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Andrea Komlosy: Arbeit und Werttransfer im Kapitalismus. Vielfalt der Erscheinungsformen und Operationalisierung

This essay discusses transfers of value under capitalism, operating with broad concepts of labour and exploitation that take account not just of the appropriation of other people’s wage labour, but also address the significance of unremunerated labour. The essay argues that a comprehensive theory of labour and exploitation needs to take account of all labour relations that allow entrepreneurs to accumulate value.

Dirk Hoerder: Migration Research in Global Perspective: Recent Developments

The essay discusses terminologies and conceptualizations, especially the juxtaposition of forced and free migrations, gender and migrant agency. It addresses migration systems and criticizes transnational approaches, arguing that a translocal-transregional approach is empirically more sound; acculturation is “transcultural.” The essay discusses recent publications on present-day migration, as well as new research on migration during the Middle Ages. The essay concludes by emphasizing the importance of the new migrations occurring at the turn of the 21st century and addressing the research needs that result from global shifts of economic power and banker-induced crises.

Bettina Engels: Brot und Freiheit: Proteste ‘gegen das teure Leben’ in Burkina Faso

Following the global food price crisis, people took to the streets of numerous African cities, protesting against the rising cost of cer-
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eals, vegetable oil and fuel. The article analyses the case of Burkina Faso, where urban protests against the high cost of living have been particularly intense. I argue that ‘food riots’ should be explained by reference to particular political contexts and the strategies employed by protestors. In Burkina Faso, claims to economic, social and civil rights are systematically connected. It is therefore misleading to reduce the protests to ‘food riots’.

Karl Heinz Roth: Ein Enzyklopädist des kritischen Denkens: Marcel van der Linden, der heterodoxe Marxismus und die Global Labour History

This essay presents an overview of Marcel van der Linden’s political and intellectual career, his engagement with traditional Marxism and the process by which he became a protagonist of Global Labour History. Against this background, the author engages in a dialogue with Marcel van der Linden and addresses questions concerning the conceptualization of labour history. This involves discussion of the concept of labour, the labour theory of value, the concept of exploitation and the concept of capitalism.