

The working space in the thought of Antonio Gramsci. Theoretical and methodological keys for Labour Studies

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Abstract:

This article try to explore the importance of (manufacturing) work space in the dynamics of Antonio Gramsci's work on class struggle, with the goal to provide theoretical-methodological elements for the contemporary studies on the labor world and its workers. This paper differentiates and articulates three moments of the class struggle into the work space: as a space of workers struggle, as reinforcement of the dominant hegemony and as a moment to count the relation of forces. Although these three moments are analyzed in the light of the theoretical production of the Italian author—referenced space-temporarily in the Italian economic situation of early and mid of the 20th century—this paper proposes different axes with the aim of providing methodological elements for contemporary studies of the world of work.

Key words: Gramsci, labor space, factory, class struggle, hegemony, working class.

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