

Georg Lukács, “The phenomenon [appearance] of reification”

part I of

“Reification and the consciousness of the proletariat”

central essay in Lukács’s book

History and Class Consciousness (1923)

dialectic of subject and object:

reciprocal relation

mutual mediation

(subject mediates the object — object mediates the subject)

thing-in-itself (Kant)

in bourgeois social relations becomes

theoretical + practical

subject — object

subjectification — objectification

subjectivation — objectivation

internalization — externalization

in capitalist disintegration reverts to

reification thing

(thing-ification)

“reified consciousness”

“contemplation”

“thing-like subjectivity”

“phantom-like objectivity”

*social
relations*

relations to:

- others
- Nature
- oneself