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Introduction to Critical Theory

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PHIL220/CLS 207 Winter 2022

Lectures: Tues and Thurs 6.30 - 7.5: 555 Clark B01

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Connie Kang You should be signed up for discussion sections (discussion section attendance and participation is a course requirement.) Each has its own Canvas sites for activity specific to your sections. But use the combined course site for info about readings, announcements, modules, the class powerpoints and your submissions.

<u>In-class quiz:</u> This is scheduled for the usual lecture time of **Tuesday**, 27 Jan (6.30 pm). Taking this course means: you have ensured you will be available for this quiz on this date.

Required textbooks:

Robert C. Tucker, *The Marx-Engels Reader* (Norton, 1978) ISBN-10: 9780393090406; ISBN-13: 978-0393090406 Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* (Norton, 2005) ISBN-10: 0393059952; ISBN-13: 978-0393059953 Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality and Other Writings: Revised Student Edition* (Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought) [student edition] ISBN-10: 052169163X; ISBN-13: 978-0521691635.

Some supplementary readings are available on the Canvas site in the folder marked "Core readings". You will also find suggestions for background or further readings on the weekly topics in the Canvas folder: "Further Readings: Independent Research:" During the course, choose one reading of interest (your choice) from this "Further Readings" folder. One is sufficient and there is a wide variety of options, topics, and levels of difficulty.

Important information about submissions and their deadlines:

Extensions for assignments and other assessment components are not available in this course. In case of sickness or other disruptions, you should still submit what you have by the due date and time. If severely sick (or in an emergency), this could mean you are submitting an incomplete paper, or even an outline. Go ahead and do so (and you can send an advisory/explanatory note to your TA, and/or to P. Deutscher.) We will give you the grade that is possible, and, importantly, feedback. If something has gone wrong, you should let us know the circumstances - we may be able to take

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these into consideration. But in all cases, still submit what you have when it is due.) In your preparation, devise an outline your main points and the order in which you mean to present them. This is the best approach to paper-writing. It is also a valuable back up in case of emergencies. And, when writing papers, always use an automatically synching cloud format (Dropbox etc) — again, for backup in case of last-minute problems with computers or similar. We look forward to reading your work!

Section attendance: You should already be signed up for a weekly discussion section. Each week, attend the specific section for which you are enrolled — having attended that week's lecture and completed the assigned core reading(s). Be ready to discuss them (bring some brief reactions/thoughts/ questions to class). If you have more to say than time allows, you can always add an additional short posting after class to the discussion thread for that week/topic (and you can let your TA know by email you have done so). Postings are taken into consideration in your participation grade.

Each week there will be rapid discussion postings to complete in Canvas as pre- or post- class response. These can augment your participation grade. You can draw on your own postings as working resource for your papers. This forum is a good space for impressions, thoughts, and ideas in process, and for peers to respond to each other.

Assessment. The assessment is divided into 5 components as follows:

Attendance and participation (including on-line discussion postings on Canvas): 15%

Marx keyword exercise: 20%

Nietzsche assignment (prepared written paper): 30%

Freud assignment ("take home" questions): 25%

Final response paper (you can substitute with a video submission): 10%

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Due dates:

- 1) **Tues, 25 Jan:** 6.30-7.50. **Marx and Marxism keyword review** (scheduled in regular lecture time, no notes or books: this will require advance preparation (be sure you have studied and reviewed the main concepts discussed/debated in class in the first 3 weeks.) This exercise asks you to explain the meaning or significance (but also gives you scope to respond with your own thoughts) about a selection of keywords from this section in a time-limited format. It is in lieu of a mid-term or a final exam.
- 2) **Tues 22 Feb** (10 am) **4.5-5 pages** (double spaced, in font such as Times New Roman). A critical paper centered on Nietzsche (it can also be based on a dialogue with the thinkers we read in conjunction with Nietzsche (such as Marx, Fanon, or Richard). It is graded as an originally composed paper- you will be asked to briefly express your own ideas, giving reasons, in reference to the set reading. It is based in interpretation of, and your own response to, and arguments about, the material. The techniques of structured argument are also important. Although your argument is short, you should approach it as a series of steps. Devise a good structure for presenting the steps in a coherent and progressive order.
- 3) **Tues 8th March** (10 am): (Freud "take home" assignment) (graded as the equivalent of an in-class test that allows open books, notes, and half page long answers it will be similar to the Marx quiz, however you will be able to write this outside the classroom and over the space of a several days). It is important to begin this weekend exercise well-prepared. Attend all classes, do all reading and have your notes in order before prompts are released.
- 4) **Mon 14 March** (10 am): Final course reaction piece due (2 .5 pages). (It includes one "independent research" component. This means, you should make reference to one writer/commentator you consulted (during the course or at its end) from the many suggestions provided for further readings. You can find these further reading options in in the supplementary reading folders for each Modules, in the Canvas folder marked "Further Readings- Independent Research" and in the third (right hand) column below. (The final exercise will ask you how your choice of reading changed your understanding of a course topic, concept, or text of interest to you. Each week, be on the lookout for a theme or topic of special interest I will sometimes briefly mention further reading possibilities in class (Your choice could be a critic challenging one of the main authors, or even good commentator just explaining an interesting concept more fully.)

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WEEKLY CLASS		
	CORE READINGS (middle column)	AND FURTHER OPTIONS (3rd column
"The philosophers	s have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point,	however, is to change it" (Karl Marx, "Theses on
Feuerbach," p. 14	5	
		WITH
	SECTION ONE: MARX & MARXISM	
		NANCY FRASE
		EVA VON REDECKE
		SYLVIA FEDERIC
		VIVEK CHIBBE
		PARTHA CHATERJE
		CEDRIC J. ROBINSO
		albridg. Robinso.
	KARL MARX	Choose one reading of
	1818-1883	interest from this
		column during the
	FRIEDRICH ENGELS	quarter.
	1820-1895	You can usually find
		these readings under
	W.E.B. DU BOIS	the current Module
	1868-1963	each week on Canvas,
	VERÓNICA GAGO	Otherwise they are udner "Files" in the folder
	1976-	marked "Further
	1370-	Readings- Independent
		Research" (along with
		some further options for
		each topic)

"It was necessary ...to present the capitalistic method of production in its...inevitableness during a particular historical period, and therefore... its inevitable downfall; and to lay bare its essential character which was still a secret. This was done by the discovery of surplus value. . . the appropriation of unpaid labor is the basis of the capitalist mode of production and of the exploitation of the worker . . . even if the capitalist buys the labor power at its full value as a commodity on the market, [they] yet extrac[t] more value from it than . . . paid for" (Engels, "Socialism: Utopian and Scientific," *Marx-Engels Reader*, p. 701

"Surplus is generated out of the difference between the value of the labor-power and the value produced during the activity of labor. It is because the capitalist appropriates this surplus that Marx describes workers as "exploited." They do not receive the surplus they produce," Peter Osbourne, *How to Read Marx*, 95.

Session 1A:	Core Reading:	Further reading:
(Tues 4 Jan)		David Harvey, "The
Keywords:	Friedrich Engels, "Working Class Manchester," (Excerpt from <i>The Condition of</i>	Working Day," A
Industrial Revolution	the Working Class in England) [1845], Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 579-585.	Companion to Marx's Capital

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•Working conditions (of proletariat under capitalism) Dehumanization

Karl Marx, from chapter 10, excerpt from "The Working Day," in Capital: volume one [1867], Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 365-376 (from "The Factory Act of 1850..."

•Poverty(of the proletariat)

And, see at: pp 490 of the *Marx-Engels Reader*, the 10 measures proposed by Marx and Engels in the *Communist Manifesto* to radically transform society's class divisions. Then read all of the 2nd essay: pp 483-491.

*Surplus value (Exploitation) Class Understanding society in terms of class-based antagonism *Bourgeoisie *Proletariat

For your ongoing reflection: How would you interpret Marx's comment: "moments are the elements of profit," (Marx-Engels Reader, p. 366)?

(Capital, capitalist)

Optional Extras

* Communist revolution

Karl Marx, "Inaugural Address and Provisional Rules of the International Working Men's Association" [1864], *Marx-Engels Reader*, pp. 512-520. (Includes further discussion of the abysmal working conditions for wage laborers in much of Europe this time and the project to counter this with new forms of (both national and international) organized solidarity of workers)

Emancipation
And a further term you'll
see in the readings and
we'll return to

Friedrich Engels, "Speech at the Graveside of Karl Marx" [1883], Marx-Engels Reader pp. 681-682.

Internationalism (Marx and Engels call for the workers of the world to unite London: Verso, 2011: pp. 135-160.

Are the "machines" the enemy? Marx, "Excerpt on machines," Grundrisse (in Marx/Engels Reader, see 283-285 (or pp 278-285); and see also p. 293, where he imagines a future of machines as the collective property of the working class.

For more on this question, you could see David Harvey in *Companion to Marx's Capital*, pp. 201--235 (sections: "Machine Development, Value Transfers, and Effects on Workers" and "Machinery and Large-Scale Industry"

[&]quot;Estrangement is manifested not only in the fact that my means of life belong to someone else...", Marx, "Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844"

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"Marx looked behind the sphere of exchange, into the 'hidden abode' of production, in order to discover capitalism's secrets, I shall seek production's conditions of possibility behind that sphere, in realms that are more hidden still," Nancy Fraser, "Behind Marx's Hidden Abode," p. 57.

Session 1B:

(Thurs 6 Jan) **Keywords:** Labor Power (as a Commodity)

"Primitive" (or, "Originary") Accumulation

Expropriation (of the agricultural population from the land [from access to means of production]

"The Secret of Primitive [/Originary] Accumulation," and "Expropriation of the Agricultural Population from the Land," (from Capital, vol. one, [1867],) Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 431-435

Karl Marx, "The Labor Process" (from Capital: volume one [1867], Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 344-351

David Harvey, "The Secret of Primitive Accumulation," A Companion to Marx's Capital, London: Verso, 2010: pp. 289-314

David Harvey, "Labor Process", A Companion to Marx's Capital, London: Verso, 2010: pp. 111-119.

Peter Osbourne, "Socalled Original Accumulation," How to Read Marx (London: Granta, 2005) pp.101-111.

Some robust contemp. argts for rethinking the category of primitive accumulation,

Sandro Mezzadra, "The Topicality of Prehistory: A New Reading of Marx's Analysis of 'So-Called Primitive Accumulation'."

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	Rethinking Marxism 23:3: 302-321.
	Robert Nichols, "Marx, After the Feast," pp52-84. in <i>Theft is Property:</i> Dispossession and Critical Theory (Durhsm: Duke University Press, 2020)
Optional further reading: Excerpt (pp 57-60) from Nancy Fraser, "Behind Marx's Hidden Abode: For	Other good readings or related topics:
An Expanded Conception of Capitalism, New Left Review 86 (2014) (A helpful summary of capitalism's four core features at pp 57-60 in an essay that rethinks Marx's "hidden abode")	Excerpt, (39-43) pp Eva von Redecker, "Section 2. "Dispossession and Propertization" (pp.7-11) in "Ownership's Shadow," Critical Times, 3.1 (2020).
	Silvia Federici, excerpts from "The Accumulation of Labor and the Degradation of Women: Constructing 'Difference' in the Transition to Capitalism," in Silvia Federici, <i>Caliban and the Witch</i> (Brooklyn: Autonomedia, 2004); pp 68-75; 85-98).
	(or: a case for reclaiming and revising how we think of the commons)

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Silvia Federici and George	
Caffentzis, "Commons	
Beyond and Against	
Capitalism," Community	
Development Journal, 49,1	
(Jan 2014): pp. i92-i105,	
doi:10.1093/cdj/bsu006	

"The worker relates to the product of [their] labor as to an alien product," Marx, "Estranged Labor," p. 72

"Estrangement is manifested not only in the fact that my means of life belong to someone else, that which I desire is the inaccessible possession of another, but also in the fact that everything is itself something different from itself – that my activity is something else and that, finally (and this applies also to the capitalist), all is under (the sway) of inhuman power," Marx, "Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844"

The worker is "at home when not working and whenworking .. is not at home," (Marx, "Estranged Labor," p. 72, 74.)

Session 2A	
(Tues 11 Jan)	Karl Marx, "Estranged Labor" from <i>Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts</i> , (1844). in <i>Marx-Engels Reader</i> , pp70-81.
Keywords:	(1044). III Maix-Engels Reduces, pp/0-01.
Alienation/	"The Buying and Selling of Labor Power" from Marx's Capital, chapter VI, in
	, ,
Estrangement	Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 336-343.
Self-estrangement	Excerpt from "Wage Labor and Capital, in Marx-Engels Reader, pp204-206,
	Also recommended:
Exploitation	
Objectification of	Choice of Canvas discussion postings:
labor,	Option a) Explain why Marx doesn't agree that the "buyer and seller of
•	labor-power are constrained only by their free will," (p. 343). (Reading for
Labor power,	your posting: the 1st and 2nd parts of the Communist Manifesto are useful- Marx
1	criticizes a number of uses of the term "free"- but also preserves a more
Freedom (as	promising usage. Brief secondary commentary includes Fraser at p. 57 of
bourgeois	"Marx's Hidden Abode" on Canvas (see the last Module); or pp 99-100 in
ideology)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
ineology)	David Harvey's comments on "The Sale and Purchase of Labor Power," in A

Some options for further reading:

Clarifying commentary on Marx:

David Harvey, "The Sale and Purchase of Labor Power," A Companion to Marx's Capital, London: Verso, 2010: pp. 98-107.

Critical of Marx: (asks: why he overlooks the role of women's traditional domestic work in

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	Companion to Marx's Capital Canvas (in the folder "Independent Research: Further Readings"). Option b) What, in your view, is the role of unpaid labor under capitalism? (You could answer the question in many ways. Remember that there are a number of senses in which capitalism relies on systems of unpaid labor and a number of forms of the latter.)	sustaining labor power?) Silvia Federici, "The Reproduction of Labor Power in the Global Economy and the Unfinished Feminist Revolution" in Silvia Federici, Revolution at Point Zero: Housework, Reproduction, and Feminist Struggle (Brooklyn: Autonomedia, 2012)(a 2011 version is on Canvas) pp 91-115) Critical of Marx: (asks: why Marx considers slavery's relation to capitalism only in terms of prior, "primitive" (originary) accumulation" Cedric J. Robinson, Black Marxism (Chapel Hill, 1983), pp 228-240.
Session 2B	"Cooperation," from Marx's Capital, chapter XIII, section 2, Marx-Engels	David Harvey, "The
(Thurs 13 Jan)	Reader, pp. 384-388.	Fetishism of the
Keywords:	"The Fetishism of Commodities and the Secret Thereof," from Marx's Capital,	Commodity and its
Cooperation	in Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 319-329.	Secret," A Companion to
Surplus value;		Marx's Capital, pp. 38-47
Commodities;	"The Production of Surplus Value" from Marx's Capital, chapter VII, section	
Fetishism	2, pp. 351-361, Marx-Engels Reader.	

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		Transcription of the second
		David Harvey, "The
	Also recommended as background for weekend project:	Capitalist Form of the
	Cedric J. Robinson, Black Marxism (Chapel Hill, 1983), pp 228-240.	Labor Process," A
		Companion to Marx's Capita
		pp. 119- 127.
		PERCURS TO A REST FROM CO.
		David Harvey, "Co-
		operation" A Companion t
		Marx's Capital, (pp. 171-
		176
	SIUM (ONLINE): "Does /why doesn't Marxist analysis have "universa	
WEEKEND	WEEKEND SYMPOSIUM	Options for further W.E.B.
CANVAS	A)READ: 5 page essay:	DU Bois reading
POSTING	W.E.B. Du Bois, "Marxism and the Negro Question" [1933],	W.E.B Du Bois, "The
(DROP IN TO A	pp. 281-285 in African-American Philosophy: Selected Readings (New Jersey:	Black Proletariat in Sout
DEBATE for 20	Prentice Hall). (Canvas)	Caroline, pp 381-430. I
mins)	Define : Petty bourgeoisie	Black Reconstruction (New
Question: does		York: Free Press/Simon
Marxist analysis	B)WATCH: 15 mins of a YouTube video, looking out for the 2	and Schuster, 1998).
have "universal	keywords:"globalist" and "universalist"	7. 10
applicability"?	Debate: Vivek Chibber and Partha Chatterjee "Marxism & the Legacy of	Options for further
7.7	Subaltern Studies," at "Historical Materialism Conference," NYC, 2013 (at	reading:
PROJECT	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbM8HJrxSJ4)	On Chibber v Patterjee
		(FYI: (Chibber's
Keywords	(Chibber's talk is the first 20 mins of the panel . The concepts you are looking	universalist putatively
Internationalism	for are in the first 10-15 mins (you could also see Chatterjee's final response at	Marxist criticism of
	1:31-1:37)	subaltern studies has bee
(Subaltern perspective		vigorously criticized.)
"petty bourgeoisie	Then answer one of the following (on Canvas)	VEV 200
	Option A: Chibber-Patherjee debate	critical of Chibber)
	1)What is the difference between taking a "globalist" or a "universalist"	Sandro Mezzadra, "Mar
$Globalist\ v.$	approach in the analysis of capitalism? You might like to add a comment on	in Algiers," Radical
Universalist		

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Understanding of Marxism and/or capitalism

whether you yourself favor the one, or the other? (Just FYI- this debate takes place in the context of reflections on a "subaltern" perspective on Marxism)

Option B: W.E.B. Du Bois reading

What is the "petty bourgeoisie"? Why is it important to Du Bois' reflections on the intersection of racial domination and worker exploitation?

Philosophy 2.01 (2018): pp. 79-86.

Other alternative voices include Dipesh Chakrabarty (2000), "Translating Lifeworlds into Labor and History," in *Provincializing Europe* (Princeton University Press) pp. 72-97 - a response to Marx that highlights the different status of peasantry & industrialization under different forms of capitalism in India and in Europe).

For anyone wanting to dig further into this debate, Partha Chatterjee's response to Chibber in "Marxism & the Legacy of Subaltern Studies" gives a precise account of the subaltern studies theorists criticized by Chibber.

"the sum total of these relations of production constitutes the economic structure of society, the real foundation, on which rises a legal and political superstructure and to which correspond definite forms of social consciousness. The mode of production of

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material life conditions the social, political and intellectual life process in general. It is not the consciousness of [humans] that determines their being, but, on the contrary, their social being that determines their consciousness," Marx, "Preface," Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy, in *Marx-Engels Reader*, p. 4.

"Marx's essential ideological objective is to pinpoint the duplicity that lies at the heart of the bourgeois conception of freedom," David Harvey, A Companion to Marx's Capital, p. 100.

Session 3A (Tues 18 Jan)

Keywords: False consciousness, Base, Superstructure Ideology (Some examples of ideology: (Morality, Rights, Freedom...)

Historical Materialism (Materialist understanding of history)

(Capital's relation to its 'outside')

Petty bourgeoisie

Contemporary extractivism in terms of:

PART ONE: Superstructure

Readings: there are a number of readings this week, but most are very short (2-3 pages)

"Preface," to the Contribution to Critique of Political Economy (1859) in Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 3-5; (look for "superstructure")

Friedrich Engels, 1 page excerpt "Letter to Franz Mehring," [1893], Marx-Engels Reader, pp 766. (look for "false consciousness")

W.E.B. Du Bois, "Marxism and the Negro Question" [1933], pp. 281-285 in African-American Philosophy: Selected Readings (New Jersey: Prentice Hall). (Look for "petty bourgeois")

Engels, "Letter of Joseph Bloch" (1890), pp. 760-763 (excerpt: look for the account of *ideology*)

In the following 2 readings you will find examples of "bourgeois ideology"

- A) Friedrich Engels, "On Morality", from Anti-Duhring [1878], Marx-Engels Reader, pp 725-727. (think about morality as example of ideology)
- B) Karl Marx, from "On the Jewish Question" [1843], in *Marx-Engels Reader*, pp. 42-43. (freedom and rights as bourgeois ideology)

Robert C. Tucker the editor of the *Marx-Engels Reader*, notes Marx's assumption that non-Western nations (for example, India) would also follow the path of European bourgeois development (culminating in a similar inevitability of social revolution), see p. 653.

For Marx' comments in this regard see:

Marx "On Imperialism in India" (1853) pp. 653-658.

And/or

"The Future Results of British Rule in India (1853)" p. 659-64 Marx-Engels Reader,

NB: Marx anticipates a world market under the common

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-i-labor markets
ii-raw materials
iii- finance

<u>PART TWO:</u> Marxist understanding of history and projected futures

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *Communist Manifesto* [1848], editor's note and chapter 1, *Marx-Engels Reader*, pp. 473-483.

Engels, "On the Division of Labor in Production" from Anti-Duhring [1878], Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 718-723

Marxist/ "materialist" understanding of history
Section III (on materialist understanding of history), Engels, "Socialism:
Utopian and Scientific" [1880], in Marx-Engels Reader, pp. 700-717.

control of "the most advanced peoples..."

Also on this question: Cedric J. Robinson, *Black Marxism* (Chapel Hill, 1983), pp. 228-240.

Sandro Mezzadra, "Marx in Algiers," *Radical Philosophy* 2.01 (2018): pp. 79-86.

"the expansion of the class through the multiplication of labor demonstrated by current feminist movements is due to the fact that it does not accept the premise that workers are only those who receive a wage," Verónica Gago, Feminist International, p 48

"We lack conceptions of capitalism and capitalist crisis that are adequate to our time," Nancy Fraser, "Beyond Marx's Hidden Abode."

Session 3B
(Thurs 20 Jan)
(Thurs 20 Jan) Keywords:
,

Contemporary forms of capitalism ((global perspectives)

Expanded extractivism;

Section one CAPSTONE READNG: POST-MARX

Verónica Gago, excerpts from "A Feminist Economics of Exploitation and Extraction," in Véronica Gago, Feminist International: How To Change Everything (Verso 2020) (Canvas):

"Women Workers of the World, Unite!," pp. 122-124.

"Excursus: Conquering Lands of Consumption" pp. 146-153

From "#We Strike" (chap 1): pp. 14-24; 38-41.

Further and background reading

Nancy Fraser, "Behind Marx's Hidden Abode: For An Expanded Conception of Capitalism, *New Left Review* 86 (2014): 55-72

Verónica Gago and Sandro Mezzadra (2017) "A Critique of the

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Capitalism and modern debt: producing the exploited proletariat and the	Background reading: Compare Gago on the expanded concept of "strike" to Marx on the strike by consulting the one page except from Marx on the value of strikes under the Module.	Extractive Operations of Capital: Toward an Expanded Concept of Extractivism," <i>Rethinking</i>
endebted proleriat	Karl Marx on Strikes in "Chartism", Published: in the New-York Daily Tribune, No. 3819, July 14, 1853	Marxism 29:4: pp. 574–591
Debt consumption Debt and consumptionism Strikes (Expanded understanding" of the strike) "difference"	The excerpt is on the Canvas Module) The full piece is at: https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1853/07/14.htm#p2	(Further interests in Gago? She has widely published on popular economies: Verónica Gago (2018) "What are Popular Economies? Some Reflections from Argentina," Radical
(within the proletariat)		Philosophy, 2.02: pp. 31-38.
Session 4A (Tues, 25 Jan)	MARX AND MARXISM KEYWORD QUIZ	

TRANSITION TO SECTION TWO: REVOLUTIONS & RADICAL POLITICS LOOKING TO (AND BEYOND) MARXISM AND NIETZSCHE

FRANTZ FANON, 1925-1961 RICHARD WRIGHT, 1908-1960

"In the colonies the economic infrastructure is also a superstructure. The cause is effect. You are rich because you are white, you are white because you are rich. This is why Marxist analysis should always be slightly stretched when it comes to addressing the colonial issue," Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, p. 5.

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"It is not just the concept of a pre-capitalist society, so effectively studied by Marx, which needs to be reexamined here. The serf is essentially different from the knight, but a reference to divine right is needed to justify this difference in status. In the colonies the foreigner imposed himself using his cannons and machines. Despite the success of his pacification, in spite of his appropriation, the colonist almost ways a foreigner. It is not the factories, the estates, or the bank account which primarily characterize the "ruling class." The ruling species is first and foremost the outsider from elsewhere, different from the indigenous populatin, 'the others'," (Fanon, Wretched of the Earth, p. 5)

"I maintain that the ultimate effect of white Europe upon Asia and Africa was to cast millions into a kind of spiritual void; I maintain that it suffused their lives with a sense of meaninglessness. I argue that it was not merely physical suffering or economic deprivation that has set over a billion and a half colored people in violent political motion. . . The dynamic concept of the void that must be filled, a void created by a thoughtless and brutal impact of the West upon a billion and a half people , is more powerful than the concept of class conflict, and more universal," (Richard Wright, "White Man Listen!", p. 68, in Richard Wright, Black Power Three Books From Exile. Edited by Cornell West (New York: Harper Collins, 2008)

Session 4B	Core: Frantz Fanon, two excerpts from <i>The Wretched of the Earth</i> . Translated by	Background and
(Thurs 27 Jan)	Richard Philcox, with commentary by Jean-Paul-Sartre and Homi K.	further readings
Marxist Analysis and	Bhabha. New York: Grove Press, 2004), pp 3 -11 and pp 235-239	Cedric Robinson
Decoloniality	(Conclusion).	"Richard Wright and the
·		Critique of Class Theory,"
Towards the	Comparison with Marx, p. 608 Marx-Engels Reader	pp 287-306 in Cedric
Invention of New	(One page reading as a reminder of Marx's contrasting view of groups who	Robinson, Black Marxism:
Values	lack revolutionary potential and — in his opinion— why).	The Making of the Black
		Radical Tradition (North
Alienation	Background/supplement reading	Carolina Press, 1983)
Self-estrangement		
	Frantz Fanon, excerpt (pp. 198-206) "By Way of Conclusion". In <i>Black Skins</i> ,	(In the same work, you might
Colonialism, coloniality	White Masks [1952], Trans. R. Philcox (New York: Grove Press, 2008)	also like to consult Robinson's
decoloniality		chapter on the emergence of
	Optional extra:	racialized capitalism: pp9-28
	(\overline{U} seful reading (for a definition of colonialism, coloniality, decoloniality)	Or his Conclusion: "An
	Nelson Maldonado-Torres, "Thesis Two" from "Outline of Ten Theses on	Ending", pp307-318).
	Coloniality and Decoloniality," Frantz Fanon Foundation, 2016	

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"Let us decide not to emulate Europe. ... So comrades, let us not pay tribute to Europe by creating states, institutions, and societies, that draw their inspiration from it. Humanity expects other things from us than this grotesque and generally obscene emulation. (Fanon, Wretched of the Earth, 236-9

"We are unknown to ourselves, we knowers. And with good reason. We have never looked for ourselves,- so how are we ever supposed to *find* ourselves?" Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals*, Preface, #1, p. 3.

WEEKEND FILM SCREENING:

WEEKEND FILM SCREENING: (Optional) A famous film on French colonialism and the Algerian revolution, providing the context for Fanon's *Wretched of the Earth The Battle of Algiers*, Dir Gillo Pontecorvo, 1966). To stream, click on "course reserves" under Canvas.

SECTION TWO: GENEALOGY AND HISTORY: NEW VALUES, NEW DIALOGUES

FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE 1844-1990

FRANTZ FANON 1925-1961

RICHARD WRIGHT 1908-1960

NELLY RICHARD 1948-

"The colonist turns the colonized into a kind of quintessence of evil," Fanon, Wretched of the Earth, p 6.

"This 'envy' of which Fanon speaks once again must not be taken as a mere psychological fact, that is to say as value-free and ahistorical. It is the interiorized violence which the subject has endured," Jean Améry, "The Birth of Man From the Spirit of Violence: Frantz Fanon the Revolutionary."

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	ession 5A	Frantz Fanon, excerpt (pp. 7-14) "The Black Man and Language" excerpt	Helpful discussion of core
٠,	Γues 1 Feb)	from Black Skins, White Masks [1952], Trans. R. Philcox (New York: Grove	concepts
K	Leywords:	Press, 2008)	
			Wendy Brown,
O	rigin of morality	Nietzsche, Genealogy of Morality, Preface (sections#1, 3, 6 (p. 3; pp. 4-5; pp. 7-8);	"Nietzsche" excerpt from
o	rigin of the	First Essay: "Good and Evil," "Good and Bad" (sections #2; 3; 6; 7; 9, 10).	Politics Out of History
va	aluation "good"	(Pp: 11-13; 15-18; 19, 20-22)	(Princeton: Princeton
R	Ressentiment		University Press, 2001): 95-
(r	reactivity)	Richard Wright, "Frog Perspectives," in White Man Listen!, pp.656-658. In	98 (On the meaning and aim of
`	• •	Richard Wright, Black Power Three Books From Exile. Edited by Cornell West	"genealogy" in Nietzsche's
		(New York: Harper Collins, 2008).	"genealogy of morality")
		Further reading: (prior to, or for post-class followup postings: Glen Sean	Wendy Brown, States of
1		Coulthard, Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition	Injury, pp.43-46. (intro to
1		(Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2014. Pp 109-115 (on Nietzsche,	Nietzsche on reactive morality
1		Fanon, and an alternative viewpoint on the potential role of resentment and	and will to power)
1		ressentiment in revolutionary and progressive politics. However, we'll see soon	
		see the response from Andrés Henao-Castro: ""Coulthard equates the most	
		powerful in a social regime with the ones Nietzsche names as masters I	
		consider that equation mistaken," (p. 364)	
		in Andrés Henao-Castro, "Nietzsche and Haiti: The Post-Colonial Rebirth of	
		Tragedy," Theory and Event 21.2 (2018): 358-381.	

"After everything that has been said, it is easy to understand why the first reaction of the black man is to say no to those who endeavor to define him," (Frantz Fanon, Black Skins, White Masks, p. 19.)

"Decoloniality involves abandoning the search for "recognition and validation in the modern/colonial world . . . The Fanonian real leap is the possibility of invention" (Rocio Zambrana, citing Nelson Maldonado-Torres, *Colonial Debts*, p. 311.)

Session 5B	Nietzsche, Genealogy of Morality, First Essay: Essay: "Good and Evil," "Good	Jean Améry, "The Birth of
(Thurs 3 Feb)	and Bad" (sections #10-17). (pp. 22-34.)	Man From the Spirit of

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Keywords: Good v. bad Good v. evil Frog Perspective	For discussion/section preparation: What is the difference between: "good/ bad" and: "good/evil."	Violence: Frantz Fanon the Revolutionary," Wasafiri 20:44, 13-18.
Resentment Ressentiment Reactivity Reactive Morality	(Critical response to Coulthard (at pp. 364-5 in Andrés Henao-Castro, "Nietzsche and Haiti: The Post-Colonial Rebirth of Tragedy," <i>Theory and</i> Event 21.2 (2018): 358-381.	Wendy Brown, on ressentiment, political identities, excerpt from "Wounded Attachments" in States of Injury (66-75.)
		Glen Sean Coulthard, "Seeing Read: Reconciliation and Resentment," chap 4 in Red Skin, White Masks: (explores Indigenous recognition politics, the discourse of "reconciliation", and speculates about alternatives to a Nietzschean position on resentment and ressentiment- the background context is Candada's "Report of Royal Commission on Aboriginal

Weekend forum:

In week five, we engaged Nietzsche's critique of "ressentiment" about which Jean Améry has written, there "seems to be general agreement that the final say . . .is that of Friedrich Nietzsche," At the Mind's Limit, p. 67. In week four and five, we also read extracts from some 20th century Black radical thinkers for whom Nietzsche has been a touchstone reference for the own articulation of new "value creation" (understood as an alternative alternative to "reactivity") in contexts of domination and revolution. This weekend, you are invited to consider the alternative response from Glen Coulthard and then post your own opinion, giving at least one reason why you are either sympathetic to, or wary of, the critique of "reactivity" we discussed this week in class. (Reading: Glen Sean Coulthard, Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2014.

Peoples (RCAP) in 1996."

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Pp 109-115), and for a critical response, pp 364-365, Andrés Henao-Castro," Nietzsche and Haiti: The Postcolonial Rebirth of Tragedy," *Theory and Event* 21.2 (2018): 358-381.

Session 6A

(Tues 8 Feb) Keywords:

Cruelty, selfpunishment, guilt, bad conscience; will to power

Core reading: Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*, Second Essay, Pp. 35-67.

For reflection, debate

In the module there are a number of argts that progressive politics can productively engage in a *critique* of reactivity/ressentiment (if interested in this theme, see any of the examples from Wright, Brown, Halley, Fanon, and Henao-Castro).

Further and background reaidng

Judith Butler (excerpt on Nietzschean account of formation of bad conscience and selfhood), in "Circuits of Conscience: Nietzsche and Freud," *Psychic Life of Power* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1997): 63-77.

"Fanon diagnosed the psychic injury of that inward-discharge in *Black Skin White Masks*. But in Nietzschean-style, too, Fanon therapeutically addressed it with anti-colonial revolution, the outwardly-discharge of energy in the *Wretched of the Earth*... Nietzsche's analysis of the slave revolt remains a valuable source for decolonial criticism. Yet ..." Andrés Henao-Castro, "Nietzsche and Haiti,"

For reflection/postings/canvas discussion: Think about this "yet"! How might you complete this sentence? (Alternative you ake a comment on our Coulthard forum, if you have not already done so, or, a comment on a peer's posting).

Session 6B (Thurs 10 Feb)

- Second Essay (pp. 35-67), continued, and
- Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morality*, Third Essay (# 11, 14, 15, 16; 20, 24) Pp: 84-86; 89-95; 110-113.

Consider Saidiya Hartman's citation of Nietzsche:

Further reading

Rocio Zambrana, discussion of Fanon in relation to the theme of debt, pp 315-321, in Colonial Debts: The Case of

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Saidiya Hartman, pp 125-126, from "Fashioning Obligation: Indebted Servitude and the Fetters of Slavery," in *Scenes of Subjection*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Also relevant

Robert Nichols, excerpt on Nietzsche on debt, property, dispossession, morality (**pp 132-134**) in *Theft Is Property: Dispossession and Critical Theory* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2020).

For reflection, debate

In the module there are a number of argts about how progressive politics can productively engage in a critique of reactivity/ressentiment (if interested in this theme, there are excerpts examples from Wright, Brown, Halley, Fanon, Henao-Castro.)

We saw Coulthard, in Red Skin, White Masks, make an alternative case that both resentment and ressentiment can be positively transformative. Can you adjudicate?

(Or, for disagreement with Coulthard, see "Nietzsche and Haiti," by Andrés Henao-Castro (You will find this under the Canvas Module, along with feminist uses of the Nietzschean critique of ressentiment and reactivity [see examples in the Module from Wendy Brown and Janet Halley.])

Puerto Rico (Durham: Duke University Press, 2021)

(There is also a discussion of Nietzsche and Marx on debt in Rocio Zambrana, Colonial Debts: pp 193-211),

Zambrana refers to Marx's comments on credit and debt in Marx, 'Comments on James Mill'' (these are under Files, further readings, Marx folder)

Janet Halley, discussion of Nietzsche and the sadism of ressentiment in Split Decisions (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018), pp. 348-363.

Session 7A (Tues 15 Feb) Keywords:

Desirability of living historically *and* unhistorically;

Three types of history: Antiquarian, monumental; critical Friedrich Nietzsche, excerpt from "On the Utility and Liability of History for Life" [1874], in *The Nietzsche Reader*, ed. K. Ansell-Pearson and D. Large (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006): 124-141. (= Excerpts from sections: Foreword; 1; 2; 3; 10).

Optional extra: for those working on Fanon: you could compare with the stance towards history in:

Frantz Fanon, excerpt (pp. 198-206) "By Way of Conclusion" excerpt from *Black Skins, White Masks [1952]*, Trans.. R. Philcox (New York: Grove Press, 2008)

Keith Ansell-Pearson, chap 6 "On Memory and Forgetting," pp 52-60. In *How to Read Nietzsche* (London: Granta, 2005).

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	Session 7B	Section Two: CAPSTONE READNG: POST-NIETZSCHE	Debating the role of history	in
	(Thurs 17 Feb)	Debating the role of history under and after dictatorship	the wake of slavery in the	Q.
	,	• Nelly Richard, "Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Military	United States:	
		Coup and Afterwards," Eruptions of Memory (Cambridge: Polity, 2019: 137-		
		152)		
		• 2 page excerpt from Graciela Montaldo, "Introduction," Eruptions of Memory,		
		xix-xxi)		
		For discussion/section preparation:		
		For reflection/Canvas postings: can you provide a further example of events		
		that have led a country, nation, community or public to interrogate its		
		collective forms of memory, and led also to debate/controversy about the		
		"uses" of memory and history? (it could be in recent media, public debate,		
		theory, film etc). Do any of the versions of history in Nietzsche's "On the Utility		
		and Liability of History for Life" illuminate what is sought (in your view) from		
		history in your example?		
-	Papers on Section Tw	vo (Nietzsche; Nietzsche & Marx; Nietzsche & Fanon; or Nietzsche & Richard): du	Tues 22 Feb (10 am)	_
	ar arrange			_

SECTION THREE:

FROM SIGMUND FREUD ...

TO PSYCHOANALYTIC POLITICAL THOUGHT

"The communists believe ... [the human is] wholly good and well-disposed towards [one's] neighbor; but the institution of private property has corrupted [one's] nature. The ownership of private wealth gives the individual power, and with it the temptation to ill-treat [one's] neighbor; while [one] who is excluded from possession is bound to rebel in hostility towards [one's] oppressor. If private property were abolished, all wealth held in common, and everyone allowed to share in the enjoyment of it, ill-will and hostility would disappear among [humans]. Since everyone's needs would be satisfied, no one would have any reason to regard another as [one]s enemy; all would willingly undertake the work that was necessary. I have no concern with any economic criticisms of the communist system; I cannot enquire into whether the abolition of private property is expedient or advantageous. But I am able to recognize that the psychological premises on which the system is based are an untenable illusion. ... Aggressiveness was not created by property," Civilization and its Discontents, p. 70-71.

SIGMUND FREUD	LEÓN ROZITCHNER	Psychoanalytic
(1856-1939)	(1924-2011)	interpretations of the
		relationship between

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J	Session 8A Tues 22 Feb. Keywords: "oceanic feeling" Primary narcissism Object cathexis Tripartite psychic apparatus of humans: (ego+ id+ superego) love as illustrative of the structure of the ego	Sigmund Freud, Civilization and its Discontents (1930) sections 1-4; 8 (pp. 10-63; 97-112). Tommie Shelby, "Living Without Unhappiness," (pp. 126-127) in "Freedom in a Godless and Unhappy World," in The Cambridge Companion to Richard Wright	"psychic life" and collective phenomena such as aggressivity, violence, war, anti-democratic political forms (authoritarianism, dictatorship) In addition to Thurschwell's Introduction you may also find helpful the following entries from Language of Psychoanalysis, J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis," Aim Inhibited," in Language of Psychoanalysis, London: Karnac. 1988, p.24.
	imposing a 'sacrifice' from libidinal urges Sublimation (Inhibited aims)		Libido/Object-Libido," in Language of Psychoanalysis, p.150-151. J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis, "Narcissistic Libido," in Language of Psychoanalysis, p.255-257. J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis, "Sublimation," in Language of Psychoanalysis, p. 431-433

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J. Laplanche and J. B.
Pontalis, "Primary
Narcissism, Secondary
Narcissism," in Language of
Psychoanalysis, p. 336-338.

""the more virtuous [one] is, the more severe and distrustful is the [conscience's] behavior, so that ultimately it is precisely those people who have carried saintliness furthest who reproach themselves with the worst sinfulness. This means that virtue forfeits some part of its promised reward; the docile and continent ego does not enjoy the trust of its mentor, and strives in vain, it would seem, to acquire it," Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents* p. 87.

Session 8B:

Thurs 24 Feb. Keywords:

Inclination to aggression (p 68)v. civilization's requirements and taboos (restrictions on 'instinctual life')

Civilization inposing a 'sacrifice' on aggression in addition to sexuality

The relation between community and intolerance

(Understanding of civilization/community/ social bonds as under perpetual threat from an individual's "psychic life"

Sigmund Freud, Civilization and its Discontents (1930) sections 5-8 (pp. 64-112)

Pamela Thurschwell, "Society and Religion" (includes summary of *Civilization and its Discontents*), pp. 92-109, in *Sigmund Freud* (Routledge Critical Thinkers, New York: Routledge, 2009).

J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis, "Sense of Guilt, Guilt Feeling," in *Language of Psychoanalysis*,
London: Karnac. 1988, p.414-415

J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis," Repression," in *Language of Psychoanalysis*, London: Karnac. 1988, pp. 390-394.

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Pp 69-70- observe some parallels with the viewpoints of Nietzsche And Freud's contrast of his views with a Marxist viewpoint		
The fundamental struggle between eros and aggressivity/death		
Guilt/conscience as an expression of aggression direction against one's own ego, p. 84		
The superego as civilization's internalized "garrison" p. 84		
P 85- fear of loss of love		
Session 9A: (Tues 2 March))	Freud, "Why War" (1932), Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud, Volume 22 (London: Hogarth Press), pp. 203-214.	Background, further reading
Keywords: Eros, Destructiveness	Sigmund Freud, "Thoughts on for the Times on War and Death" (1915), Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud, Volume 22 (London: Hogarth Press), pp. 275-288 (Part one only).	Jacqueline Rose, "Freud and the People: or, Freud Goes to Abu Graib,", pp 159-167 in <i>The Last Resistance</i> (London: Verso, 2017).

"All political leaders should be psychiatrists as well," Frantz Fanon (comment to Simone de Beauvoir), Cited in Camille Robcis, Disalienation, p. 50

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Session 9B:

(Thurs 4 March)

Keywords:

Libido; Love; Ego ideal; Sublimation Group identification; "Group" or "Mass" psychology. Excerpts from Sigmund Freud, *Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego* (1921), Penguin Freud Library, Vol. 12 (London: Penguin, 1985)

Intro (pp. 95-7); and from chap. IV ("Suggestion and Libido") pp. 119-121 (on libido); chap. VI ("Further Problems") pp. 129-133; chap. VII ("Identification") pp.134-140; from chap. VIII ("Being in Love") pp.141-pp. 147 chap. XI ("A Differentiating Grade in the Ego" (pp. 161-166); and "Postscript" (pp.167-178).

Optional extras (2 page reading)

Karen Benezra, "Freud's Group Psychology," pp. 518- 520; (& see p. 521) in "León Rozitchner's Mass Psychology," *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies* 25.4 (2016): pp. 515-532.

Theodor Adorno, "Freudian Theory and the Pattern of Fascist Propoganda,". In *The*

Culture Industry: Selected Essays on Mass Culture, edited by J. M. Bernstein, 132–57. London: Routledge.

Background:

J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis, "Identification," in *Language of Psychoanalysis*, London: Karnac. 1988, pp. 205-208.

J. Laplanche and J. B. Pontalis," Ego-Ideal," in Language of Psychoanalysis, London: Karnac. 1988, p.144-145

Jacqueline Rose, section (pp. 62-72) from "Mass Psychology," in *The Last Resistance* (London: Verso, 2017).

Psychoanalytic Political Theory

Theodor Adorno, "Freudian Theory and the Pattern of Fascist Propoganda,". In *The Culture Industry: Selected Essays on Mass Culture*, edited by J. M. Bernstein, 132–57. London: Routledge.

Karen Benezra, "León Rozitchner's Mass

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American Cultural
Studies, 25 (4): pp. 515-532

Ernesto Laclau (2005)
"The
Freudian Breakthrough,"
in
On Populist Reason (London and
New York: Verso) pp. 31-61
(Laclau offers his own
presentation of Freud's
Group/Mass Psychology)

Freud questions (weekend "take home" paper: Questions released Friday 7th March. Due Tues 8 March (10 am)

Session 10A (Tues 8 March)

Critical psychoanalysis, variations on understanding group identification, the possibility of a collective unconscious, the psychic resources for group resistance, and Fanon's idea of "disalienation"

No class: reading week:

Suggestions for final reading (can be included as independent "research readings"

Critical psychoanalysis, variations on understanding group identification, the possibility of a collective unconscious, the psychic resources for group resistance, and Fanon's idea of "disalienation"

Option A: (for those following Fanon's responses to Marx, Nietzsche and Freud)

Frantz Fanon, Black Skin, White Masks, excerpts from ch 6, pp 120-128 and pp 1 171

Further reading:

Maurice Stevens, excerpt (ppn205-211) from "Public (Re)Memory, Vindicating Narratives, and Troubling Beginnings: Toward a Critical Postcolonial Psychoanalytical Theory," In Fanon: A Critical Reader.

Psychology," Journal of Latin

Françoise Verges, excerpt (pp. 91-96) in ""To Cure and to Free: The Fanonian Project of 'Decolonized Psychiatry' in In Fanon: A Critical Reader.

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Option B (for those interested in an argument for the positive and transformative potential of group psychology

Excerpts from León Rozitchner, Freud and the Limits of Bourgeois Individualism, translation by Bruno Bosteels (Leiden: Brill, 2021 (passages excerpted from Rozitchner's reinterpretation of Freud's Mass Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego).

Subsections

"Genesis of the False Collectivity in the Child" (pp 444-446

"Social Justice as Having without Being," (p 446-48 [excerpt])

"The Mass: Stage or Battlefield? p 477- 480

"The Vicissitudes of the Embodied Ideal," pp 480-486

"Carnival or Rrevolution," 494-501

"The Collective Experience Cannot Be a Predicate," p. 506-510

Karen Benezra, "León Rozitchner's Mass Psychology," Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies, 25 (4): pp. 515-532.

Mon 14 March (10 am): Final course reaction piece due (2.5 pages).