



BICENTENNIAL MARX - REVISED HINDSIGHT AND NEW POSSIBILITIES

A CALL FOR PAPERS FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE TO COMMEMORATE THE BICENTENARY OF MARX'S BIRTH FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL OF CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGY.

You are invited to offer a paper to be considered for a Special Issue of the *Journal of Classical Sociology* in 2018. We are planning a thematic collection of articles on the theme of 'transcending critique'. While there will be many debates about the relevance of Marx today we envisage reflections on how we might move beyond critique to address current critical concerns. We would also like (though not necessarily in each contribution) some reflection on the relevance of the century of Communism for our understanding of Marxist theory.

Specific topics to consider:

- Marx and the Fourth Industrial Revolution – new conditions of work and informational labour, gig economy and 'uberization'
- Automation and the end of labour – implications for political organization?
- New configurations of production and consumption – 'prosumership'
- Failed alternatives and the end of utopian politics?
- Multiple forms of capital, culture and modes of resistance
- 50 years from 'the great disappointment' of 1968 – prospects for the next half-century?
- From critique as an end in itself to multiple forms of praxis -beyond academic critique

We can consider a variety of submissions – full articles (around 8000 words) and shorter 'think pieces' highlighting particular issues of significance in the bicentenary.

This will be linked to a symposium to held at Kent in Spring 2018 which you will be welcome to attend

Key dates:

Please send an abstract by **31 Jan 2018**. Since the plan is to publish in the last issue of 2018 drafts must be submitted by **31 July 2018** and final copy by **30 October 2018**.

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