

Peer Review

Review of: "About Capitalism: Four Remarks"

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The article could be improved by clarifying the relatively abstract concepts presented, strengthening the connections between the sections, and providing more examples. The essay introduces several complex and abstract philosophical concepts without fully defining them for a non-specialist audience. The author should more clearly define terms like "deterritorialization" and "reterritorialization" beyond their brief mention as "disrupting social orders" and "reinforced orders" for the benefit of readers who perhaps lack even a Deleuze & Guattari for Dummies-level understanding of Continental philosophy. Also, the distinction between *pouvoir* (sovereign power) and *puissance* (immanent power) could be explored in greater depth to support the author's argument that capitalism corresponds to the former while arche-capitalism (an interesting idea worth fleshing out) corresponds to the latter. The biological metaphor of microevolution versus macroevolution is a central part of the argument, but it could be expanded upon, and ideally, a couple of pages could be devoted to unpacking this. Also, I would like to know more about how capitalism is like "repetition without difference" and how redirection would enable a "repetition with difference" to make the argument more compelling. I am not certain whether human agents are capable of constructing their own societies, so perhaps more could be said about this too. Where does redirection come from? Does it originate from human agents, or from outside social systems, or a combination thereof? (Example: the transformative role of pandemics in human societies). The author could provide a more concrete example of how capitalism, through its cycles of production and consumption, is "repetition without difference." Also, the links between the arguments about macroevolution, arche-capitalism, and schizoanalysis are not always seamless. The author could tie the sections together, perhaps by consistently applying the core idea that acceleration alone is insufficient and must be paired with redirection. Regarding schizoanalysis and systems theory, Gregory Bateson would seem like an interesting addition, who influenced Deleuze. Finally, a stronger conclusion would

synthesize the arguments from all sections to offer a final, unified thesis on why acceleration and redirection are both essential for achieving a post-capitalist and/or arche-capitalist future.

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