

**Capitalism and Slavery Pt. 2:
Unfree Labor under Neoliberalism**

David Strecker

lunch

**13:30 – 15:00 | Legally Conformant Capitalism?
Exploitation by Exclusion on
Germany’s Elder Care Market**
Tine Haubner

**Where Care Stops and Violence
Begins: Domestic Slavery in the
Time of Neoliberal Gendered
Welfare States and Global Labor
Mobilities**

Tanja Visic

coffee break

**15:15 – 16:45 | Shifting Notions of Privacy and
the Impact on Collective
Action Against Sexual Violence.
Observations From a
“Modernizing” South
Indian Village**
Janna Vogl

**Government and its Encounter
with Farmers: A Resistance
Movement Spearheaded Mostly
by Women**

Amrita Mondal

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**Nothing to Lose But its
(Value) Chains: Capitalism
and Violence on a Global Scale**

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One of the most important factors of the global condition is global capitalism. It seems that only today – with a highly developed global market and almost unrestricted mobility of capital, goods, workers, and data – the dynamics of capitalism have been fully unleashed. The apparent absence of a non-capitalist ‘outside’, however, implies that the theory of capitalism can no longer simply externalize the dark sides of the global condition, such as warfare, forced migration, and other forms of violence. According to a common view within social theory, ‘modernity’ would have pacified social relations due to processes of democratization, rationalization, institutionalization of the rule of law, and marketization, whereas pre- and non-modern societies would rely on cruder means such as warfare and other violent practices.

Pre-modern civilisations were not idyllic and were far from being peaceful in many cases. However, in spite of the ostensible withering away of non-capitalist conditions, there are still massive amounts of violence on a global scale: People are driven off their lands, wars are fought over resources, various forms of slavery are noticeable, and private armies control regions that can no longer ‘afford’ a proper state. Under these circumstances, the relation between capitalism and violence needs to be investigated anew. Contrary to standard modernization theory, a number of current studies suggest that there are internal links between capitalism and violence. Recent accounts of dispossession, expropriation, Landnahme and expulsion, among others, all argue that certain forms of violence are not only generally present in capitalist societies but also constitute a necessary condition of their reproduction. Moreover, some of these violent practices are even justified by standard economic and philosophical theories, which describe them as productivity-enhancing and thus conducive to social justice. This would suggest that those forms of violence are not pre-modern, but rather belong to the core, to the very ‘laws of motion’ of capitalism. Furthermore, these violent prac-

tices are often entangled with other, apparently more pacified capitalist processes, such as those addressed by the concepts of exploitation, alienation, reification, and acceleration.

The question, then, is how to differentiate the various forms of violence that seem to be structurally implied by modern capitalism, and how to formulate their common features and to conceptualize their connections to other capitalist processes. Bearing these questions in mind, in this workshop we would like to ask in what way violence is implied in capitalism, how it connects to other problematic capitalist phenomena, and how critical social theory should address this complex phenomena without falling back into nostalgia or a misplaced romanticism.

Wednesday, 17.10.

Venue: Evangelisches Augustinerkloster zu Erfurt, Augustinerstraße 10, Erfurt

9:30 – 10:00 | Welcome

Arthur Bueno, Petra Gümplová,
Christoph Henning

10:00 – 11:30 | Violence and the Reproduction of Capitalism

Heide Gerstenberger

Coerced Labor Under Capitalism

Marcel van der Linden

coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 | Capitalism, Rents, and the Rise of Violence in the Global South

Hannes Warnecke-Berger

Moments of Violence: Latin American Dictatorships and the Neoliberal Forefront

Felipe Torres Navarro

lunch

14:15 – 15:45 | Recasting Violence in the Context of Development: Dispossession, Sacrifice, and the Question of Social Justice in India

Antje Linkenbach

Violent Movements Contesting Capitalism: How Non-Violent Organizational Networks Matter

Juhi Tyagi

coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 | Secondary Authoritarianism – A Social Psychological View on the Capitalist Economy

Oliver Decker

Reification, Suffering, and the Rise of Fascism

Arthur Bueno

dinner

Thursday, 18.10.

Venue: Max Weber Kolleg, Steinplatz 2, Erfurt, Room 805

9:00 – 10:30 | Theories of Primitive Accumulation, Old and New

Christoph Henning

Primitive Accumulation in the People’s Republic of China since 1978

Felix Wemheuer

coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 | Primitive Accumulation of Natural Resources: History, Critique, Emancipation

Petra Gümplová