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postcolonial texts showing, inter alia, that they are replete with

elements of Romantic Orientalism and the Oriental Renaissance, Kaiwar

mobilises a critical body of classical and contemporary Marxism to demonstrate that far richer understandings of 'Europe' not to mention 'colonialism', 'modernity' and 'difference' are possible than with a postcolonialism captive to phenomenological-existentialism and post-structuralism, concluding that a narrative so enriched is indispensable for a transformative non-Eurocentric internationalism.