Marxism

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

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

Anglophone Marxists
- Analytical Marxists
- Marxist Historians/Economists
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‘Orthodox Marxism ... refers exclusively to method.’

‘Marxism [does not] possess[] a distinctive and valuable method.’
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**Oppressors and oppressed**

How much ultimate control does the worker wield over the following forces of production?

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