

## THE GROWING EPICYCLES IN THE MARXIST PARADIGM

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The Marxist framework consists of a set of dynamic relationships between categories which include the means of production, the organisations of production, the forces of production, the relations of production - constituting the infrastructure - the juridico-political system, and the ideological system, constituting the super structure. The categories are related in defined ways in the Marxist framework.

The paper points out however that these simple categories which seemed obvious, mutually exclusive, and relatively unidimensional in the 19th century, are not really so.

It now appears that categories such as the forces of production, the means of production, the organisation of production, the relations of production, and super structural elements such as the juridico-political sphere, and the ideological sphere are not mutually exclusive categories. They may have earlier appeared to have been relatively exclusive categories, yet they are bound together in a set of mutual causation and positive feedback loops, that are outside the classical Marxian scheme. A change in one category such as in the forces of production or a product, is directly linked to say the other spheres by links which are outside the central Marxian conceptual scheme. These links are increasingly becoming dominant at the present time. These mutual causation loops lead to local mutual influences between the categories. And, hence in practice, question the validity of the Marxian scheme.