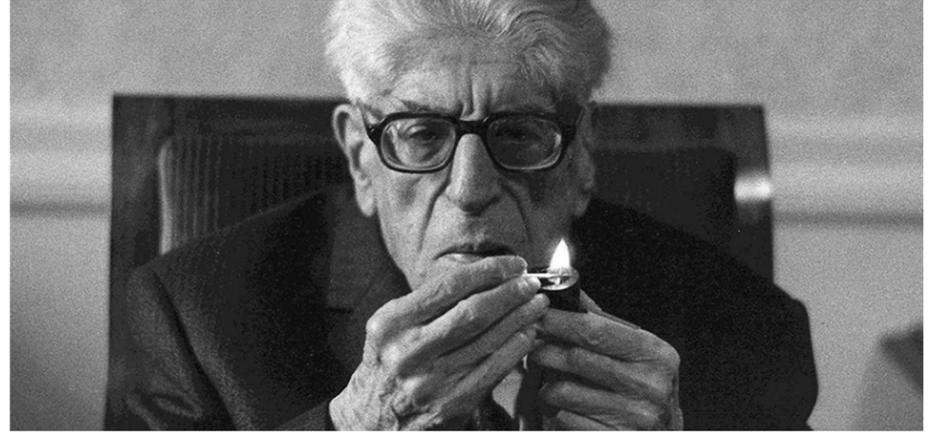
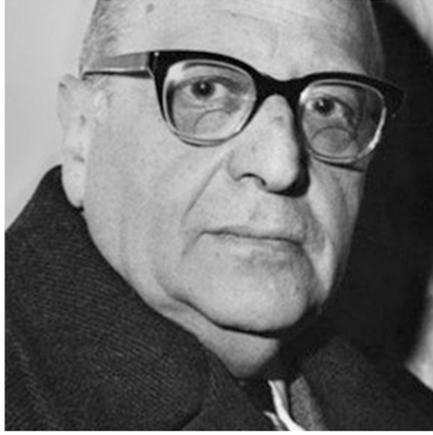


# INSTITUTE FOR THE RADICAL IMAGINATION

**Saturday Critical Thought Seminars beginning  
Sept. 29th, 2018 @ The People's Forum  
320 W 37 Street, NYC**

Left to right: Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, Ernst Bloch

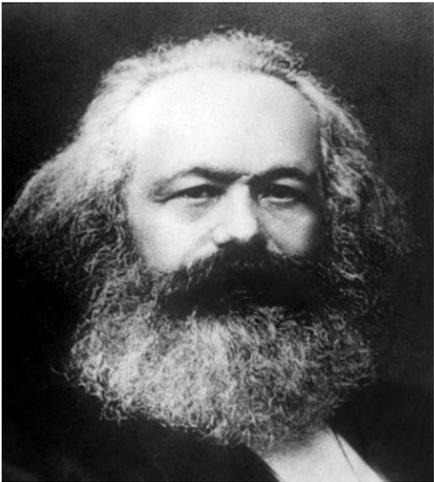


## **The Frankfurt School and the Paradoxical Idea of Progress: Thinking beyond Critical Theory with Stanley Aronowitz (12:00 – 2:00pm)**

An eight week course - \$15 per session or \$100 for all eight sessions.

This course will address the idea of progress in History through a careful and close reading of texts from Adorno and Horkheimer. Does progress really exist beyond minor reformist tendencies or is it a major symptom of the dialectic of enlightenment that dialectical positivity comes to a standstill? Can we rethink a new principle of hope that can build movement politics against the cynicism and pessimism of the present?

Left to right: Karl Marx, Antonio Gramsci, György Lukács

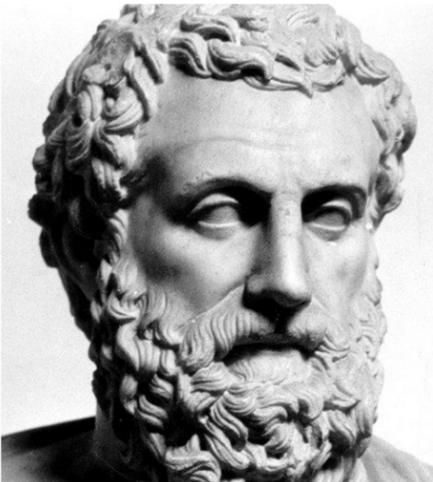
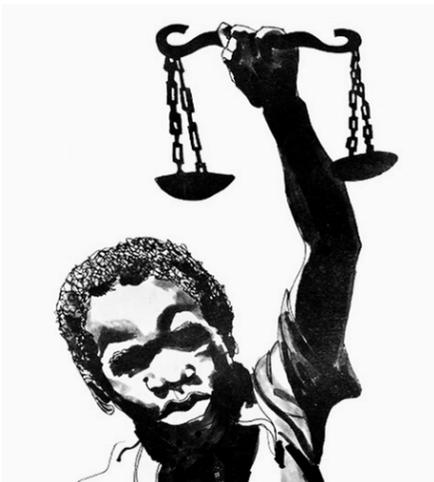


## **Marx, Marxism and Philosophy Today with Michael Pelias (2:15 – 4:15pm)**

A ten week course — \$15 per session or \$125 for all ten sessions.

Marx's relationship to Philosophy from the Greek atomists through Aristotle to Hegel has been commented upon by many in the Marxist tradition. Through a general, yet rigorous survey, this class will examine Marx's use of philosophical materialism in his early manuscripts as well as a critical and analytical approach to the schools of Marxist philosophy that developed with and after the work of Lukacs, Gramsci, Korsch, and the Frankfurt school through the French existentialists and structuralists to the Italian schools from Della Volpe to Negri.

Left to right: Emory Douglas Illustration, Aristotle, Nicos Poulantzas



## **Democracy and Marxism with Peter Bratsis (4:30 – 6:30pm)**

An eight week course — \$15 per session or \$100 for all eight sessions.

The ethic of democracy is central to the project of Marxism. This class will examine the concept of democracy and how it has been incorporated within the Marxist tradition. The Marxist critique of liberal 'democracy' and the relation of democracy to human creation as well as economic production will also be interrogated. Readings will include works from Aristotle, Marx, Gramsci, Pannekoek, Luxemburg, Castoriadis, and Poulantzas.

**\*For all three courses offered by the Institute for the Radical Imagination: \$275. For two courses, \$175.**

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