“Is Marxism Eurocentric? Race, Class, Colonialism and Self-Emancipation Revisited”
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There is a longstanding question on the left about the place of Marxism regarding “Eurocentrism”. This paper will review this debate reflexively, engaging with a previous published paper by the author on the topic (“Is Marxism Eurocentric”? Marxism: A Socialist Annual, vol. 3 (2005)), as well as contemporary contributions from those such as Kevin Anderson, Himani Bannerji, and Charles Mills. The paper will unpack the multiple meanings of Eurocentrism, and argue that a consistent emphasis on universal self-emancipation calls for a more nuanced understanding of both the limits and potentialities of Marx and Marxism regarding race, class and colonialism.