

Marx and Engels, The German Ideology (1845)

Seminar of the NYC Marxist Studies Collective

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Readings for Spring 2018

We are reading Marx and Engels' *German Ideology* as found in volume 5 of the Marx-Engels Collected Works. This is 578 pages of reading. So, we will split the work into two parts, the first part in the Spring and the second part in the Summer. It is hard to find a convenient cutoff point for halfway through the book. Also, the first roughly 100 pages of the *German Ideology* are an intense study of the basic social conception of Marx and Engels which is at the core of all later work by them, so these first 100 or so pages deserve a more careful reading, in my view. So, we will spend 5 weeks on those first 100 pages, and then the remaining 9 of the Spring semester, on the following 200 pages of the work, up to p. 301. In the Summer semester we will read pp. 301–581, the remainder of the volume.

The readings for the term will be:

For Week	Pages	To be read by	Content	Pages/day (roughly)
2	Pp. 3-18	February 16	The “Theses on Feuerbach”	2.3
3	Pp. 19-45	February 23	Critique of Feuerbach (1/4)	3
4	Pp. 46-62	March 2	Critique of Feuerbach (2/4)	2.4
5	Pp. 63-81	March 9	Critique of Feuerbach (3/4)	2.7
6	Pp. 81-93	March 16	Critique of Feuerbach (4/4)	1.9
7	Pp. 94-116	March 23	Critique of Bruno Bauer (1/1)	3.3
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8	Pp. 117-144	April 6	Critique of Max Stirner (1/16)	4
9	Pp. 144-170	April 13	Critique of Max Stirner (2/16)	3.9
10	Pp. 170-193	April 20	Critique of Max Stirner (3/16)	3.4
11	Pp. 193-205	April 27	Critique of Max Stirner (4/16)	1.9
12	Pp. 205-232	May 4	Critique of Max Stirner (5/16)	4
13	Pp. 232-257	May 11	Critique of Max Stirner (6/16)	3.7
14	Pp. 257-282	May 18	Critique of Max Stirner (7/16)	3.7
15	Pp. 282-301	May 25	Critique of Max Stirner (8/16)	2.9