Re-reading Marx

New Perspectives after the Critical Edition

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The new historical and critical edition of the works of Marx and Engels, the second Marx-Engels-Gesamtausgabe (MEGA2), opens up the possibility of a radical rethinking of the entirety of Marx's thought. Marx has been read primarily through Engels' spectacles. Now, with the publication of the entire corpus of Marxian manuscripts, it is now possible to read Marx according to Marx. This has rejuvenated debate and shed new light on Marx's original intentions. This important collection assesses the relevance of the historical and critical edition, includes analysis, by leading scholars, of specific themes in the Marxian critique of political economy using the new material available, and provides an overview of the German debate in Marxian theory in recent decades. This detailed and fascinating book is essential reading for all seeking the best in contemporary Marxian analysis and theory.

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Marx had already identified this particular form of financial capital amongst all the others when he was examining the specific elements of banking capital. In Capital Volume Three he wrote: Bank capital consists of 1) cash money, gold or notes; 2) securities. A reason to look back and re-read. Karl Marx – he was, on the one hand, the theorist of history whose theories have today largely gained acceptance. The idea that tools and the mode of production of a society determine its political and social structure, and that human thought is formed by the use of Re-appropriating and altering our conditions of existence involve new relationships between man/woman, but also parent/child, adult/youth, which call for another habitat, another education, etc. What we read in the Grundrisse is as profound as ambiguous. We can already read about a Marx who was an ecologist before ecology. Maybe soon we will be told about an esoteric Marx who theorised gender.