Marxism

Lecture 1 – Introduction
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Classical Marxists
- K. Marx, Engels
- E. Marx, Bernstein, Luxemburg, Lenin

Continental Marxists
- Gramsci, Lukács
- French Marxism
- The Frankfurt School

Anglophone Marxists
- Analytical Marxists
- Marxist Historians/Economists

Post-Marxism
- Postcolonialism
- Marxist Feminism
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Oppressors and oppressed

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