

Introduction and Welcome
to
SA351 CLASSICAL MARXIST THOUGHT
Marx's Capital, Volume One

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Memo to: SA351 Classical Marxist Thought: Marx's Capital, Volume One

Dear Class,

First, welcome to the course! I hope that it will be an interesting and stimulating short 13 weeks of study. I y kmf q o { dguvq o cng yj kuc uweeguuhwn ugo gugt hqt {qw I y kmhg cxckrdng -qp-rlpgøvj tqughout the following weeks.

We are living in tumultuous times ó in politics, and in social and economic relations -- but my hope is that this course will provide you with some theoretical insight into what is happening and why.

2. All the documents and video lectures pertaining to the course, including this welcome note, are available through Canvas at SFU ó under **SA351 Classical Marxist Thought**.

Please be sure to read the first Module in Canvas so that you will be conversant with the course requirements and procedures. They should be clear, but please be sure to read and re-read all the items in Module 1 **before** you email me with questions.

Each Module represents one week in the course: hence 13 Modules + Module with course materials.

3. The cours g ku o clpnf eqo r tkuf qh yj g cpcnf uk qh O ctzøu Capital, Vol. One. Because Capital is one long argument, it will be difficult to follow the argument if you skip one or more Modules.

The last two Modules deal with matters related to Capital but not directly to the text. I have included these to show you the ongoing relevance of Marx to the current state of affairs and possibilities for the future.

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5. Please keep a **back-up copy** of all assignments for the course. Electronic accidents do happen, and the back-ups are good insurance against such possibilities.

I hope that you will find the course, as I do, a worthwhile and highly stimulating intellectual journey.

You can always direct inquiries to me via email at teeple@sfu.ca.

Gary Teeple, January 2021

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There are **two short introductory videos**, labelled ‘**W*** **W*** **W*** **W** **W*** **W***