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#### The use of counterfactuals to reject historical determinism is directly opposed to Marx’s historical materialism.

Aviezer 97 Review Essays. By: Tucker, Aviezer, History & Theory, 00182656, May99, Vol. 38, Issue 2Historiographical Counterfactuals and Historical Contingency Dateline: Columbia University VIRTUAL HISTORY: ALTERNATIVES AND COUNTERFACTUALS. Edited By Niall Ferguson. London: Picador, 1997. Pp. x, 548. Accessed via Ebscohost 2.13.13, mcmc

In the introduction to the book under review, Niall Ferguson suggests that historical counterfactuals

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a trope narrative, such as a comedy or tragedy, is predictable.

**The backward-looking focus offsets knowledge of the structuring effects of political economy and prevents organizing NEW resistant forces against capitalism.**

Zavarzadeh 94 (Mas'Ud, The Stupidity That Consumption Is Just as Productive as Production": In the Shopping Mall of the Post-al Left," College Literature, Vol. 21, No. 3, The Politics of Teaching Literature 2 (Oct., 1994), pp. 92-114)

The unsurpassable objectivity which is not open to rhetorical interpretation and constitutes the decided foundation

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citizen from the revolutionary cell to the ludic shopping mall of [France].

#### Decentralization still leads to corporate capture and they don’t spill-up to alter politics

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Recent paradigm shifts in energy planning from large-scale, centralized and relatively homogenous

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a function of renewable energy research, subsidization and deployment in developed countries.

#### The rejection of determinism employs culturalist relativism to cover class antagonism

Ebert and Zavarzadeh 8 (Teresa L., English, State University of New York, Albany, Mas’ud, prolific writer and expert on class ideology, “Class in Culture”, p. 8-11)

Even using anti-reason arguments (e.g., Derrida, "Differance

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of production as it adjusts cultural desires to the shifting ratios of profitability.

#### Class struggle is the underlying social antagonism.

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[Andreas, analyst at the Fundación Secretariado Gitano in Madrid, A Historical Materialist Response to the “Clas of Civilization” Thesis,” Global Society, Vol. 25, No. 2, April, 2011 Ebsco. Accessed date: 4-26-12 y2k]

To consider the concept of “class struggle” as essential, synthetic starting-

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necessarily varied expressions of historical relations of production. Such an approach precludes any

determinism, economic or otherwise, because social change is not predetermined by class relations but has historically been

generated also by struggle (expressed in “domestic” and “foreign” wars, in imperialistic relations) between contending elite forces.