

# Download Anthropology And Marxism

Marxist anthropology came about through the works of Marx and Engels and their followers. It developed as a critique and alternative to the domination of Euro-American capitalism and Eurocentric perspectives in the social sciences. In *An Anthropology of Marxism*, reissued posthumously, Cedric J. Robinson provides a novel lens for deconstructing the work of Karl Marx by challenging Marx's assertion that capitalism is an essential precondition for socialism. The problem with writing about Marx for readers schooled in the analytical tradition is that dialectical thinking is often opaque to them. How can production be both all of the economy and part of it? This essay explores the continuing relevance of Marx's work in anthropological theory by examining three dimensions of his thought, concentrating on a central text in each: historical materialism (*The German Ideology*), the analysis of capitalism (*Volume 1 of Capital*), and political analysis (*The Eighteenth Brumaire*).