

Marx est mort! **Where Have All The “New Philosophers” Gone?**

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ABSTRACT The May 1968 events in France, as well as number of world events in the late 1960s and early 1970s, produced a profound *crise de conscience* in French Marxist thought. The *Nouvelle Philosophie* emerged as a byproduct of such crisis. The self-styled *new philosophers* frantically denounced all forms of Marxism as a “philosophy of domination”. The “shocking” novelty of their “new” philosophy was believed to mark the “end” of Marxism in France. But what was “new” in the *Nouvelle Philosophie*? Why did it fail to emerge as a distinctive school of thought? If Marx est mort, as the *new philosophers* and the media fanfares announced in the mid-1970s, why couldn’t the *new philosophy* escape the fate of an ephemeral phenomenon? Were the *new philosophers* misunderstood, incorrectly interpreted, or badly read? Or they simply failed to provide a conceptual framework for the understanding of human society at this *fin de siècle*? The current paper attempts to answer some of these questions.