

Summaries

Karen Ruoff: Kayfabe

»Kayfabe« is a term stemming from the realm of professional wrestling that describes the patently fake »deal« between the clearly scripted personalities who compete in pseudo-matches and their audience's eagerness to revel in the deceit. »Kayfabe« is explored in this article as a term designating a dynamic that may shed light on the blatant contempt for truth and facts in the political culture that led to Donald Trump as President of the United States.

Karl Heinz Götz: He is missing. Heiner Müller's Critique of Capitalism

The article consists of reflections on visceral anti-capitalism in Heiner Müller's work on the occasion of the publication of a new, small selection of his works. The latter are grouped around the topics of »capitalism«, »disgust«, »language«, »religion«, »war«. It also reflects on Müller's method and his prophecies regarding the future of socialism.

Victor Wallis: Crisis of Legitimacy in the United States: The Extremes of Hyper-Capitalism

Wallis puts forth the argument that contemporary capitalism is – beyond its structural and routine crisis nature – currently going through a historical period of political crisis. This crisis, though reaching out through all of the capitalist world, is exemplified by the incapability of the US-polity to rationally respond to the tasks it faces and assure effective representation of the people's interests and needs. This incapability is put into the context of the newest technological developments shaping the capitalist relations of production. On the grounds of these analyses the author concludes with thoughts on existing and potential popular resistance in the USA.

Gabriel Vargas Lozano: The Left in the Mexican Crisis

Vargas Lozano analyzes the current situation of the Left in its struggle for a more just society. It is a complex process involving a struggle against a corporate and dependent socioeconomic structure as well as the opposition to the neoliberal reforms promoted by the dominant block. This process has been hampered by the collapse of socialism but has also been launched forward by the emergence of neo-zapatism.

Isabelle Garo: Class Struggles in France

The situation in France is characterized by a number of contradictions: A serious political crisis and a continuation of the right-left-split; advanced deindustrialization and tense social conflicts; the violence of neoliberal politics and its discourse that presents itself as innovative; the rise of the extreme right; and the strengthening of a left political current guided by Jean-Luc Mélenchon. What general analysis can be made? What are the perspectives emerging on the political, social and economic levels?

Richard Gebhardt: »Third Position«? On Critique of Capitalism and Discourse Piracy of the New Right

Since 2014, the debate on the danger of a so-called »third position« (literally »Querfront«: »cross-front«) has been a starting point for the controversial »new peace movement« and its successors. These controversies, initially among the left, are also been closely followed among the New Right, which is otherwise primarily devoted to the critique of culture and decadence. In the right-wing intellectual milieu, authors such as Benedikt Kaiser have recently written articles on the »cross-front« debate, thus bringing the »social question« (back) into focus. In the analysis of the specifics of this regressive »anticapitalism« or »anti-imperialism«, a »metapolitical« strategy is present which consciously works on the re-functioning of core political categories. This forces left-wing critics, especially against the backdrop of remarkable left-right debates stemming back to 1968, to determine »minimum content standards«.

Tilman Reitz: The Rebellion of the Deplorables. Authoritarian Protest in Digital Capitalism

In spite of leftist victories in some countries, the main threat to today's ruling classes seems to be posed by »right-wing populism«. The author aims at deconstructing this label with an analysis of the ideological structure, class basis and hegemonic opportunities of authoritarian protest in Europe and North America. Reitz argues that neoliberalism prepared the ground for the right-wing strategy to address the working classes as atomized and belonging to the petty bourgeoisie. Reitz goes on to speculate that digital capitalism will reproduce such subaltern classes while at the same time promising non-democratic options for dealing with them: Protectionist nationalism or repressive elite rule in the guise of universalism.

Frigga Haug: Questions of Feminist-Marxist Theory

Contrary to a certain weariness concerning theory and the wish for instant praxis, Haug establishes the necessity of interventionist theory and, along with it, the imperative feminist standpoint in Marxism for it to become a liberation theory. Abstraction and explication of contradictions become central in the process of understanding how women's virtues are reason for their subjugation while at the same time they must be kept for a future human society worth fighting for.

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