



THE THINKER IN QUESTION:
KARL MARX 200

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Born in 1818 into middle-class prosperity in Trier, Germany, the son of a lawyer who owned vineyards in the Moselle region, Karl Marx initially studied law and philosophy. The originality of his doctorate, demanding that theology must give way to philosophy, and his leftist political pamphlets, led him to Paris, where he met Friedrich Engels, the author of '*The Condition of the Working Class in England*'. The meeting, and his expulsion from Paris on political grounds, led him to political exile in England, where he and Engels worked on producing the Communist manifesto, eventually published in 1848. Was Marx the demon of 19c thought? The socialist dracula sucking the lifeblood of capitalist enterprise? Or a thinker whose ideas are ripe for re-appraisal? Was he misinterpreted by his followers, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Tse Tung? We explore Karl Marx's life and the origins of his thought leading up to the Communist Manifesto, whose 170th anniversary is celebrated this year, the 200th after Marx's birth.

All Culture in Question lectures take place in the Art Workers Guild, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, unless otherwise indicated. Coffee is served at 10.30, the lecture begins at 11, and a light lunch with wine is served at 1 pm. The event ends by 3.30 p.m.

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