

Capital in history

The relevance of Marxism today

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social relations

relations to:

- others
- Nature
- oneself

modern epoch

cosmological revolution:

- artistic: European Renaissance
- scientific-technical: Scientific Revolution
- cultural-religious: Protestant Christian Reformation
- economic: capitalism
- political: modern republic — liberal democracy
- philosophical: Enlightenment

prior to ~10,000 BCE

primitive communism

hunter-gatherers

nomadic — migratory

totemic species

community of nature

culture

Paleolithic

Human Revolution

crisis of nature

traditional civilization

class society

peasants

settled — pastoral

Divine Order — religion

Great Chain of Being — castes

zoon politikon

Neolithic

Agricultural Revolution

crisis of humanity

1500s – 1600s – 1700s

bourgeois society

Third Estate — workers

urban

universality

Humanism

homo faber / homo economicus

Modernity

bourgeois revolution

crisis of civilization

1800s

Industrial Revolution

proletariat

post-bourgeois

capital (Marx)

nihilism

"post-human"

socialism

crisis of capitalism

crisis of nature

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