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Leipold, Bruno. **Citizen Marx: Republicanism and the formation of Karl Marx's social and political thought.**

Princeton, 2024. 440p bibl index ISBN 9780691205236, \$39.95; ISBN 9780691261867 ebook, contact publisher for price.

Revival of interest in civic republicanism, such as in Joseph Fishkin and William Forbath's *The Anti-Oligarchy Constitution* (2022), has been accompanied by works tracing the influence of republicanism on 19th-century socialism, such as Alex Gourevitch's *From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth* ([CH, Jun'15, 52-5591](#)). In Marx's *Inferno* (2016), William Clare Roberts uncovered the pervasiveness of republican themes, especially freedom as non-domination, in Marx's thought. Leipold (London School of Economics) advances this scholarship with a richly detailed and meticulously argued intellectual archaeology of both congruities and divergences between Marx's socialism and his republican contemporaries. Though advocating collectivizing rather than universalizing productive property, Marx nonetheless concurred with radical republican ideas for democratizing politics in a socialist republic. Leipold's comprehensive and convincing tour de force surveys not only Marx's thought but also various strands of leftist thinking in 19th-century Europe, including neglected republicanism. Offering novel insights for seasoned Marx scholars while remaining accessible to undergraduates because of its clear prose and superb organization, this impressive academic achievement transcends the academy. Its historical research also contains vital implications for the future of democratic theory and practice in troubled times.

--A. B. Cochran, *emeritus, Agnes Scott College*

Summing Up: Essential. General readers through faculty; professionals.