



Lecture

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### *Capitalism and Its Critics: A Long-term View*

Thursday, 1 February, 6:15 p.m.

In the Thunberg Lecture Hall  
SCAS, Linneanum, Thunbergsvägen 2, Uppsala

The lecture will be followed by a reception. Prior registration is required.  
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## ABOUT JÜRGEN KOCKA

Jürgen Kocka taught Social History at the Universität Bielefeld (1973–1988) and History of the Industrial World at the Freie Universität Berlin (1988–2009). He was a Permanent Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, President of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung and Vice-President of the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften. He is a Permanent Fellow of the centre ‘Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History’ at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and a Senior Fellow of the Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung, Potsdam. He has held visiting posts at various institutions, among them the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton; the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; the New School for Social Research, New York; Central European University, Budapest; the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris; the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Wassenaar; and the University of California, Los Angeles.

He has published widely in the field of modern history, particularly the social, economic and cultural history of Germany and Europe as well as the comparative history of the 18th–20th centuries. His publications in English include *Facing Total War: German Society, 1914–1918* (1984); *Industrial Culture and Bourgeois Society: Business, Labor, and Bureaucracy in Modern Germany* (1999); *Civil Society and Dictatorship in Modern German History* (2010); and *Capitalism: A Short History* (2016).

He has received honorary degrees from several European universities (including Uppsala University) and a number of prizes, among them the Holberg Prize. He is a member of several academies, for instance the Academia Europaea, the Leopoldina – Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften, the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, and the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and Arts. He is also an Honorary Fellow of St Antony’s College, Oxford.

At SCAS, he will continue his work on the global history of capitalism.

## ABSTRACT

The criticism of capitalism is as old as capitalism itself, at least in Europe. But it has neither prevented nor seriously impeded the rise of capitalist forms of distribution and production nor its increasing importance for social, political and cultural life. How have capitalism and anti-capitalism been related to each other? The lecture surveys developments from the medieval period until today.