

The Role of Stuckness in Capitalism and the Potential for Transformation

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Summary

- Ordinary perversion as our new normal
- Knowledge as a fetish and its relationship to desire
- The coexistence of desire and enjoyment
- The role of perversion in forcing desire to recognize enjoyment
- The loss of movement and stuckness in capitalist production
- The end of history as a form of déjà vu
- The exploitation of the difference between potential and act in capitalism
- The concept of pre-history and its transformation
- The need for an historically specific explanation for transformation
- The potential for resistance and the importance of forgetting

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Outline

1. Social Context and Ordinary Perversion



- **Definition of Ordinary Perversion**
 - Ordinary perversion is our new normal
 - Perversion is a defense against desire
 - Desire always relates to a lack of being
- **Knowledge as Fetishistic**

- Knowledge can be considered fetishistic when it involves simultaneous knowledge and denial
- Perversion forces desire to recognize enjoyment as its true object
- Perversion demands the admission and fulfillment of desire
- **Desire, Enjoyment, and Lack**
 - Desire is not only different from need, but it also goes beyond mere enjoyment
 - Enjoyment can only exist on top of desire, but it is not the same as desire
 - The only acceptable response to desire is for the other to respond with their own lack

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