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# **The Greek Crisis in Context: *De Te Fabula Narratur!***

In his preface to the first volume of *Capital*, Karl Marx declares to his German readers that, although England is used as the main illustrative case, *de te fabula narratur* (the tale is told of you)! To think of England as some anomalous case would be to severely misread the global scale of the forces in play; England was, for Marx, a precursor of what the future held for Germans and many others.

This seminar takes the same position vis-à-vis the Greek crisis. To treat it as a product of forces unique to Greece itself, or even to the entirety of Southern Europe (the PIGS as those peoples are labelled by many), is to misread the significance of the crisis toward capitalism and liberal democracy more generally. Through a series of roundtable discussions, three key sets of questions will be examined: what the crisis reveals about the fragility and character of the European project as it is presently constituted; the class character and stakes of current developments and struggles in Greece and beyond; and, most centrally, the possibility that the Greek case is simply an early example of a much deeper and wider crisis of the capitalist state.

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**Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2-7pm**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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