

Wars and Capital: A Close Reading of the Contemporary Situation Summer 2022

Monday, May 23rd:

Background and Introduction to readings – situating the work of Alliez and Lazarrato

The warfare state and the permanent wartime economy: 1938 – Present

Reading the revised conservative revolution (Heidegger, Junger and Schmidt); Ernst Junger's "Towards the Line" (1949)

Nihilism reconsidered-19th century notions till end of WW II

Monday, May 30th:

Chapter 12 of *A Thousand Plateaus*: a treatise on Nomadology versus the Logos of the State, pages

Read Axioms I and II:

- A) The war machine as exterior to the State Apparatus : myth , drama and games
- B) The war machine is the invention of the nomadic – 3 crucial aspects :
 1. Spatiogeographic
 2. Arithmetic or algebraic
 3. Affective

Axiom III: the nomad war machine is the form of expression : itinerant metallurgy is the correlative form of content.

Begin reading “To our Enemies” pages 11 – 34 of *Wars and Capital*

War, Money and the State as the ontological forces of Capitalism

Monday, June 6th:

Reading: pages 35-82 of *Wars and Capital* – originary accumulation
– Locke, Foucault (Psychiatric Power) – the Biopolitical

Monday, June 13th:

Reading: pages 83 – 154 in *Wars and Capital*:
The war machine revisited, two versions (maybe 3) of the French
Revolution (Clausewitz and C.L.R. James), contemporary permanent
civil war, new colonial wars

Monday, June 20th:

Reading: Pages 155-222 in *Wars and Capital*:

Capture - Schmitt and Lenin
Total Wars, Keynesianism of total war
Paradoxes of Biopower and the end of human rights and its
incessant verbiage

Monday, June 27th:

Reading: Pages 223-393 in *Wars and Capital*

From strategy games to fractal wars

**If not finished with texts, two additional sessions will be offered in
July, 2022, most probably the 18th and 25th.**