

Special issue honoring Professor Maria de Lourdes Rollemberg Mollo

Theme: The current relevance of the Marxian critique of Political Economy: an homage to Professor Maria de Lourdes Rollemberg Mollo.

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Call for papers:

In this special issue, we will celebrate the life and work of Maria de Lourdes Rollemberg Mollo, professor at Federal University of Brasília. We aim to bring together original contributions from researchers working within the tradition of critique of Political Economy, whose essays will be in conversation with the work of Professor Mollo. This special issue is an initiative by the Grupo de Pesquisa em Economia Política (Research Group on Political Economy), in partnership with the journal *Rethinking Marxism*. The Grupo de Pesquisa em Economia Política pays homage to authors who have fostered academic debate in the field of economics by presenting the Marxist perspective as the main framework for analysis. The aim of *Rethinking Marxism* is to stimulate interest in and debate over the explanatory power and social consequences of Marxian economic, cultural, and social analysis.

Over the last several decades, Professor Maria de Lourdes Rollemberg Mollo has made contributions to several areas in the debate on Political Economy in Brazil, always retaining the methodological rigor essential to historical materialism and Marxist dialectics while often adopting counter-hegemonic positions. Her research agenda encompasses themes including comparative economic theories on money, value, the market and the State; the debate on developmentalism; and the history of economic thought, particularly the history of the monetary debate and the history of theories of the role of the State in economic development. Professor Mollo is best known for articles that established a dialogue between Marxist and post-Keynesian perspectives on money, credit and fictitious capital (Mollo 2011), a topic that remains under dispute in the field of Marxism. Another topic to which Mollo has made important contributions, notably in her doctoral thesis defended in 1989 at University of Paris-Nanterre (Paris X), is the role of monetary institutions in relation to the inherent instability and uncertainty that constitute capitalism (Mollo 1988). Professor Mollo has also written on the possible complementarity between Marxist and post-Keynesian approaches to the debate on developmentalism as an alternative to neoliberalism (Mollo 2015).

The current relevance of Professor Mollo's contributions to the critique of Political Economy is evident when we consider the ongoing financial innovations implemented and conditioned by the needs of capitalist development and, at the same time, the highly uneven development of global capitalism.

In keeping with the spirit of critique in Professor Mollo's work, this special issue invites academics, researchers and postgraduate students to submit original manuscripts prioritizing the following thematic areas:

- i. Marxist approaches to money, value, the market and the State;
- ii. Marxist and post-Keynesian approaches to credit, fictitious capital, financial fragility and crises;

- iii. The historical and theoretical dimensions of imperialism;
- iv. The historical and theoretical dimensions of financial capital;
- v. The developmentalist debate and Marxism;
- vi. Brazilian economic history and economic thought.

To be considered for inclusion in this volume, submissions should be no more than 8,000 words and should be written in Portuguese or English. Articles written in Portuguese will be translated by Grupo de Pesquisa em Economia Política for English-language publication. Email submissions to Grupo de Pesquisa em Economia Política <gpepmarx@gmail.com> by June 15, 2025. Formatting guidelines available at <https://rethinkingmarxism.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/AuthorGuidelines-current.pdf>

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