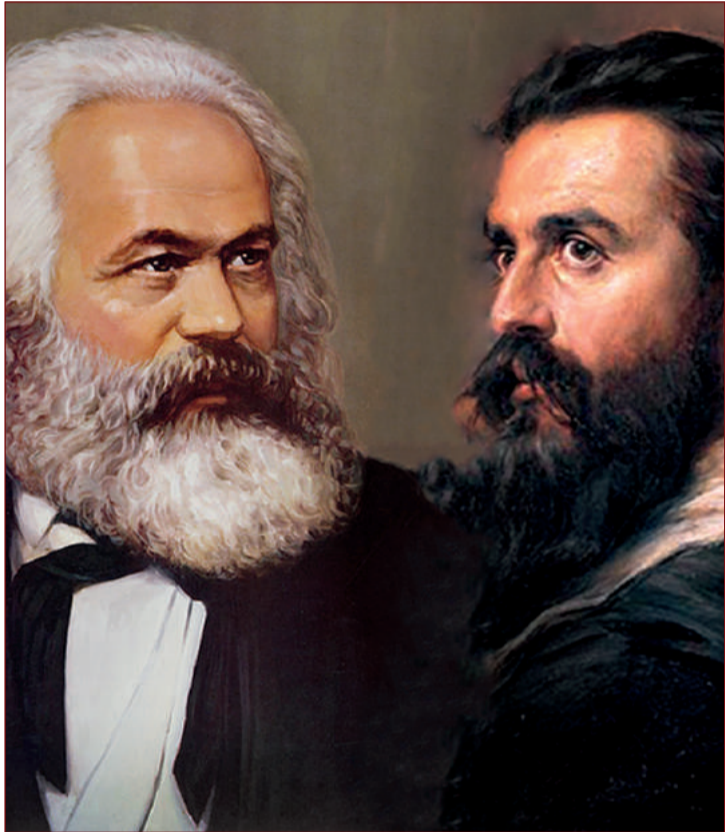


public
lecture

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The public lecture
will take place on

25 **Wednesday**
April, 2018
18:00

MARXISM AND ZIONISM: A COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP

Zionism and Marxism used to have an intricate and multifaceted relationship. While Zionist diplomats would present their movement as an antidote against Marxism before world leaders (such as Churchill), it was a combination of diverse Marxist groups that accomplished most of the initial Zionist settlement of Palestine. Collectivist ethos, assertive egalitarianism and glorification of physical labour served as main ideological pillars of the Zionist enterprise throughout the first half of its history. Marxism was a convenient tool for settling Zionist pioneers in a hostile environment. In other words, Zionism used Marxism when needed and discarded it when another ideology, National Judaism, came to provide a new conceptual rationale for colonization in the wake of the Israeli victory in 1967.

All guests are requested
to be seated by 18:00

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