



Marxist themes II: Materialism

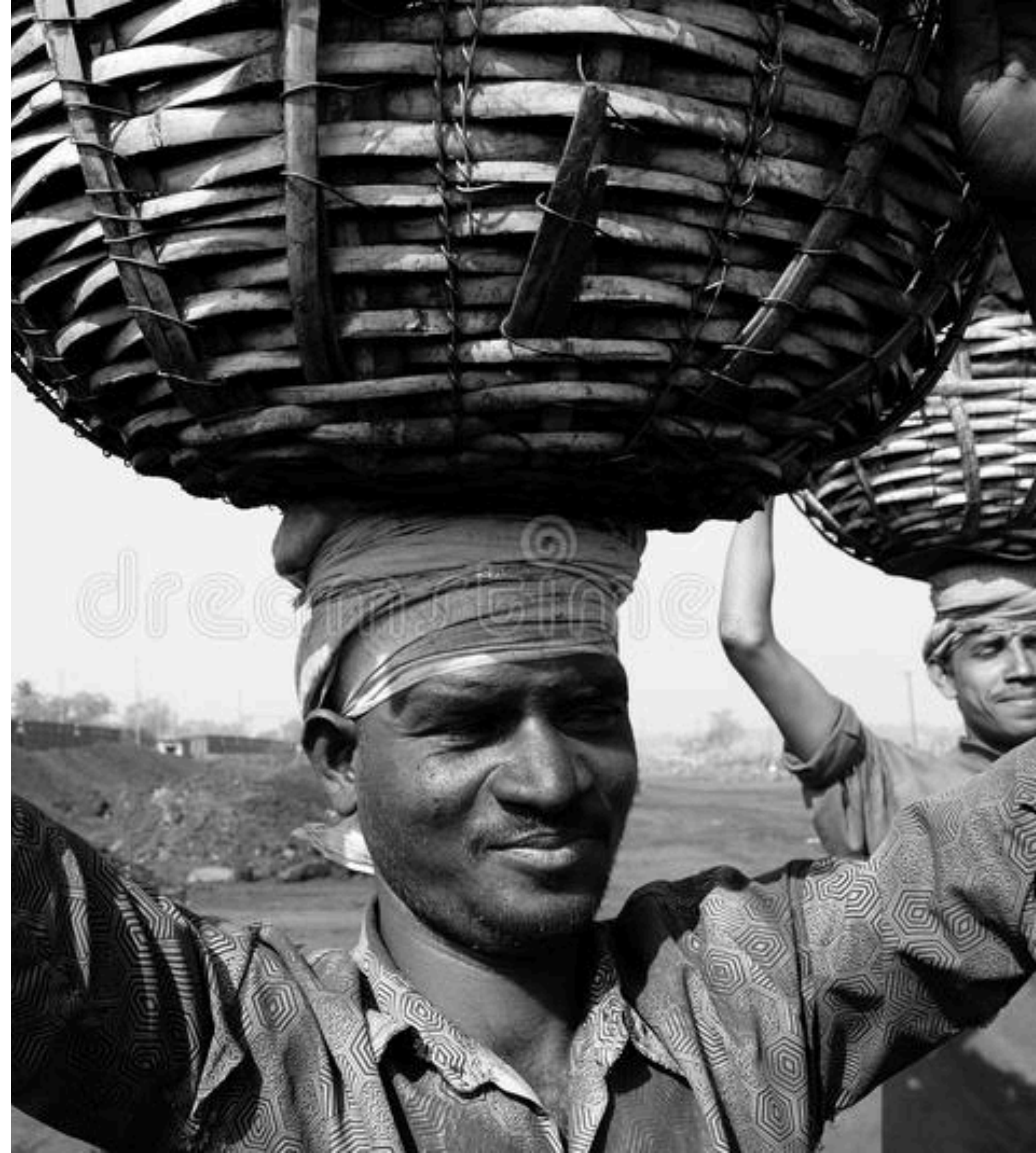
New materialism

- Things, also human beings are made of matter: they are mixtures of mineral, vegetable and synthetic materials.
- Both the garment and the wearer's body are made of materials.
- Matter is not merely raw and inert stuff on which humans act, but is itself alive and acting.



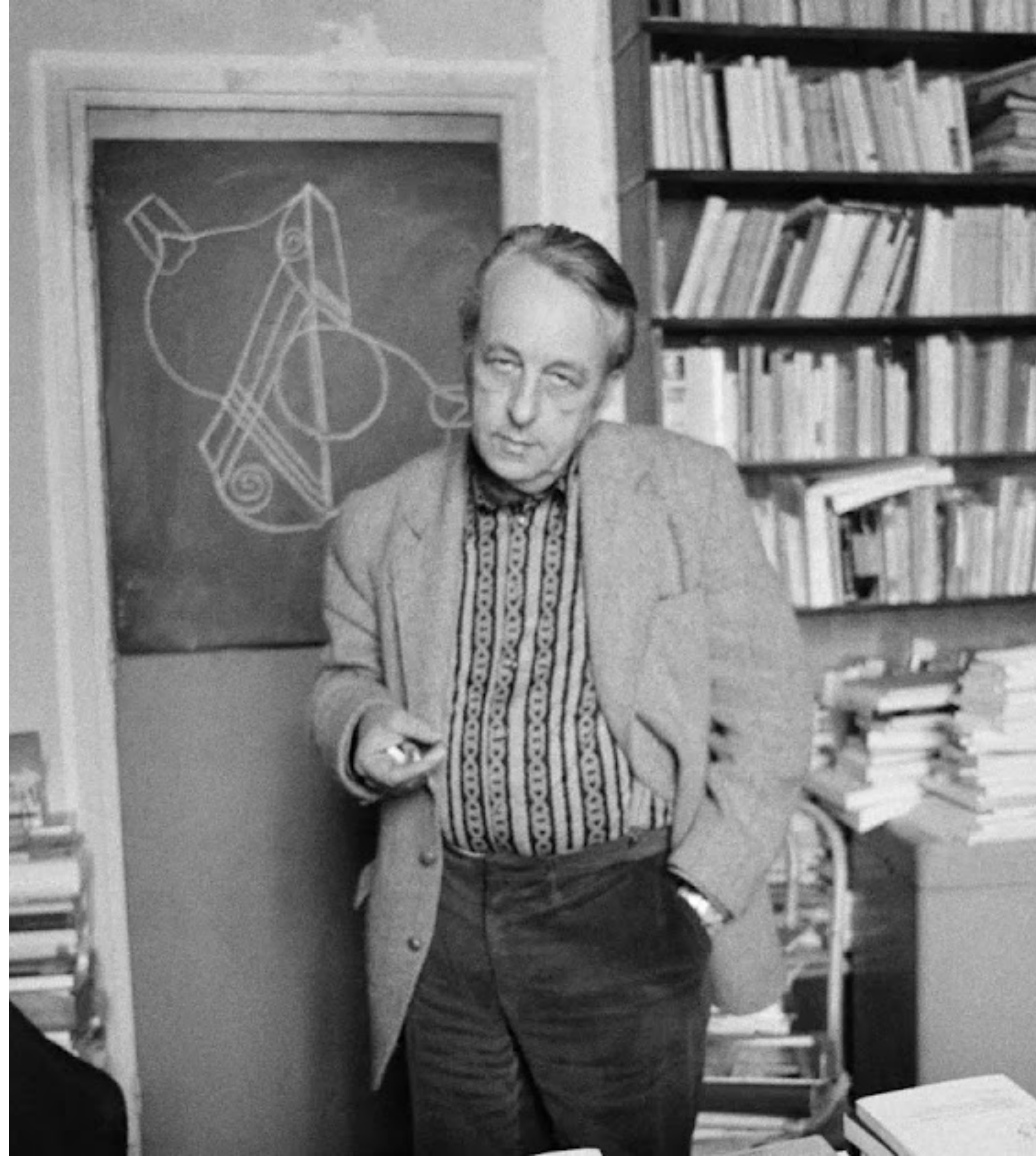
Production

- The key mistake of the mode of production model was to define ‘production’ simply as the production of material objects.
- The adequate theory of ‘production’ would have to give equal place to the production of people and social relations
- The actions involved in the production of cultural objects are material practices.



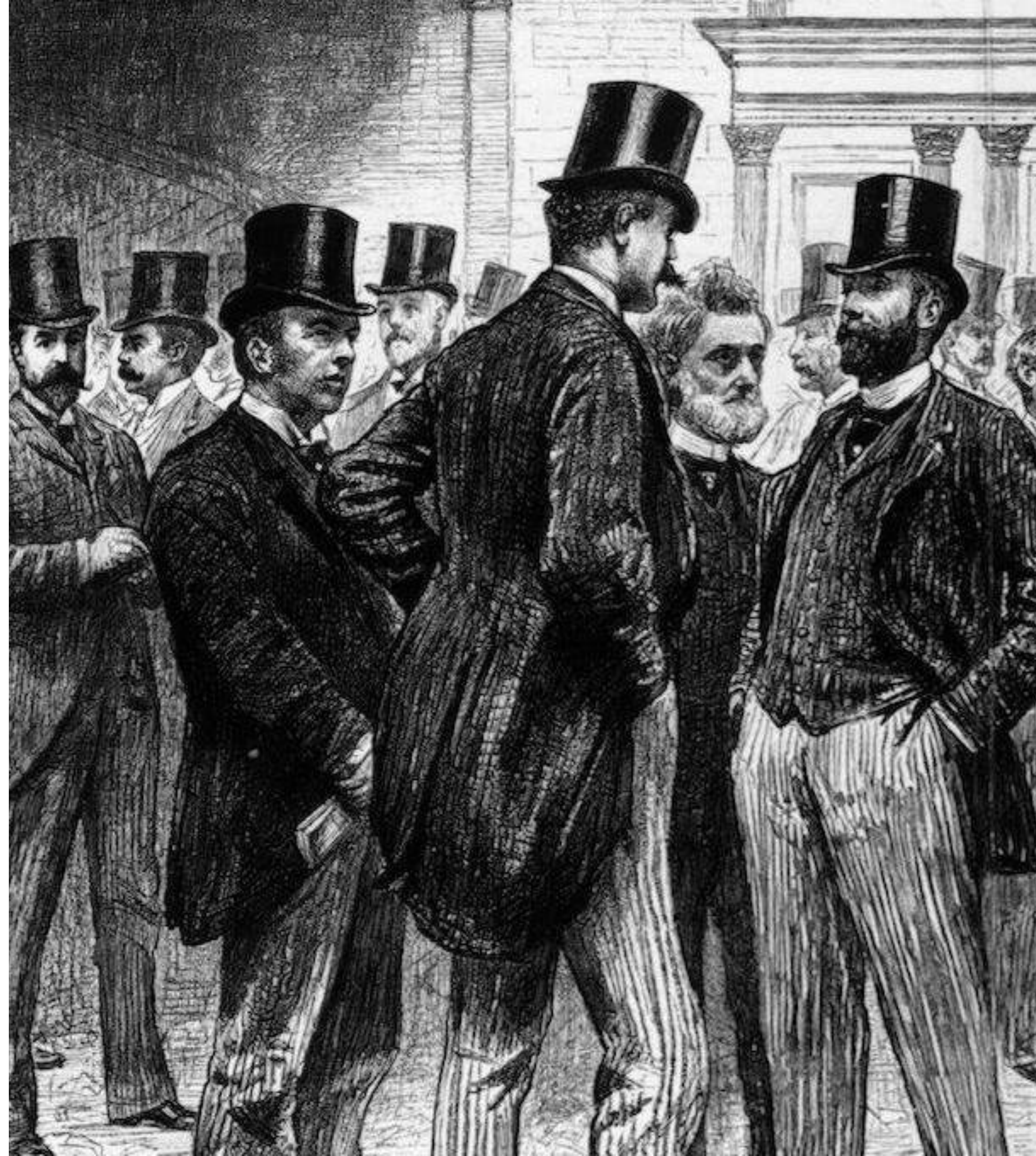
Reproduction

- The role of reproductive labour and biological forms of reproduction
- Individuals live a meaningful relation to their conditions of existence.
- Misrecognition: the individual must recognize itself as a subject in ideological discourse.



The capitalist mode of production

- The unlimited need for growth:
 - Profit
- The wage labor.
 - Money
- Distinction between homes and workplaces:
 - Commodities



„The corporate form cut away from existence: the idea that capitalist enterprises were immortal persons free of the need to be born, marry or die.“

David Graeber

