HEGEL, EXPLOITATION AND THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

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The contention of the post-colonialist scholar Bucks-Moss that Hegel based the master-slave dialogue on the Haitian Revolution is challenged. The events in Haiti were only one part of Hegel’s larger consideration of the master-servant relationship in the feudal, slave and capitalist systems of exploitation in the aftermath of the French Revolution. The fate of these modes of exploitation as well as the demand for worker and women’s emancipation during this great Revolution are analyzed.