

Global Labor Movements in the Era of Dispossession.

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A growing number of scholars are revisiting Marx's concept of "primitive accumulation" to explain contemporary dynamics of the world economy. By drawing connections between the original separation of peasants from the land as a necessary precondition of capital's emergence and the implementation of neoliberal policies that dispossess communities from various resources on which their livelihoods depend, scholars have recognized that struggles over dispossession are an ongoing dynamic of historical capitalism, and that the outcome of these struggles has been contingent upon the balance of class forces in specific times and places. We invite papers that explore various struggles against dispossession across time and space, especially those that consider how labor, broadly conceived, is implicated in such struggles, in an effort to deepen our understanding of the ways in which dispossession characterizes the current conjuncture of world capitalism.