

CALL FOR PAPERS

2018 International Symposium on *K. Marx in the 21st Century* -- Bicentennial Anniversary of K. Marx's Birth

Date: December 22 (Sat.) and 23 (Sun.), 2018

Venue: Satta Hall, Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan

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"Karl Marx" Alive or Dead in the 21st Century ? "

The International Symposium on *K. Marx in the 21st Century* will be held at Hosei University in Tokyo, Japan, on December 22(Sat)-23(Sun), 2018. The year of 2018 is the bicentenary anniversary of K. Marx's birth. This great thinker's name has been incorporated in the modern world history. Even today, we still suffer from antagonisms and critical tendencies that can be comparable to what K. Marx regarded as the results of capitalist economy. So, the name of this revolutionary intellectual giant in the 19th Century arouses uneasiness in every field of politics, economics, social thoughts, philosophy, as well as of social and political movements. Here arises one fundamental question: Have the Marx's ideas on the problems of modern economic system and society already been outmoded. Or is it possible to resurgent his theory and ideas on the grounds of accumulated knowledge and with advanced analytical tools? What is the message of this bearded man to the people who live over one century after his death?

However, K. Marx was not a prophet. He was a man who wished to ground his ideas in the materialistic view of history and declared his willingness to receive any scientific criticisms to his theory. In the occasion of the bicentenary of his birth, seven major academic societies engaging Marxian studies in Japan jointly organize a international symposium on "K. Marx in the 21st century" in Tokyo. We would bring K. Marx's theory and ideas on scientific discussions by major international researchers, both from the perspective of historical approaches as well as theoretical approaches. Historically, we could not skip the 19th Century in which his ideas were grown and the 20th Century in which his ideas influenced intellectuals and social movements under the name of "Marxism." Theoretically, we should examine his ideas in the context of theoretical system he intended to establish on the one hand, and compare them with new ideas of the 21st century on the other hand. In 2017, we already held a preliminary symposium on the 150th anniversary of K. Marx's *Capital* in Tokyo—the proceedings will be published on our web pages soon. Making full use of the discussions in 2017, critical reviews and reappraisals of "*K. Marx in the 21th Century*" will be expected on more boarder basis in our 2018 international symposium.

We are looking forwards to active participation by leading Marxian researchers overseas as well as in Japan to address this major challenge at the symposium.

**Chairman of the Executive Committee of
K. Marx in the 21st Century Symposium**

**Dr. Tetsuji Kawamura
(President of the JSPE, Japan)**

Proposals and Paper Submission

The fields that we expect:

The general scheme of the symposium covers the following three major sub-categories:

- (1) Historically and objectively investigating K. Marx's theories and thoughts
- (2) Recapturing past effects and experiences of K. Marx and Marxism
- (3) Identifying features of Marx's theories and thoughts and those of the successors or the alternatives to them in the 21st century of ours.

The Executive Committee arranges a special plenary session in the field of (3) open to the interested public with simultaneous translation from English to Japanese. Other presentations are contained in the parallel sessions (in English or in Japanese possibly with simultaneous translation in English).

Proposals and Deadline:

Proposals of papers must be 400~1,000 words with the preferred consideration of genre (1) (2) (3) above. They are received from March 1 to March 31, 2018 by the following e-mail address: marxinthe21stcentury.jspe@gmail.com

The result is noticed to the applicants no later than May 31. Those adopted are obliged to send full papers to the above address till October 31 so that they are uploaded to the special website of the Symposium in due time. After the symposium they might be published in academic journals or books under the arrangement the organizing committee.

Registration & participation fee

Participation fee is US\$100.00 (+ reception party fee: US\$50.00). The deadline of the registration for participation on July 31, 2018 ---*Procedures and paying methods will be announced on the web page: <http://marxinthe21stcentury.jspe.gr.jp/>*

The Executive Committee: Why in Japan? Who are we?

In Japan, the theory and ideas of K. Marx, since their rather late arrival in the early 20th Century, have nourished generations of scholars as well as activists of social and political movements, even with a short interval under the repression by militarist government. In the long history of assimilation of K. Marx's theory and ideas in the process of struggling to tackle the Japanese modern capitalist economic system and society, Japan has accumulated unique achievements of Marxian studies. Even though the very broad spheres of their influences, no doubt political economy occupied its center as Marx himself attributed the investigation of political economy as the key to analyze the structure and movement of modern society.

Based on this long tradition of Marxian studies in Japan, the Executive Committee for the international symposium on *K. Marx in the 21st Century* is organized by the initiative of the Japan Society of Political Economy (JSPE) and Japanese Society for the History of Economic Thought (JSHET), which further included the related leading academic societies of Marxian studies in Japan: Institute for Fundamental Political Economy (IFPE), Japan Society for the Study of Materialism (JSSM), Japan Society for the Study of Credit Theory (JSSCT) and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Marx-Engels-Forscher (AMEF). We are forming a scientific committee including leading overseas scholars that advice the Executive Committee in the selection of proposals and papers for the presentations as well as publications.

The Executive Committee of K. Marx in the 21st Century Symposium

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