Verso).
- Chibber, V. (2014). *Postcolonial theory and the specter of capital*. Verso Books.
- David James, 1988. "The Transformation of the Southern Racial State: class and race determinants of local-state structures", *American Sociological Review*, 53, pp.191-208.
- Albert, M. and R. Hahnel, "Kinship and History," in *Marxism and Socialist Theory* (Boston: South End Press, 1981), pp.197-230.
- Satnam Virdee, 2009. "Racism, Class and the Dialectics of Social Transformation", in *The SAGE handbook of Race and Ethnic Studies*, edited by Patricia Hill Collins and John Solomos, pp.135-165
- Gordon, David M., Richard Edwards, and Michael Reich. *Segmented work, divided workers: The historical transformation of labor in the United States*. Cambridge University Press, 1982.
- Reich, Michael, David M. Gordon, and Richard C. Edwards. "A theory of labor market segmentation." *The American Economic Review* 63, no. 2 (1973): 359-365.
- Robert Carter, "Marxism and Theories of Racism" in *Critical Companion to Contemporary Marxism*
- Meiksens Woods, E. 1995. "Capitalism and Human Emancipation: Race, Gender, and Democracy." In *Democracy against Capitalism*.
- McCarthy, M. A. (2016). Alternatives: Silent compulsions: capitalist markets and race. *Studies in Political Economy*, 97(2), 195-205.
- Rex, J. "Race" in *The Dictionary of Marxist Thought*, T. Bottomore.
- Reed Jr., Adolph and M Chowkwanyun. 2012. "Race, Class, Crisis: The Discourse of Racial Disparity and its Analytical Discontents" *Socialist Register*, 48, pp. 149-175.
- Banton, M. 1998. "Race as Class." In *Racial Theories*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Carling, A. 1991. "Ethnic Division." In *Social Division*. London: Verso

## 7. Oct 28 – Problems in Class Analysis (1) – Class Formation

### Required:

- Wright, E.O. “Class Formation” in MSS, p. 210-244.
- Wright, E.O. “A General Framework for Studying Class Consciousness and Class Formation”, ch. 10 in *Class Counts*
- Elster, J. (1985), “Class consciousness”, in Making Sense of Marx, pp. 344-371.

### Background:

- Claus Offe and Helmut Wiesenhal, “Two Logics of Collective Action: theoretical notes on social class and organizational form,” in Maurice Zeitlin (ed), *Political Power and Social Theory* , vol. 1, (1980), pp.67-116.
- Chibber, V. 2017. “Rescuing Class from the Cultural Turn.” *Catalyst*, 1: 37-56.
- Chibber, V. 2019. “Collective Action.” *ABCs of Capitalism*. 1-30.

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