

ANDREAS HEYER  
 The Utopia of Eternal Life  
 Condorcet's Self-Determination between  
 Enlightenment and Revolution

The author describes Marie-Jean-Antoine-Nicolas Caritat, Marquis de Condorcet (1743-1794) as one of the few participants of the French Revolution, who were well-known already before 1789 and analyses the philosopher and mathematician's main oeuvre – »Esquisse d'un tableau historique des progres de l'esprit humain« (»Sketch for a Historical Picture of the Progress of the Human Mind«) – as a unique link between historical-philosophical reflection and contemporary utopian discourse.

KOLJA MÖLLER  
 Inspired by Gramsci: Politics of Hegemony  
 and Today's Left

Gramsci's concept of hegemony enjoys certain popularity among the Left, maintains the author, a leading member of the socialist students' organization (DIE LINKE.SDS), but this concept has yet to be seriously seen as a connecting thread for left strategic work. Taking up the post-Marxist discourse to help in overcoming this lack, he suggests Gramsci-inspired policy proposals for the party to awaken the political center of the new left from, what he calls, its »strategic long slumber«.

ISABEL RAUBER  
 Power and Hegemony  
 A Latin American Perspective

Gramsci sees »hegemony« as the kind of socio-cultural political link that is imposed, stabilized and renewed by the reigning form of power. The author discusses the developments in Venezuela and Bolivia as expressions of the possibility that anti-neo-liberal social, economic and cultural transformations could be successfully initiated by the political superstructure, if they are comprehensively instigated and supported »from below« by the social movements and the socio-political organizations of the popular masses.

KLAUS MARETZKY  
 Adventism: An Element of Unmastered  
 Marxist History?  
 About Fredrich Tomberg's Concept of Socialism

The author reflects upon Tomberg's book »Habermas und der Marxismus. Zur Aktualität einer Rekonstruktion des historischen Materialismus« (Habermas and Marxism. On the Topicality of a Reconstruction of Historical Materialism) and discusses in particular how the deep rift between the wealthy North and the poverty stricken South can be overcome. He argues that China could represent a successful link between »Western« individualism and »Eastern« communitarism.

**MARIO KESSLER**

**Between Geneva Exile and Post War Germany  
Hans Mayer, Ossip Flechtheim and  
Ernst Engelberg On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1933**

This is in honor of the German historian Ernst Engelberg – who turns 99, April 5, 2008 – Hans Mayer (1907-2001) and Ossip Flechtheim (1909-1998), who were among those on the political Left, who were persecuted by the Nazi's and forced into exile. They all found refuge in Geneva, worked at the College of the League of Nations and became outstanding representatives of the political culture of 20<sup>th</sup> century Germany. The author presents their views of Hitler's coming to power on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1933.

**MARCEL BOIS, FLORIAN WILDE**

**»Many Questions are Still Important«  
Interview with PHILIPP KUFFERATH and  
JAN SCHALOUSKE, Authors of a Recently  
Published Book on the SDS – the Socialist  
German Students' Union**

Philipp Kufferath and Jan Schalauske are members of the newly founded DIE LINKE.SDS. Questioned about their reasons for publishing a book on the »old« SDS, founded in 1946 and politically active in the Federal Republic of Germany before 1989, they point to the SDS' 1961 exclusion from the SPD, its role in 1968 and the need to revive some of the ideas of this students' organization.

**HUBERT FETZER**

**A System of Sustainable Energy and Socialism**

Critically examining the discourse on socialism, which, the author finds, underestimates changes in the forces of production – particularly the necessary energy basis – and the dialectics between these forces of production and the relations of production, he concludes that the possibility of breaking the monopolies of the fossil-atomic energy regime and the union of oil and agribusiness lies in sustainable energy sources.

**JÜRGEN LEIBIGER**

**Equality of Opportunity, Development,  
Exploitation**

The word »exploitation«, the author says, has lost its meaning because of the worldwide victory of capitalism, but there is an unexpected renaissance of the demand for justice, and the discussion of fairness, justice between generations, justice in opportunities, justice of participation has reached the science of economy. He concludes that the struggle for more justice, freedom and wellbeing has to be concentrated on the struggle against exclusion, for fair wages, for democratization and for new forms of public ownership.