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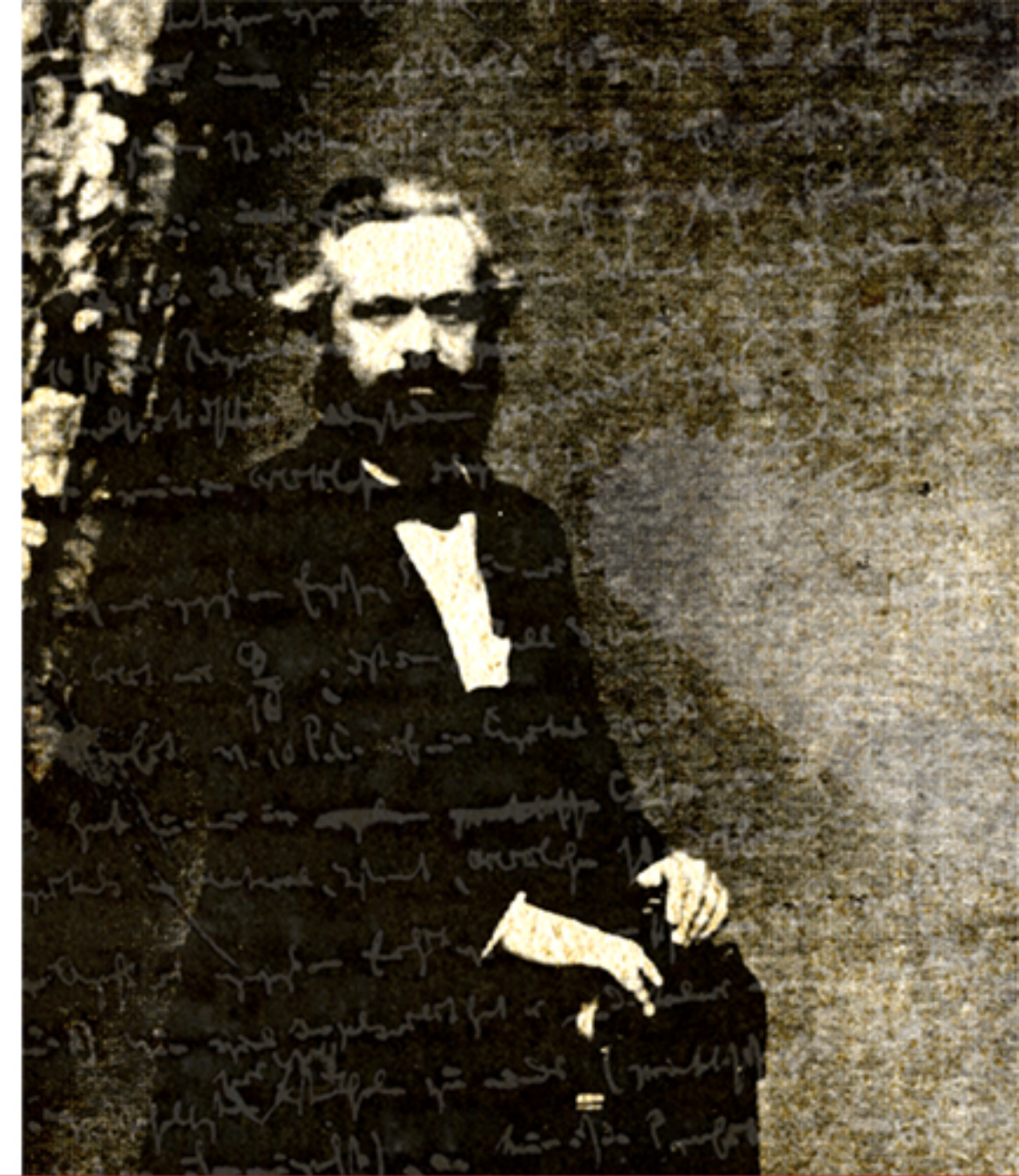
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Pronounced dead at the end of the 20th century, Marx has reappeared on the stage of history. Since the onset of global crisis in recent years, leading journalists and scholars from various political and cultural backgrounds, and with differing theoretical orientations, have again been drawn to Marx's analysis of the inherent instability of capitalism.

The writings that Marx composed a century and a half ago cannot be expected to contain a precise description of the world today. But the critical analysis of capitalism that he developed through his extensive journalism, preparatory notebooks, early manuscripts, and published editions of 'Capital', constitute a towering achievement of economic and political thought. And Marx's work today still provides – despite the profound transformations witnessed since he wrote – a rich array of tools with which to understand the fundamental nature of capitalist development.

In this context of what some commentators have described as a 'Marx renaissance', the aim of the conference is to bring together varied reflections on both Marx's and Marxist theories of crisis, drawing on different perspectives and fields, and taking note of contradictions.



'We are the last to deny that capital contains contradictions. Our purpose, rather, is to develop them fully'.

Karl Marx, Grundrisse

Marx and Crises of Capitalism: Interpretations and Interventions

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The first sessions address the making and articulation of Marx's theory of crisis in the context of 19th century capitalism. The following sessions address the ways in which re-reading Marx's theory of crisis can help to explain the economic, social and political phenomena of capitalism today. The conference then will be concluded with a roundtable report on the international collaborative project of a comprehensive global bibliography of works on Marx and economic crisis since 1989.

International Conference

February 18-19, 2012

Kanagawa University
 Yokohama – Japan



10:00 – 10:45 Opening Speeches

Chair: **Takumi Yamaguchi** (Kanagawa University, Yokohama – Japan)

Kazuo Ikegami (Vice-President of Kanagawa University, Yokohama – Japan)

Kenji Mori (Tohoku University, Sendai – Japan)

Marcello Musto (York University, Toronto – Canada)

10:45 – 12:30 Session I: Marx and the 1857 Crisis

Chair: **Michio Akama** (Ehime University, Matsuyama – Japan)

Economic Crisis and Revolution:
from the 'Communist Manifesto' to the 'Grundrisse'
Marcello Musto

Marx's Notebooks of 1857 Crisis
Izumi Omura - **Chen ChangAn** (Tohoku University, Sendai – Japan)

The 1857 Economic Crisis and the Birth
of the Production Theory of Crisis
Kenji Mori

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session II: The Making of Marx's Theory of Crisis

Chair: **George Comninel** (York University, Toronto – Canada)

What did Marx Mean by "Crisis"?
Terrell Carver (University of Bristol, England)

History, Theory and Empirical Research:
How Marx Built his Theory of Crisis
Michael R. Krätke (Lancaster University, England)

Toward the Completion of the Theory of Crisis:
Developing Marx's Conception
Keizo Hayasaka (Iwate University, Morioka – Japan)

10:00 – 12:00 Session III: Using Marx Today

Chair: **Marcello Musto**

Capitalist Crises and the Crisis This Time
Leo Panitch (York University, Toronto – Canada)

Toward a Comprehensive Theory of Crisis
Michael Perelman (California State University, Chico – USA)

A Critical Synthesis of Marxist Debates on the "Great Recession"
Seongjin Jeong (Gyeongsang National University, Jinju – South Korea)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:15 Session IV: Capital and Crisis in the XXI Century

Chair: **Yutaka Furuya** (Tohoku University, Sendai – Japan)

Capitalist Instability and the Contemporary Crisis: Marxist Debates
Greg Albo (York University, Toronto – Canada)

Profits and commercial deficit:
A Marxist Interpretation of the 2008 USA crisis
Alejandro Valle Baeza (UNAM, Mexico City – Mexico)

Marx and Minsky on Financial Crisis: Marx Moment?
Daiki Asanuma - **Kazuhiro Kurose** (Tohoku University, Sendai – Japan)

15:15 – 15:30 Tea Break

15:30 – 17:30 Roundtable: Marx's Theory of Economic Crisis:
A Worldwide Bibliography, 1989–2011

Chair: **Leo Panitch**

An Overview of the Bibliography
George Comninel

Spanish and Portuguese Publications
Alejandro Valle Baeza

Japanese Publications
Tomoki Tanimura - **Daisuke Kumazawa**
(Doshisha University, Kyoto – Japan; Ritsumeikan University, Kusatsu – Japan)

English Publications
Baris Karaagac (Trent University – Peterborough, Canada)

Scandinavian and Russian Publications
Pertti Honkanen (Finnish Karl Marx Society)

German Publications
Fritz Flehler (Marx Gesellschaft)

Korean Publications
Seongjin Jeong

17:30 Closing Remarks