

A Decolonial Dialogue with Marxism

A conversation

What is Marxism?

- A metaphysical revelatory ethical belief system
- A materialist 'scientific' dissection of capitalism's evils
- A 'scientific' post-capitalist remedy
- A package of European Enlightenment ideas

The Marxist religion

- The Marxist morality passion play
- Marx's evangelical apocalyptic message and the three great Abrahamic books of ethical redemption
- The Marxist credo: dialectical economic materialist determinism and the vision of a post-capitalist Marxist polity

Critical Fundamentals

To be a Marxist you must

- Believe in progress in and through the Marxian economic base from which all else flows
- Believe in that material base as linear primary cause so all infrastructure is secondary effect
- Believe in the Marxian normative vision of a redemptive political state atop of that base

Marx's Eurocentricism and racialised construction of being

- The context capitalism, colonialism and imperialism
- Marx's racist stereotyping
- Marx's two-faced account of colonialism and its blood and gore 'hidden hand'
- Views from the colonised: 'you cannot knock down the master's house using the master's tools'

Born again Marx

- Marx's epiphany, backtracking and revisioning
- Not just one Blueprint but Many not one Path but Many
- A 'decentered' Marxism at the Margins
- A stretched Marxism and its re-imaginings