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**THE FOUNDATIONS OF MARXISM:
PHILOSOPHY, METHOD, AND REVOLUTIONARY VISION**

As stated by many critical scholars and commentators, the Covid 19 pandemic, which still continues to haunt the world, has made capitalism's political and economic crisis more apparent than ever. An abrupt suspension of the "normal" functioning of the global market mechanisms and the inability of the states and capitalists to develop coherent responses to the situation have unraveled once more the fragility of financial capitalism. The now-conspicuous and immediate repercussions of ecological crisis, which manifest themselves with soaring temperatures, unprecedentedly enormous wildfires, floods and droughts are observed worldwide. This situation has also demonstrated how capitalism lacks any effective instruments to at least mitigate the imminent catastrophes stemming from its inherent propensity to commodify all of life to the detriment of life itself. Under these circumstances, contemporary capitalism is characterized no longer by economic growth, further globalization, or an ideological triumph over socialism but by rampant ontological insecurity, a gloomy sense of apocalypse, and bleak future scenarios. In search for the foundational reasons for this "total crisis", even the mainstream intellectuals tend to problematize the intrinsically destructive forces of capitalist production and the devastating consequences it has had on human to human, and, in general, human to nature relations. As the "totality" of life itself, not only the human life but also the life of the earth in general, is at stake today, there emerged, even among the mainstream thinkers, a tendency to discuss the viability of some total solutions for a potential total catastrophe. The urge of the World Economic Forum, the leading capitalist platform of the world, for a total revision, epitomized by the phrase "Great Reset" is a quintessential and telling example of this tendency. Any Marxist would concede that any quest for developing "total" solutions to the total crisis of capitalism from within capitalism itself is not only unavailing but also manipulative, as it is impossible to design any solution for such a massive and all-encompassing crisis by remaining within both the material and ideational confines of capitalism. The totality of the contemporary crisis of capitalism rather invites us to rethink the fundamental premises of Marxism in its totality, as the method of understanding and transcending capitalism and reflecting on the historical, present, and possible future forms of human-human and human-nature relations.

In an age characterized by the urgent need for a "new beginning", the quest for revisiting, rethinking, and clarifying Marxism's foundational premises in different fields of science is crucial. In this vein, in the second issue of Marxism and Sciences, we intend to include scholarly articles or essays and cultural works that discuss and consider the fundamental premises of Marxism as a scientific method, as an epistemology, as a philosophy and as a revolutionary vision and strategy, and assess the extent of actuality and viability of these premises in the wake of "total" crisis of humanity. A number of fundamental questions that could be pursued in the submissions, including, but not limited to:

- What are the common foundations of knowledge-production in different disciplines and how do sciences contribute to/challenge the prolongation of capitalism?
- What is a Marxist approach to and a critique of the processes of knowing nature, culture, human and society?
- What are the fundamental premises of the Marxist conception of nature, culture, human and society and to what extent are they actual and pertinent for understanding the crisis today in its totality?
- What are the foundations for a Marxist conception of totality? What could be its promises to challenge the recent anti-Marxist theoretical trends such as Material Turn, post-humanism and new materialism?
- What are the fundamentals of Marxist class analysis? How could Marxist class analysis be helpful to understand the contemporary crisis in its totality?
- What are the fundamental propositions and thesis of Marxism in regards to the origins of the state, the characteristics of capitalist state? How are they helpful to understand the contemporary crisis in its totality?
- What are the foundations of a Marxist approach to and critique of contemporary social movements and how can it contribute to their emancipatory potentials?

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