



Reproduction of Capitalism in the 21st Century

Higher Education and Ecological Crisis

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Problem?

- To explain what is capitalism and how it is reproduced as a socio-economic structure
- To present how contemporary higher education contributes to the reproduction of capitalism, and how this is related to the ongoing ecological crisis

Why important?

- Education is usually considered as a mean to alleviate the ecological devastation, however this thesis argues that contemporary higher education ends up exacerbating the crisis rather than mitigating it

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Approach:

- Materialist conception of history, structural and ecological Marxism – mainly theoretical study

Main findings and arguments:

- One of the primary purposes of contemporary higher education is to reproduce capitalism
- Being so, higher education, as an institution, is functioning in an unsustainable fashion from an ecological perspective