

The concept of PRAXIS in the 21st century. Karl Marx and the praxis thinkers, the concept of praxis in the transitional period and the latently existing system alternative

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The manifold social problems and crises of the 21st century indicate the beginning of a socio-historical period of transition. Nonetheless critics and conscious people are unable to refer to a concrete alternative. The left stays in a precarious situation, closely related to a long-term depletion of basic philosophical and scientific conceptions and the lacking development of a positively dimensioned political economy.

This work focuses on answering the fundamental questions raised. The deeper exploration of Marx' practical, dialectical thinking and the outstanding manifestations of subsequent praxis thinkers leads to an integral, extended conception of social reality and science in terms of the concept of praxis. The paradigm of a science of praxis is emerging, definitely transcending critical theories.

Historical studies apply to the evolution of industrial capitalism of the 19th century to the new-formatted, urbanised social capitalism of the 20th century, and further to the problematic situation of the modern transitional societies in the capitalist world system. The thesis is, that there is already a latently existing alternative system.

An entirely new approach to the analysis of value and reproduction conditions enables the identification of its critical junctions, a potential system transformation and of an advanced form of socioeconomy this will take. The concept of a democratic economic society based on a feasible socio-economic reproduction and regulation should orientate alternative movements and further economic and political emancipation.

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