

Platypus Chicago summer 2008 readings: Origins of Marxist critical theory: Lukács, Korsch, Adorno

(recommended background readings, in suggested order:)

Spartacist League, *Lenin and the Vanguard Party*

Sebastian Haffner, *Failure of a Revolution: Germany 1918-19*

Rolf Wiggershaus, *The Frankfurt School*, Introduction, and Part 1. "Dawn," 1-8, and 9-126

Helmut Dubiel, *Theory and Politics*, Part I. "Proletariat and Intelligentsia," 3-112

Lucien Goldmann, *Lukács and Heidegger: towards a new philosophy*

(recommended book purchases:)

Georg Lukács, *History and Class Consciousness: studies in Marxist dialectics*

Karl Korsch, *Marxism and Philosophy*

Robert C. Tucker, ed., *Marx-Engels Reader* (2nd edition)

June 1

Georg Lukács, "The Phenomenon of Reification," Part I. of "Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariat," *History and Class Consciousness* (1923), 83-110

June 15

Karl Korsch, "The Marxism of the First International;" Korsch, "Introduction to Marx's *Critique of the Gotha Programme*;" and Karl Marx, *Critique of the Gotha Programme*

June 22

Korsch, "Marxism and Philosophy"

June 29

Lukács, Preface *HCC* [original 1922]; "What is Orthodox Marxism?;" "The Marxism of Rosa Luxemburg"

July 6

Lukács, "Class Consciousness;" "The Changing Function of Historical Materialism"

July 13

Lukács, "Legality and Illegality;" "Critical Observations on Luxemburg's *Critique of the Russian Revolution*"

July 20: Platypus Affiliated Society plenum: Trotskyism and the Frankfurt School

recommended reading: Theodor Adorno, "Reflections on Class Theory" (1942)

July 27

Lukács, "Reification and the Consciousness of the Proletariat," Part III. "The Standpoint of the Proletariat"

August 3

Lukács, "Towards a Methodology on the Problem of Organization"

August 10

Lukács, *Lenin: a study on the unity of his thought*

August 17

Lukács, *A Defense of History and Class Consciousness: Tailism and the dialectic*, Part I. "Problems of Class Consciousness," 45-94

August 24

Adorno, "On Subject and Object;" "Marginalia to Theory and Praxis" (1969)