

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910137229103321
Autore	Gronow Jukka
Titolo	On the formation of Marxism : Karl Kautsky's theory of capitalism, the Marxism of the Second International and Karl Marx's critique of political economy / / by Jukka Gronow
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Brill, 2016 Leiden, Netherlands ; ; Boston, Massachusetts : , : Brill, , [2016] ©2016
ISBN	90-04-30665-X
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (334 pages)
Collana	Historical Materialism Book Series, , 1570-1522 ; ; Volume 113
Disciplina	335.4
Soggetti	Capitalism Communism - History
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Originally published as the author's doctoral thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki in 1986.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and indexes.
Nota di contenuto	Front Matter -- Introduction -- Organised Capitalism, the General Cartel and the Proletariat -- The Dispute over Revisionism -- The Theory of Immiseration, Socialist Consciousness and the Intellectuals -- Socialism as Science -- The Capitalist Law of Appropriation: Kautsky's Interpretation of Karl Marx's Economic Thought -- The Centralisation of Capital and Monopoly Formation -- Imperialism and the Relation between Industrial and Agrarian Countries -- Imperialism and Its Alternatives -- Imperialism as the Last Stage of Capitalism -- Theoretical Sources of Kautsky's and Lenin's Studies on Imperialism -- Imperialism as the Truth about Capitalism -- Parliamentary Democracy and Revolutionary Tactics -- The Question of Democracy and Dictatorship: Lenin's Critique of Kautsky the Renegade -- The Immanent Critique and the Natural Rights Theory -- John Locke, Adam Smith and Karl Marx's Critique of Private Property -- The Principle of Labour -- The Theory of Increasing Misery and the Critique of Capitalism -- Conclusion -- Bibliography -- Indexes.
Sommario/riassunto	Karl Kautsky was, for three decades before the First World War, the main authority on the intellectual heritage of Marx and Engels, the founding fathers of Marxism. His interpretation of Marx's Capital and

the basic laws and contradictions of capitalism was the standard reference point for both the foes and allies of Social Democracy. Jukka Gronow's *On the Formation of Marxism* analyses Kautsky's impact on the self-understanding of the European labour movement from his dispute over Revisionism with Eduard Bernstein to his polemics with V.I. Lenin over Imperialism and the Russian Revolution. Despite many political differences, Gronow shows that these authors shared a common understanding of the basic nature of capitalism, which in important respects differed from Marx's critique of political economy.

---