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How Marx's Misreading of Hegel Led to Stalin



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Despite his prescient interpretation of capitalism, Marx based his political project on an important misreading of Hegel's dialectics. This misreading paved the way for the emergence of Stalinism and has crucial implications for our politics today. This talk will investigate how Marx went off course in his understanding of Hegel and how Hegel might offer a course corrective for contemporary politics.

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Date

February 28, 2018

Time

4:30 p.m.

Location

Memorial Lounge, Waterman



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