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Black Marxism
Univ of North
Carolina Press
C. L. R. James's
The Black Jacobins

remains one of the great works of the twentieth century and the cornerstone of Haitian revolutionary studies. In Making The Black Jacobins, Rachel Douglas traces the genesis, transformation, and

afterlives of James's landmark work across the decades from the 1930s on. Examining the 1938 and 1963 editions of The Black Jacobins, the 1967 play of the same name, and James's 1936 play, Toussaint

Louverture—as well as manuscripts, notes, interviews, and other texts—Douglas shows how James continuously rewrote and revised his history of the Haitian Revolution as his politics and engagement with Marxism evolved. She also points to the vital significance theater played in James's work and how it influenced his views of history. Douglas shows The Black Jacobins to be a palimpsest, its successive layers of rewriting renewing its call to new generations.

Zed Books
The first collection of writings from

one of the foremost contemporary critical thinkers on racism, geography and incarceration

Gathering together Ruth Wilson Gilmore's work from over three decades, Abolition Geography presents her singular contribution to the politics of abolition as theorist, researcher, and organizer, offering scholars and activists ways of seeing and doing to help

navigate our turbulent present. Abolition Geography moves us away from explanations of mass incarceration and racist violence focused on uninterrupted histories of prejudice or the dull compulsion of neoliberal economics. Instead, Gilmore offers a geographical grasp of how contemporary racial capitalism operates

through an “ anti-state state ” that answers crises with the organized abandonment of people and environments deemed surplus to requirement. Gilmore escapes one-dimensional conceptions of what liberation demands, who demands liberation, or what indeed is to be abolished. Drawing on the lessons of grassroots organizing and internationalist imaginaries, **Abolition Geography**

undoes the identification of abolition with mere decarceration, and reminds us that freedom is not a mere principle but a place. Edited with an introduction by Brenna Bhandar and Alberto Toscano. **Back to Black** Routledge Do we live in basically orderly societies that occasionally erupt into violent conflict, or do we fail to perceive the

constancy of violence and disorder in our societies? In this classic book, originally published in 1980, Cedric J. Robinson contends that our perception of political order is an illusion, maintained in part by Western political and social theorists who depend on the idea of leadership as a basis for describing and prescribing

social order. Using a variety of critical approaches in his analysis, Robinson synthesizes elements of psychoanalysis, structuralism, Marxism, classical and neoclassical political philosophy, and cultural anthropology in order to argue that Western thought on leadership is mythological rather than rational. He then presents examples of historically

developed "stateless" societies with social organizations that suggest conceptual alternatives to the ways political order has been conceived in the West. Examining Western thought from the vantage point of a people only marginally integrated into Western institutions and intellectual traditions, Robinson's perspective radically

critiques fundamental ideas of leadership and order. **Black Movements in America Black Marxism**
The Earth has reached a tipping point. Runaway climate change, the sixth great extinction of planetary life, the acidification of the oceans—all point toward an era of unprecedented turbulence in humanity's relationship within the web of life. But just what is that relationship, and how do we make sense of this extraordinary

transition? Anthropocene or Capitalocene? offers answers to these questions from a dynamic group of leading critical scholars. They challenge the theory and history offered by the most significant environmental concept of our times: the Anthropocene. But are we living in the Anthropocene, literally the “ Age of Man ” ? Is a different response more compelling, and better suited to the strange—and often terrifying—times in which we live? The contributors to this book diagnose the problems of Anthropocene thinking and propose an alternative: the global crises of the twenty-first century are rooted in the Capitalocene, the Age of Capital. Anthropocene or Capitalocene? offers a series of provocative essays on nature and power, humanity, and capitalism. Including both well-established voices and younger scholars, the book challenges the conventional practice of dividing historical change and contemporary reality into “ Nature ” and “ Society, ” demonstrating the possibilities offered by a more nuanced and connective view of human environment-making, joined at every step with and within the biosphere. In distinct registers, the authors frame their discussions within a politics of hope that signal the possibilities for transcending capitalism, broadly understood as a “ world-ecology ” that joins nature, capital, and power as a historically evolving whole. Contributors include Jason W. Moore, Eileen

Crist, Donna J.
Haraway, Justin
McBrien, Elmar
Altvater, Daniel
Hartley, and
Christian Parenti.
Black Marxism Zed
Books Ltd.
With racial justice
struggles on the
rise, a probing
collection considers
the past and future
of Black radicalism
Black rebellion has
returned. Dramatic
protests have risen
up in scores of
cities and
campuses; there is
renewed
engagement with
the history of Black
radical movements
and thought. Here,
key intellectuals—in-
spired by the new
movements and by
the seminal work of
the scholar Cedric
J. Robinson—recall
the powerful

tradition of Black
radicalism while
defining new
directions for the
activists and
thinkers it inspires.
In a time when
activists in
Ferguson,
Palestine,
Baltimore, and
Hong Kong
immediately
connect across vast
distances, this book
makes clear that
new Black radical
politics is thoroughly
internationalist and
redraws the links
between Black
resistance and anti-
capitalism.
Featuring the key
voices in this new
intellectual wave,
this collection
outlines one of the
most vibrant areas
of thought today.
With contributions
from Greg Burris,
Jordan T. Camp,

Angela Davis, Ruth
Wilson Gilmore,
Avery F. Gordon,
Stefano Harney,
Christina
Heatherton, Robin
D.G. Kelley, George
Lipsitz, Fred Moten,
Paul Ortiz, Steven
Osuna, Kwame M.
Phillips, Shana L.
Redmond, Cedric J.
Robinson, Elizabeth
P. Robinson, Nikhil
Pal Singh, Damien
M. Sojoyner, Darryl
C. Thomas, and
Françoise Vergès.
**Class, Race, and
Marxism** UNC
Press Books
The story of the
black freedom
struggle in America
has been
overwhelmingly
male-centric,
starring leaders like
Martin Luther King,
Jr., Malcolm X, and
Huey Newton. With
few exceptions,
black women have

been perceived as supporting actresses; as behind-the-scenes or peripheral activists, or rank and file party members. But what about Vicki Garvin, a Brooklyn-born activist who became a leader of the National Negro Labor Council and guide to Malcolm X on his travels through Africa? What about Shirley Chisholm, the first black Congresswoman? From Rosa Parks and Esther Cooper Jackson, to Shirley Graham DuBois and Assata Shakur, a host of women demonstrated a lifelong commitment to radical change, embracing multiple roles to sustain the movement,

founding numerous groups and mentoring younger activists. Helping to create the groundwork and continuity for the movement by operating as local organizers, international mobilizers, and charismatic leaders, the stories of the women profiled in *Want to Start a Revolution?* help shatter the pervasive and imbalanced image of women on the sidelines of the black freedom struggle. Contributors: Margo Natalie Crawford, Prudence Cumberbatch, Johanna Fernández, Diane C. Fujino, Dayo F. Gore, Joshua Guild, Gerald Horne,

Ericka Huggins, Angela D. LeBlanc-Ernest, Joy James, Erik McDuffie, Premilla Nadasen, Sherie M. Randolph, James Smethurst, Margaret Stevens, and Jeanne Theoharis.

Anthropocene or

Capitalocene?

UNC Press
Books

Mills argues for a new critical theory that develops the insights of the black radical political tradition.

While challenging conventional interpretations of key Marxist concepts and

claims, the author contends that Marxism has been 'white' insofar as it has failed to recognize the centrality of race and white supremacy to the making of the modern world.

The Terms of Order BRILL

In *Left of Karl Marx*, Carole Boyce Davies assesses the activism, writing, and legacy of Claudia Jones (1915–1964), a pioneering Afro-Caribbean radical intellectual, dedicated communist, and feminist. Jones is buried in

London's Highgate Cemetery, to the left of Karl Marx—location that Boyce Davies finds fitting given how Jones expanded Marxism-Leninism to incorporate gender and race in her political critique and activism. Claudia Cumberbatch Jones was born in Trinidad. In 1924, she moved to New York, where she lived for the next thirty years. She was active in the Communist Party from her early twenties onward. A talented writer and speaker, she traveled throughout the

United States lecturing and organizing. In the early 1950s, she wrote a well-known column, "Half the World," for the *Daily Worker*. As the U.S. government intensified its efforts to prosecute communists, Jones was arrested several times. She served nearly a year in a U.S. prison before being deported and given asylum by Great Britain in 1955. There she founded *The West Indian Gazette* and *Afro-Asian Caribbean News* and the Caribbean Carnival, an annual London

festival that continues today as the Notting Hill Carnival. Boyce Davies examines Jones's thought and journalism, her political and community organizing, and poetry that the activist wrote while she was imprisoned. Looking at the contents of the FBI file on Jones, Boyce Davies contrasts Jones's own narration of her life with the federal government's. Left of Karl Marx establishes Jones as a significant figure within Caribbean intellectual traditions, black

U.S. feminism, and continues to guide the history of communism. **Factors of Race and Nation in Marxist Theory** Seven Stories Press Cedric Robinson was one of the most important and influential Black radical scholars of recent times, best known for the pathbreaking Black Marxism: The Making of the Black Radical Tradition. In this late major work, he turns his attention to European radical traditions and explores a genealogy of emancipatory thought and practice that predates Marxism and capitalism itself, and which

and continues to guide struggles for liberation today. Accompanied by a foreword by H. L.T. Quan and a preface by Avery Gordon, this invaluable text reimagines the communal ideal from a broader perspective that transcends modernity, industrialisation and capitalism. *Ecofeminism as Politics* Duke University Press Is Marxism still relevant for understanding sport in the twenty-first century? Has Marxism been preserved or transcended by cultural studies? What is the relationship between theory and intervention in the

politics of sport?
This book discusses
the relationship
between sport and
Marxism. It is
suitable for students
of sport sociology,
and Marxism.

Abolition

Geography

Routledge

Cedric Robinson

traces the
emergence of
Black political
cultures in the
United States
from slave
resistances in
the 16th and
17th centuries to
the civil rights
movements of
the present.

Drawing on the
historical record,
he argues that
Blacks have
constructed both

a culture of
resistance and a
culture of
accommodation
based on the
radically different
experiences of
slaves and free
Blacks.

Cedric J.

Robinson UNC
Press Books

A stinging critique
of the link between
global capitalism
and U.S.

multiculturalisms

**Histories of
Racial
Capitalism**

Routledge

Illuminates a
pathbreaking
black radical
feminist politics
forged by black
women leftists
active in the U.S.
Communist

Party between its
founding in 1919
and its demise in
the 1950s.

*Property,
Institutions, and
Social*

*Stratification in
Africa* Columbia
University Press

Examining a
series of El Niño-
induced droughts
and the famines
that they spawned
around the globe
in the last third of
the 19th century,
Mike Davis
discloses the
intimate, baleful
relationship
between imperial
arrogance and
natural incident
that combined to
produce some of
the worst
tragedies in
human history.

Late Victorian
Holocausts
focuses on three
zones of drought
and subsequent
famine: India,
Northern China;
and Northeastern
Brazil. All were
affected by the
same global
climatic factors
that caused
massive crop
failures, and all
experienced brutal
famines that
decimated local
populations. But
the effects of
drought were
magnified in each
case because of
singularly
destructive
policies
promulgated by
different ruling
elites. Davis
argues that the

seeds of
underdevelopment
in what later
became known as
the Third World
were sown in this
era of High
Imperialism, as
the price for
capitalist
modernization was
paid in the
currency of
millions of
peasants' lives.

**Making The
Black Jacobins**
Leftword Books
An Anthropology
of Marxism
offers Cedric
Robinson's
analysis of the
history of
communalism
that has been
claimed by Marx
and Marxists.
Suggesting that

the socialist ideal
was embedded
both in Western
and non-Western
civilizations and
cultures long
before the
opening of the
modern era and
did not begin
with or depend
on the existence
of capitalism,
Robinson
interrogates the
social, cultural,
institutional, and
historical
materials that
were the
seedbeds for
communal
modes of living
and reimagining
society.
Ultimately, it
pushes back
against Marx's

vision of a better society as rooted in a Eurocentric society, and cut off from its own precursors.

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Forgeries of Memory and Meaning UNC Press Books

A groundbreaking contribution to the history of the "long Civil Rights

movement," Hammer and Hoe tells the story of how, during the 1930s and 40s, Communists took on Alabama's repressive, racist police state to fight for economic justice, civil and political rights, and racial equality. The Alabama Communist Party was made up of working people without a Euro-American radical political tradition: devoutly religious and semiliterate black laborers and sharecroppers, and a handful of whites, including unemployed industrial workers, housewives, youth, and renegade liberals. In this book, Robin D. G. Kelley reveals how

the experiences and identities of these people from Alabama's farms, factories, mines, kitchens, and city streets shaped the Party's tactics and unique political culture. The result was a remarkably resilient movement forged in a racist world that had little tolerance for radicals. After discussing the book's origins and impact in a new preface written for this twenty-fifth-anniversary edition, Kelley reflects on what a militantly antiracist, radical movement in the heart of Dixie might teach contemporary social movements confronting rampant inequality, police violence, mass incarceration, and

neoliberalism. **BLM** Beacon Press This book explores the philosophical and political challenge of ecofeminism. It shows how the ecology movement has been held back by conceptual confusion over the implications of gender difference, while much that passes in the name of feminism is actually an obstacle to ecological change and global democracy. The

author argues that ecofeminism reaches beyond contemporary social movements being a political synthesis of four revolutions in one: ecology is feminism is socialism is post-colonial struggle. Informed by a critical postmodern reading of the Marxist tradition, Salleh's ecofeminism integrates discourses on science, the body, culture, nature, political economy. The book opens with a short history of

the ecofeminism. Part two establishes the basis for its epistemological challenge while the third part consists of ecofeminist deconstructions of deep ecology, social ecology, eco-socialism and postmodern feminism. In the final section, Salleh suggests that a powerful way forward can be found in commonalities between ecofeminist and indigenous struggles. **Marxism and Decolonization in the 21st**

Century U of
Minnesota Press
The George
Floyd riots that
have
precipitated
great changes
throughout
American
society were not
spontaneous
events.
Americans did
not suddenly rise
up in righteous
anger, take to
the streets, and
demand not just
that police
departments be
defunded but
that all the
structures,
institutions, and
systems of the
United States—all
supposedly
racist—be

overhauled. The
12,000 or so
demonstrations
and 633 related
riots that
followed Floyd's
death took
organizational
muscle. The
movement's grip
on institutions
from the
classroom to the
ballpark required
ideological
commitment.
That muscle and
commitment
were provided by
the various Black
Lives Matter
organizations.
This book
examines who
the BLM leaders
are, delving into
their
backgrounds and

exposing their ag
endas—somethin
g the media has
so far refused to
do. These people
are shown to be
avowed Marxists
who say they
want to
dismantle our
way of life. Along
with their fellow
activists, they
make savvy use
of social media
to spread their
message and
organize
marches, sit-ins,
statue tumbings,
and riots. In 2020
they seized upon
the video
showing George
Floyd's suffering
as a pretext to
unleash a
nationwide

insurgency. Certainly, no person of good will could object to the proposition that “black lives matter” as much as any other human life. But Americans need to understand how their laudable moral concern is being exploited for purposes that a great many of them would not approve.

Cedric Robinson

Duke University Press

In this ambitious work, first published in 1983, Cedric Robinson demonstrates that efforts to understand black

people's history of resistance solely through the prism of Marxist theory are incomplete and inaccurate. Marxist analyses tend to presuppose European models of history and experience that downplay the significance of black people and black communities as agents of change and resistance. Black radicalism must be linked to the traditions of Africa and the unique experiences of blacks on western continents, Robinson argues, and any analyses of African American history

need to acknowledge this. To illustrate his argument, Robinson traces the emergence of Marxist ideology in Europe, the resistance by blacks in historically oppressive environments, and the influence of both of these traditions on such important twentieth-century black radical thinkers as W. E. B. Du Bois, C. L. R. James, and Richard Wright. [Marxist-Leninist Perspectives on Black Liberation and Socialism](#) PM Press
This text is the written report of a meeting on the

topic that took place on August 29-30, 1953, in Trieste, and which appeared in issues 16-20 of *Il programma comunista* ("the communist programme"). At that time the destiny of the "Free Territory" was still uncertain, one of the many political and economic monstrosities of the post-war "settlement" in Europe and the world. The Trieste drama was a small event in the world picture, but nevertheless enormous for those who had to endure it. During the war, Istrian Italians had suffered ethnic cleansing at the hands of Tito's partisans, but this was kept out of

mainstream information channels by the Italian Stalinists, who did not want "communism" to be associated with the persecution of ethnic Italians. These sordid contemporary events gave the International Communist Party the opportunity to present fundamental and classical Marxist theses, in a trenchant way, directly antithetical to the deformation operated on them by opportunism; deformations coming either from the Stalinist counter-revolution or from false left groups; all of them unable to appreciate factors such as those of race and nation

which, although not belonging to the totality of direct objectives of the communist revolution, are historically present on the path that dialectically leads to it. In this quality, such factors draw the revolution closer and at the same time compete against it in an interplay that Marxism has never ignored; in given times and in definite historical contexts they have their say within the framework of the proletarian strategy of double revolutions. This powerful party text is within the great Marxist tradition of "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" and of "Anti-

Dühring", and
possesses the
same dialectical
vigour and sharp
sarcasm.