

MARCUS HAWEL
 Negative Critique and a Certain Negation
 Concerning the Practical Side of Critical
 Theory

Reflecting upon the relationship between theory and practice, the author finds that theory presents its practical side, and does so, above all, negatively because it must deny a certain practice while, simultaneously, adjusting itself to it. Theory has to be critical – fighting against abstract utopia as well as against »real politics«.

SASCHA LIEBERMANN
 Freedom is a Challenge, not a Land
 of Milk and Honey

This article is in answer to Ulrich Busch's critical view of the concept of a Guaranteed Basic Income (UTOPIE kreativ No. 181, November 2005; for the beginning of the discussion see No. 176, June 2005). The author especially discusses what he sees as the common points between the government's »workhouse«-policy and those who criticize it.

SIEGFRIED PROKOP
 Ernst Bloch and Wolfgang Harich in 1956

The author reflects upon the close friendship and contrary discussions that took place between Ernst Bloch and Wolfgang Harich, two of the bestknown communist critics of the course taken by the SED, especially following the XX. Congress of the CPSU in February, 1956. He recalls their common efforts to publicly discuss the subsequent development of socialism.

WOLFGANG HARTMANN
 The »Noel Field Case«

The author presents Bernd-Rainer Barth's two-volume-book »Der Fall Noel Field« which presents 161 documents describing the period Noel Field spent in socialist prisons (1949-1954) and lived in Hungary (1954-1970), as well as brief biographies of 57 persons implicated in the »Noel Field Case« which served as an unprecedented vehicle for launching the major show trials against leading communists in Eastern Europe.

GERHARD WAGNER
 Between Moonlight and Gaslight
 Heine and the Aesthetics of the Industrial Age

The author discusses Heinrich Heine's (1797-1856) works as very relevant in today's context. He describes Heine as an eyewitness of the »double revolution« (Hobsbawm) – the 19th century industrial and political revolu-

tions – and as one of the rare multi-talented thinkers who were poets, as well as, writers and theoreticians and have much to contribute to the understanding of modern social contradictions.

RAINA ZIMMERING

Murder of Women and No Solution. The Women of Juárez

The major Mexican city of Juárez, near the US border, has become a cruel symbol of violence against women. The author discusses the structural links between the murders, on the one hand, of at least 400 women (600 are still missing) and, on the other, the oppression of ethnic minorities, the growth of the drug traffic and the economic and political deformations.

ERNESTO KROCH

A Big Experiment. In Uruguay, the Left Governs

The author discusses the results of Uruguayan politics since March 1st, 2005 when the Frente Amplio and the United Left government and its socialist president, Dr. Tabaré Vázquez actually took office. He describes the efforts being made in social, educational and foreign policies, to develop a new political course and takes a look into the economic contradictions.

JANE ANGERJÄRV

Discrimination of Women in Estonia

Estonia is one of the youngest members of the European Union. This – the author says – creates also a challenge in gender politics. There is discrimination against women, which stems from various sources: traditional and cultural stereotypes, the heritage of wages discrimination left over from the Soviet period, coupled with new forms that have arisen since the demise of the Soviet Union.

SASCHA WAGENER

Marx' Critique of Constitution

Looking into Karl Marx'critique of the French constitution of 1848 the author pleads for less bitterness on the Left in today's discussion of the European constitution. Marx, he maintains, was interested in those immanent tendencies in the French constitution, that could lead to new forms of public power – not in the rhetorical superstructure guaranteeing the property or the deployment of the military forces.