

MARXISM-LENINISM-MAOISM STUDY GUIDE

One Divides Into Two, 2020

HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

*A good place to start on this topic, an introductory text

† Difficult to find or not available online

The Political Life and Thought of Marx

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| Engels | <i>Anti-Dühring</i> , 1877 |
| Engels | <i>On the History of the Communist League</i> , 1885 |
| Lenin | <i>The Three Sources and Three Component Parts of Marxism</i> , 1913 |
| Lenin | <i>Karl Marx: a Brief Biological Sketch with an Exposition of Marxism</i> , 1914* |

The Storm of 1848

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| Marx | <i>Class Struggles in France, 1849-50</i> , 1850 |
| Marx | <i>The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte</i> , 1852 |
| Engels | <i>Revolution and Counter-Revolution in Germany</i> , 1851-52 |
| Lenin | <i>The State and the Revolution</i> , Chapter 2: “The Experience of 1848-1851,” 1917* |

The Paris Commune

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| Marx | <i>Two Addresses on the Franco-Prussian War</i> , 1871 |
| Marx | <i>Civil War in France</i> , 1871 |
| Lenin | <i>The State and the Revolution</i> , Chapter 3: “The Paris Commune of 1871, Marx’s Analysis,” 1917 |
| Hongqi | “Great Lessons of the Paris Commune: Parts 1-3,” reprinted in <i>Peking Review</i> , Nos. 14-16, April 1966* |

The Bolsheviks and the Great October Revolution

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| Lenin | <i>“Left-Wing” Communism: An Infantile Disorder</i> , 1920 |
| Stalin | <i>Foundations of Leninism</i> , 1924 |
| Krupskaya | <i>Reminiscences of Lenin</i> , 1933 |
| Beria | <i>On the History of the Bolshevik Organizations in Transcaucasia</i> , 1935† |
| Stalin | <i>History of the CPSU (Bolsheviks): Short Course</i> , 1939* |
| Carr | <i>A History of Soviet Russia</i> , Vol. 1-14, 1950 -1978 (A useful bourgeois history.)* † |

The Chinese Revolution and the GPCR

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| Mao | <i>On Protracted War</i> , 1938 |
| Mao | <i>The Chinese Revolution and the Chinese Communist Party</i> , 1939 |
| Chen Po-ta | <i>Mao Tse-Tung On the Chinese Revolution</i> , 1953 † |
| Ho Kan-Chih | <i>A History of the Modern Chinese Revolution</i> , 1959 (Comprehensive CPC history of the Chinese Revolution.)* † |

- Chen Po-ta *On the Ten-Year Civil War (1927-1937)*, 1966 †
 Daubier *A History of the Chinese Cultural Revolution*, 1974 (A useful bourgeois history.)* †

PHILOSOPHY

Dialectical Materialism

- Marx *Theses on Feuerbach*, 1845
 Marx *Introduction to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy*, 1859
 Marx *Preface to the First German Edition of Capital*, 1867
 Marx *Afterword to the Second German Edition of Capital*, 1873
 Engels *Anti-Dühring*, 1877 (Ch. 5, 6, 11 on materialism; Ch. 3, 9 on knowledge; Ch. 12-13 on dialectics.)
 Engels *Ludwig Feuerbach and the End of Classical German Philosophy*, 1886 (Ch. 2, 4 on materialism.)
 Lenin *Philosophical Notebooks*, 1895 -1916
 Lenin *Materialism and Empirio-Criticism*, 1908
 Lenin *On the Significance of Militant Materialism*, 1922
 Mao *On Contradiction*, 1937 (Mao's key contribution to dialectics.)*
 Mao *On Practice*, 1937 (Mao's key contribution to the theory of knowledge.)*
 Mao *Dialectical Materialism*, 1938
 Stalin *Dialectical & Historical Materialism*, Parts 1, 2, 1938 (In Part 1, Stalin's text falls into metaphysics.)
 Mao *On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People*, 1957
 Mao *Talk At An Enlarged Working Conference Convened By the CC of the CPC*, 1962 (On the mass line.)
 Mao *Where Do Correct Ideas Come From?*, 1963 (Excerpt from a longer document that launched the Socialist Education Movement.)
 Mao *Talk on Questions of Philosophy*, 1964 (Significant for Mao's argument against Engels' 'triplism.')

Historical Materialism

- Marx/Engels *The German Ideology*, Part 1: Feuerbach, 1845
 Marx *Preface to a Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy*, 1859*
 Marx *Inaugural Address of the First International*, 1864
 Engels *The Part Played by Labor in the Transition from Ape to Man*, 1876
 Engels *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific*, Part 2: Historical Materialism, 1880
 Engels *Origins of the Family, Private Property, and the State*, 1884
 Engels *Letters on Historical Materialism**
 —Engels to Bloch, September 21, 1890
 —Engels to Schmidt, October 27, 1890
 —Engels to Mehring, July 14, 1893
 —Engels to Borgius, January 25, 1894
 —Engels to Sombart, March 11, 1895
 Plekhanov *The Development of the Monist View of History*, 1895
 Lenin *The State and the Revolution*, 1917
 Lenin *A Great Beginning*, 1919 (In particular, Lenin's discussion of what constitutes a class.)
 Mao *Analysis of the Classes in Chinese Society*, 1926 (A model concrete analysis.)
 Stalin *Dialectical and Historical Materialism*, Part 3, 1938*
 Chen Po-ta *Sweep Away All Monsters*, 1966

POLITICAL ECONOMY

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| Marx/Engels | <i>German Ideology</i> , Part 1, Section C, 1845 (Key text on the division of labor and social classes.) |
| Marx | <i>Wage-Labor and Capital</i> , 1847 |
| Marx | <i>Wages, Prices, and Profit</i> , 1865 (Marx against reactionary trade unionism in the First International.)* |
| Marx | <i>Capital</i> , Vol. 1-3, and <i>Theories of Surplus-Value</i> , published 1867 – 1894 |
| Engels | <i>Synopsis of Capital</i> , 1868 |
| Lenin | <i>Agrarian Program of S-D in the 1st Russian Revolution</i> , 1907 (On the Prussian and American Paths.) |
| Lenin | <i>Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism</i> , 1916* |
| Stalin | <i>Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR</i> , 1951 |
| Mao | <i>A Critique of Soviet Economics</i> , 1958-9 |
| CPC | <i>Treatise of Political Economy</i> , 1971 (Not available in English.)* † |

SOCIALISM

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| Marx/Engels | <i>Manifesto of the Communist Party</i> , 1848* |
| Engels | Engels to Bebel, June 20, 1873 (Engels against Eisenachers forging unprincipled unity with the Lassalleans.) |
| Marx | <i>Critique of the Gotha Program</i> , 1875 (Marx against the program, which reflected Lassalleian opportunism.) |
| Marx/Engels | <i>Circular Letter to Bebel, Liebknecht, et al.</i> , September 1879 |
| Engels | <i>Socialism: Utopian and Scientific</i> , Part 1: Utopian Socialism, 1880 |
| Lenin | <i>Urgent Tasks of Our Movement</i> , 1900 |
| Lenin | <i>Where to Begin?</i> , 1901* |
| Lenin | <i>What Is To Be Done?</i> , 1902 |
| Lenin | <i>Letter to a Comrade on Our Organizational Tasks</i> , 1902 |
| Lenin | <i>One Step Forward, Two Steps Back</i> , 1904 (Key text on Bolshevik organizational line.) |
| Lenin | <i>Two Tactics of Social-Democracy in the Democratic Revolution</i> , 1905 |
| Stalin | <i>Marxism and the National Question</i> , 1913 (Key Bolshevik text on the National Question.)* |
| Lenin | <i>The Discussion On Self-Determination Summed Up</i> , 1916 |
| Lenin | <i>Imperialism and the Split in Socialism</i> , 1916 |
| Lenin | <i>Letters from Afar</i> , 1917 |
| Lenin | <i>The Tasks of the Proletariat in the Present Revolution</i> (aka, the “April Theses”), 1917 |
| Lenin | <i>The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky</i> , 1918 (On the dictatorship of the proletariat.) |
| Lenin | <i>Deception of the People with Slogans of Freedom and Equality</i> , 1919 |
| Stalin | <i>The Political Strategy and Tactics of the Russian Communists</i> , 1921 |
| Mao | <i>On Correcting Mistaken Ideas in the Party</i> , 1929 |
| Mao | <i>The Question of Independence and Initiative Within the United Front</i> , 1938 |
| Mao | <i>On New Democracy</i> , 1940 |
| Mao | <i>Rectification Documents</i> (aka, the “Twenty-Two Documents”), 1942 |
| CPC | <i>The Documents of the Great Debate</i> , Vol. 1-3, Feb. 1956-June 1963 (Key texts of the Sino-Soviet split.) † |
| CPC | <i>Documents of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution</i> , Vol. 1-3 in 8 books, 1965-76 † |
| CPC | <i>Leninism or Social-Imperialism?</i> , 1970 † |