

## **Trotsky's Law of Uneven and Combined Development in Marini's *Dialectics of Dependency***

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The parallel study of Marini's dependency theory and the historical process of the socialist revolution throughout the 20th century indicates that there are clear connections between Marini's overall position and the perspective of the central role of peripheral countries in the World Revolution. We noticed along the text *Dialectics of Dependency* many formulations of a theoretical concept called Law of Unequal and Combined Development. This conception was explicitly formulated, on the basis of Lenin's and Marx's first analysis of the international revolutionary process, by Leon Trotsky, who played a major role in the 1917 Russian Revolution. Due to its originality in comparison to the general view of evolution described by Marx, the Law of Uneven and Combined Development represents a significant contribution to the marxist thought in the 20th century. By linking the revolutionary theory of Karl Marx with the concrete facts generated by the Russian Revolution, Trotsky developed a global vision of the functioning of the capitalist mode of production which conceived the concrete possibility of socialism being initiated outside Western Europe. This perspective becomes then very adequate for the study of the economic and political transformations of the so called underdeveloped world, or better yet, of the dependent economies. By showing specific passages of *Marini's Dialectics of Depedency* and Trotsky's *History of the Russian Revolution*, we defend that the concept of the Law of Uneven and Combined Development is present in Marini's thought. Also, the paper raises the thesis that Trotsky's Law is rediscovered by various Latin American left thinkers since the 1960s because it is an objective truth. This explains partially why many authors in the tradition of the Marxist Dependency Theory in Latin America do not refer to Trotsky despite using one of his main theoretical contributions.