

Spinoza in Post-Marxist Philosophy with Katja Diefenbach

With respect to contemporary Marxism or Post-Marxism Spinoza is one philosopher, infinite interpretations: Louis Althusser, Antonio Negri, Pierre Macherey, Etienne Balibar, Gilles Deleuze, and Alexandre Matheron all draw from Spinoza, but in fundamentally different ways. Althusser's use of Spinoza to develop a theory of ideology as the imaginary representation of the relationship to their real relations is fundamentally different from Negri's use of Spinoza to construct a theory of the multitude as the political subject, which is in turn different from Deleuze's examination of the affective dimension of politics. Up until now no one has really examined these different interpretations in relation to each other, investigating how they emerge from tensions within Spinoza's work. Katja Diefenbach's Spinoza in Post-Marxist Philosophy is the first book to appear, at least in English, that examines the different and diverse strands of Spinozist Marxism, examining how they overlap and diverge from each other.

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