

THESSEIS (Athen)

*Das Argument* is the live example that Theory and Praxis can coexist, if they are subjected to sensible conditions: theory depends in the last instance on the criterion of practice, which, however, is not a simple accessory of day-to-day policy needs, and thus abstains itself from a compulsory oversimplification that transforms theoretical exercise into a cheap propaganda mechanism.

*Das Argument* has even more successfully passed the test avoiding another pitfall: that theory can be served without being at the expense of practice and this in a period when theory could be seen as a secure refuge for the left, given the fact that the constellation of forces has suffered a serious drawback for labour.

In view of the latter, the need to find substantiated answers to important questions about the root causes that led to the negative outcome of the battle between capital and the working classes has attained an important status. Especially if one believes that social battles and their outcome are prepared and conditioned by preceding battles in the theoretical battlefield.

In this context, having a journal of the left like *Das Argument*, being present and participating in the theoretical and political battle for more than 50 years, is something that deserves a special recognition. And above all *respect* since this review has chosen to struggle serving critical thought, the critical Marxism in times where large parts of the traditional left have considered theory and politics of the left as being something “given”, a closed self-referring system. And have taken the consequences thereof. In this context, *Das Argument* continues to support critical left thought with new ideas, new theoretical positions and new tools that support the world of labour in its struggle under the dominance of the capital.

We, the Editorial Committee of the Greek Review *Thesseis*, who have immensely profited from theoretical contributions of *Das Argument*, are absolutely confident that this effort will continue for very many years beyond the current anniversary and wish the best of luck to this remarkable endeavour.