

Marx25 – Call for Papers

October 24–25, 2025

Theme: Imperialism

Place: Hägerstensåsens medborgarhus, Stockholm, Sweden

Organizers: Center for Marxist Social Studies (CMS), Fronesis and others

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This autumn it is time again for our traditional Marx Conference in Stockholm. The main theme of Marx25 is *Imperialism*, and we therefore welcome presentations and sessions from researchers, activists and other interested parties who want to shed light on the theme with the help of theoretical tools and practical examples. Imperialism as a concept has been discussed for a long time within Marxist theory, not least based on Lenin's characterization of it as "the highest stage of capitalism". We want to strike a blow for a renewed discussion about how imperialism can function as an analytical concept today, and to what extent a renewal of how we define and understand it is needed. Imperialism is a multifaceted phenomenon that manifests itself through and together with phenomena such as colonialism, postcolonialism and racism, nationalism, fascism, war and militarism and, not least, capitalism as a system. Marx25 focuses on these questions with imperialism as a historical, political and theoretical background.

We particularly welcome contributions on the relevance of imperialism *today* in economic, ecological, political, social and cultural terms. Contributions may also deal with classic questions of imperialism on an international level, such as the consequences of historical colonialism and imperialism today, contemporary genocides (Palestine), invasions (Ukraine), conflicts between different imperialisms (USA, China, Russia), transnational corporate exploitation in the global South (Lundin Oil, Maersk, Dole), as well as other and more subtle forms of domination and exploitation. Local and regional aspects are also welcome: how imperialism in the broad sense affects local communities, for example racial segregation in cities.

We also welcome contributions that deal with *resistance* to imperialism in various forms, such as anti-imperialism, anti-colonialism and anti-fascism. In addition, we encourage analyses that connect the theme of imperialism with the fateful question of climate change.

Marx25 should be a meeting place for everyone who is inspired by Marx or whose research, writing, politics and activism are based on Marxist theories. The contributions presented may also communicate with other theoretical, political and organizational traditions than those that can, in the strict sense, be derived from Marx

SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Proposals can be submitted as collective contributions of approximately 60–120 minutes, but also individually, as individual presentations of around 15–20 minutes.

As for **collective contributions**, you are free to choose the format and content yourself. One possible form is the academic session, based on papers, individual presentations and general discussion. Other possible formats are panel discussions, roundtables, workshops or anything else you find appropriate. You take full responsibility for organizing the arrangement, for example recruitment and ongoing contact with participants, as well as for the actual implementation of the arrangement if it is accepted. We ask you to send an abstract of **300–500 words**, stating the following: title, proposed format, length, language (Swedish/Scandinavian or English), as well as a general description of the topic, theme and content. Please also include the names of participants and any titles of their individual contributions if applicable. To facilitate our planning, we also ask you to write when you are available to present. Preliminary times for the conference are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

For **individual presentations**, a shorter abstract of **200–300 words** is sufficient, stating the same information as above (title, content, language, etc.)

Abstracts must be sent *no later than April 17, 2025*: marxconf@cmsmarx.org

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