



# The Power of Ideology

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In these times of despondency ... one feels the need for a reconsideration of the socialist project perceived at once in its historical perspective and its global context. Istvan Meszaros provides such a timely, fundamental reassessment in his major work, *The Power of Ideology* .. a very rich volume ... a magnum opus ... Meszaros can write with wit and verve. He is devastating in polemics and brilliant in exposition. Here is a book showing that Marxism is alive and creative, one of those not very frequent works laying the foundations on which we can build our strategies and tactics. And coming at the right time when we badly need to go back to essentials. - Daniel Singer, *Monthly Review* Meszaros provides us with a panoramic view of contemporary ideology and its objective roots, integrating a vast amount of material from philosophy, politics and economics ... he points to the blinkers imposed on thought by a focus on advanced capitalism: things look different when the Third World is brought into the picture ... Meszaros knows his Hegel, Marx, Lenin and Lukacs inside and out only on this basis is his penetrating criticism offered and it is to be taken all the more seriously...There is a lot of food for thought here. - Chris Arthur, *Critique* ..passionately inspired by sympathy for the downtrodden and their struggle for liberation ... - *The Nation*, USA Meszaros`s work, without exaggeration, represents the most substantive and systematic analysis accomplished since Marx. - *El Ojo del Huracan*, Venezuela Meszaros is surprisingly accessible despite the philosophical depth and intellectual richness of his work. - *Canadian Dimension*, Canada

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