

ABSTRACT

Notes toward a Marxist critique of law

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This article presents notes toward a Marxist legal sociology. It examines the changing place of law in the Marx's work beginning with *The German Ideology* and then decomposes and analyses the juridical question on three levels 1) the relations of production as legal relations, 2) institutionalized social relations as a legal-state form socially recognized as legitimate, and 3) the law as a juridical ideology (a system of norms, beliefs and values with its own discursive form) that covers the preceding two elements and attributes to them meaning and moral validity.

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