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in Silao, Mexico

# GLOBAL POLITICAL STRUGGLES OF THE WORKING CLASS

- *The Double Consciousness of Capital*

with author **DAVID HARVEY**

- *Social Sources of Political Polarization in Russia*

with authors **ILYA MATVEEV** and **OLEG ZHURAVLEV**

- *The Far Right, Corporate Power, and Social Struggles in Brazil*

with authors **VIRGINIA FONTES, ANA GARCIA** and **REJANE HOEVELER**

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*The Double Consciousness of Capital.* **DAVID HARVEY** turns to Marx's *Grundrisse* and to W.E.B. Du Bois' idea of double consciousness, to locate a tension in anti-capitalist politics between the possibilities found in the creative destruction and technological revolutions of capitalism and the alienation and loss of *human potentiality* which is a result of the same process. The path to socialism requires navigating the contradictions of this double consciousness.

*Social Sources of Political Polarization in Russia.* **ILYA MATVEEV** and **OLEG ZHURAVLEV** offer a compelling account of rising urban-rural and core-periphery polarization in Russia under the authoritarian nationalism of Vladimir Putin, which until recently was able to rely on the apathetic indifference of the people and general appeals to social stability to maintain unchallenged power.

*The Far Right, Corporate Power, and Social Struggles in Brazil.* **VIRGINIA FONTES, ANA GARCIA,** and **REJANE HOEVELER** contrast the fictitious polarization in Brazil between electoral oppositions that quarrel over cultural issues without challenging the hegemony of neoliberal capitalism and the real polarization resulting from a combative working class that is developing, as Gramsci says, a spirit of cleavage, determined to pursue its class interests.

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