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This issue has the title of the text prepared by the **Research Group of the Marxist Academy of CASS** on *the situation of the international communist movement in 2019-20*. The text offers several insights into the present state of affairs and the possible strategies that communists and socialist-inspired forces can elaborate and above all implement in the West and in our country. The communist movement has in its DNA a world vision and the consequent strategic elaboration. This latter, in Italy and in several other Western countries, has been greatly tarnished in the post-Soviet thirty-year period, the "inglorious thirties" (1991-2021), which have marked for Italian communists a very heavy retreat, compared to which we need a powerful reversal.

The themes and topics of the other texts in this issue:

A historical reconstruction of *the role played by Togliatti in the 7th Komintern Congress* (**Salvatore Tinè**).

A *theoretical-political and human profile of Engels*, not "second fiddle" to Marx, but protagonist with him of the theoretical foundation and organisation of the workers' movement (**Vladimir Gryzlov**, editor of the PCFR journal *Politicheskoe Prosveshchenie*).

Starting from Engels' *Antidübring*, **Vladimiro Giacchè** addresses one of the most debated questions, especially after the conquest of political power in Russia and the beginning of the construction of socialism: the relationship that can (or cannot) be established between *production of commodities and socialism*.

The essay by **Lei Ming** and *Zhou Pei*, taken from the Chinese Marxist journal *Marxism & Reality*, with which *MarxVentuno* starts a fruitful collaboration, is dedicated to the *strategy of targeted poverty reduction in China*.

Two essays of ideological and theoretical criticism were also taken from *Marxism & Reality*: one by **Ai Silin** and **Qu Weijie** *against the Western doctrine of the superiority of human rights over national sovereignty*, a doctrine used to legitimise the US-NATO wars of aggression against Serbia and Montenegro (1999) and Iraq (2003).

Finally, **Wu Xiaoming's** philosophical essay on *'historical materialism as the foundation of Marx's political philosophy'* carries out a tightly argued critique of the abstract universalism and 'ideological mythology' that takes the ideas or categories of modernity such as 'justice', 'equality', 'freedom' as the basis of the whole theory.