

Henryk Grossman and the recovery of Marxism

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Rick Kuhn's *Henryk Grossman and the Recovery of Marxism* is the definitive study of the life and work of this renowned economist, activist, and intellectual. As a young man, Grossman led Jewish workers' strikes and demonstrations in Austrian-occupied Poland. A member of the illegal Polish Communist Party, Grossman was frequently arrested and jailed, finally leaving Poland for a post at the Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt am Main, which gave rise to the famous 'Frankfurt School'.

Grossman published his best known work in Frankfurt, including studies of Marx's method in *Capital* and theories of economic crisis that remain influential today. In tracing Grossman's experiences, from Kraków to New York, and offering a detailed account of his ideas, the biography provides an intimate account of key events in twentieth century history, including the politicization of east European Jewry, the World Wars, the rise of Stalinism and Nazism, and the cold war.

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