

This issue has been long in the making. The reasons are manifold, but in general, they pertain to workload and changes at various levels. The revised title and numbering mark a shift that reflects deeper transformations behind the scenes. This reorientation includes an ongoing process of restructuring (or, as we call it, *perestroika*): distributing tasks more equitably, building sustainable workflows, securing funding, and expanding our network through collaboration with other journals and projects. Further updates will follow as we prepare for our September retreat.

It should also be noted that Issue 2 (No. 8, Volume 4), *Marxism and Systems Science – The Technosphere: Systems, Things, and Infrastructures from Tektology, Cybernetics, and Computational Planning to the Complexity Paradigm and Platform Capitalism*, will be published on a significantly improved schedule.

A piece of good news is that the journal is now indexed in Scilit. We intend to secure its inclusion in additional databases and indices in the future.

A significant development is the change in our co-editorial team. Our collective has been strengthened by the addition of new associates, while our founding editor and esteemed colleague, Ali C. Gedik, has stepped down from his role as chief editor. His work and responsibilities will now be shared by Siyaves Azeri, Sascha Freyberg, and Joost Kircz. This new editorial troika is not a Stalinist homage, but rather a pluralist step—and, above all, a pragmatic response to the demands of collective open-access publishing under precarious conditions.

We are proud to be an independent journal—and we intend to stay that way. However, infrastructure, hosting, and the many visible and invisible labors that sustain this project require support. That is why we call on you—our readers and future contributors—to help us continue: through donations; through your texts, feedback, and solidarity.

In comradeship,
The Editor-in-Chief Collectives