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Editor’s Note

As announced in our last winter issue, this number of the Journal is devoted, in part, to papers and commentaries from a conference held in San Francisco last March under the sponsorship of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought. This conference, organized around the theme of “Marx and Marxism Reconsidered”, generated a wide variety of commentary not only on the analytical edifice of Western Marxism but also on the political stance appropriate to a revitalized Marxist tradition. Consistent with the Journal’s aim of both encouraging debate among competing theoretical perspectives and elaborating the diverse forms of authentic intellectualty, the Journal is pleased to publish selections from the conference proceedings. In revised form, these selections contribute to the ongoing exchange which is central to the deliberative and critical dimensions of a vital intellectual sensibility.