

## **Cheap Nature and Rentier Capitalism: theories, histories, and geographies of the Capitalocene**

This moment demands radical geographies of capitalism. We begin from the premise that we cannot understand the forces (re)producing our many and converging socioecological crises without a specifically historical materialist vantage point that can address capital's mission to master land, rents, and Nature. The generalization of the *Anthropos* fails to explain the origins of these conditions and, also, struggles to generate a politics that might hope to oppose or resolve them. Approaches that eschew a focus on the totality of capitalist relations may offer generative imaginings of alternative socationatures but fall short on two counts. First, through an inability to address the uneven geographical development of capitalism, including key mechanisms such as monopoly rents linked to historical and contemporary forms of land ownership. Second, through a scramble to piece together a path toward overcoming private property in land, and socioecologies of cheap nature. Yet, many of the tools we need to theorise and historicise the Capitalocene hail from historical geographical materialism: from Marx and Lenin, to Henri Lefebvre and Milton Santos, from Richard Walker to Doreen Massey. This panel seeks to bring together diverse historical materialisms to explore theories, histories, methods and geographies that might better equip us to confront the Capitalocene, in our region and around the world.

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