

Summaries

Jaime Massardo: Antonio Labriola's Notion of History

Trotsky recalls in exile that he has learned from Labriola that ideas ›do not fall from the sky‹, but at the same time he believes that one can not learn from him politically. The author, on the other hand, shows that Labriola's open-ended conception of history first opens up the space for emancipatory political action and thus the possible transition to a socialist society. His conception follows Vico's philosophy of history, according to which the historical world is made by man – in contrast to the objectivism of the Second International, which presents the world of man, disconnected from their actions, as the result of scientific laws. Thus, Labriola can understand historical materialism at its core as a »philosophy of praxis«, the point of departure of which, sensitized by Vico, he finds in Marx's *Theses on Feuerbach*.

Alberto Burgio: On the Relationship between Gramsci and Labriola

The essay focuses on the controversial issue of the relationship between Gramsci and Labriola. The significant – and often underestimated – incidence of the latter on decisive aspects of Gramsci's thought in the *Prison Notebooks* is discussed. For this purpose, two themes are highlighted: the theoretical autonomy of Historical Materialism and the theory-praxis-nexus in relation to the concept of »Philosophy of Praxis«. The article also discusses the historiographic problem of cultural and political reasons for the frequent underestimation of Labriola's influence on Gramsci's thought.

Luka Bogdanić: In the Footsteps of ›Practical‹ Heresy. Fragments of a History of the Yugoslav Magazine »Praxis«

Bogdanić presents a short genealogy of the Journal, *Praxis* and Yugoslav praxis philosophy. The article discusses the local Yugoslav philosophical background and cultural context within which Yugoslav philosophers developed their humanistic Marxism. The article presents the concept of *praxis* as used among some of the most important members of this philosophical school. The paper stresses that their understanding of Marxism as a philosophy of praxis, as well their critical reflection on Yugoslav socialism of the time are both deeply related to an understanding of Marxism as a specific form of contemporary humanism.

Morten Nissen: Researching Motivation through Re-Articulation

Nissen presents a critical psychology approach to motivation that builds on an epistemology of practice by rearticulating theories and practices. In the article, he attempts at developing the approach by engaging with a theoretical ontology and ethics of practice, as praxis and as practices. To this end, Ute Osterkamp's *Motivationsforschung* is revisited. Nissen claims that key concepts from this work – above

all, that of »productive needs« – can help synthesize a historicized notion of social practice with a reflection about the existential conditions of life. »Productive needs« can also be used in a way that is more consistent with a philosophy of praxis than the phenomenological approach developed in now more dominant versions of the theory.

Uffe Juul Jensen: Despair, Hope and the Need of Philosophy of Praxis

30 years ago Michael Theunissen diagnosed our situation in Central Europe as follows: »We live in a society that tends to darken alternatives to offered and permitted life and to lull consciousness of everything else that can be.« My point of departure is that this is today a valid diagnosis of an almost global malaise. I discuss philosophical attempts to promote hope by unifying the power for change inherent in science and possibilities for resistance against reductionism rooted in everyday life. Based on my own and colleagues' research in praxis- philosophy of medicine and health, I conclude by adopting an optimistic tone.

Karl Heinz Götz: The Trail of the Pigs. Robert Menasse's »European novel«.

Robert Menasse's book was crowned with the German Book Prize 2017 and combines a passionate Romanesque plea for European integration based on the original anti-fascist and anti-nationalist basis with an acute analysis of the real functioning of institutions in Brussels. The essay shows that despite the formal mastery, numerous elements of the narrative (the love and crime plots, intertextual references, leitmotifs, among others) do not fit the project of the novel, but work against it.

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