

## Summaries

### **Robert Cohen: One Hundred Days of Donald Trump**

In order to avoid being overwhelmed by the unrelentingly destructive chaos spread by the Trump presidency, the author has jotted down his reactions, reflections and emotions as he perceives them in New York City. In so doing he keeps up a critical dialogue with *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* as well as other media and voices.

### **Hans Peter Kammerer: In the Bloody Thicket of History. On Peter Weiss' *Aesthetics of Resistance***

Weiss' *Aesthetics of Resistance* is the novel of an entire epoch: How should it be read at the end of this epoch? Does Weiss' novel help to raise the question of communism anew? How important is the aesthetic dimension of class struggle?

### **Thomas Barfuss and Peter Jehle: Who are the people? Philosophy of Praxis as a Key to Gramsci's Politics**

»We are the people« – a slogan once meaning that the people of the German Democratic Republic refused to remain in a passive state, was used last year by an angry group blocking a bus with migrants on their way to their shelter. Based on a close reading of Gramsci's »philosophy of praxis« the authors discuss the difference between an aggressive identity-politics open to manipulation and Gramsci's own project of the emergence of »the people« out of a subaltern position in politics and society. The latter can only be achieved if politics and philosophy are brought together. It departs from everyday thinking and common sense, but goes on to develop a critical potential and forms of solidarity.

### **Wolfgang Fritz Haug: In the Lion's Den. Can we read *Capital* from the Perspective of the *Theses on Feuerbach*?**

Commenting on the *Theses on Feuerbach*, Louis Althusser declared that *praxis* is a subject of »little weight« serving only to »inspire the beautiful evening chats [...] of our intellectual socialites«. According to him, it's about time to talk instead about *Capital*. Haug takes up this challenge and elucidates the relationship between Marx's method in *Capital* and the *Theses*. This involves clarifying three questions that are foundational for a historical-materialist philosophy of praxis: 1) How does the »operational« Marx articulate dialectics and praxis? 2) How can we understand the materialist determinism from the point of view of praxis? 3) What's the role of nature and humanism in the philosophy of praxis? The latter leads to complete Marx's emphatic phrase that »To be radical is to grasp the root of the matter. But for man the root is man« (MECW 3, 182) by the reference to the comprehensive relation with, from and in nature, in which our species has made and is still making its way.

### **Michael Vester: Praxeological Class Theory. On the Logic of Capital and the Logic of Praxis**

The author pleads for a praxeological class theory that respects the relative autonomy of the fields of political and everyday praxis, while also relating these to an economic logic as the basis of Marxian theory. This requires a new reading and appropriation of classical authors, including Marx. The author discusses the problems of praxeological theory with reference to the chapters on »primitive accumulation« in *Capital*, comparing these with the analysis of the same historical period by Marxian historians such as Max Beer and – using the concepts of »experience« and »field« – Edward Thompson.

### **Wolfdietrich Schmied-Kowarzik: Philosophy of Praxis and the Dialectical Relation to Nature**

In his *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844* Marx traces the double dialectical relation of humans to nature: Humans are beings of nature while at the same time they act upon and modify nature. This renders an alienation from nature possible, taking on an extreme form in capitalism due to the expropriation of humans from their productive forces which can only be solved through an upheaval of capitalist value theory. In his *Critique of Political Economy* Marx still upholds this standpoint, but concrete strategies for revolutionary praxis cannot be derived from it. In order to overcome the ecological crisis the author thus suggests linking up with the theories of Karl-August Wittfogel, Max Adler and Ernst Bloch.

### **Michael Löwy: Philosophy of Praxis in the Face of Metabolic Rift**

Production, i.e. the transformation of nature for the satisfaction of human needs, is one of the most important social practices. The central object of *Capital* is to study a historically specific form of this practice, the capitalist mode of production. One of the characteristics of capitalism, as frequently raised in *Capital*, even if not in a developed and systematic form, is a perversion of human practices leading to the destruction of the natural environment. In Marx's writings, particularly those concerning agriculture in the three volumes of *Capital*, one can perceive key elements for a truly ecological approach, through a radical criticism of the disastrous results of capitalist productivism. Ecosocialism in the 21st Century entails the development of these intuitions through the work of Marx and Engels.

### **Frigga Haug: Praxis of Critique**

Departing from the goal of studying the social sciences as the basis of gaining collective agency, Haug brings in her own experiences in teaching and the research process, with self-doubt and critique. The *Theses on Feuerbach* are re-read along with Gramsci's suggestions for a philosophy of praxis. Both are placed in the context of research on computerization, on gender relations, and on memory work as part of the women's movement.

### **Ulla Plener: A Call for Discussion**

Since the 1960s *Das Argument* has used the terms German Fascism or Nazism to refer to the epoch that various other theories of fascism have named »National Socialism« without distancing themselves from it. Plener recalls this tradition while looking at recent publications, including book reviews in *Das Argument*, where one finds the term yet again. Thus she asks whether that particular tradition has been given up.

### **Wolfgang Fritz Haug: »Correct only from the Nazi's Standpoint«**

Ulla Plener's wake-up call is very welcome. Her claim about the missing discussion in the *Argument* environment about the term »National Socialism« can be refuted though. When looking back in the journal's history, the problem with the »fascist self-designation« has been dealt with numerous times.

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