Bibliography

Further works by Marx

The *Collected Works* of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels (begun 1975) is still in progress from Lawrence and Wishart (London) and International Publishers (New York), and it provides English versions of major works, manuscripts and letters with copious notes. The texts of this set in approximately fifty volumes are based on the scholarly work of the second series of the *Marx-Engels Gesamtausgabe* (begun by Dietz Verlag of East Berlin in 1972, and projected to comprise over a hundred volumes); this set presents all works whatsoever in the original language with considerable scholarly apparatus. The prospects for continuing the series now seem assured, as the project has passed from East German and Soviet hands to the new International Marx-Engels Foundation based in Amsterdam, and new guidelines for the edition were published in 1993.

Introductions to Marx’s political thought

There are two books for students that introduce Marx’s political thought, paying special attention to his activities as a political agent and to the centrality of economic issues or ‘material production’ throughout his work. One is *Marx: An Introduction*, by Wal Suchting (Brighton: Harvester/Wheatsheaf, 1983), and the other is my *Marx’s Social Theory* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982). For a somewhat more advanced level of discussion on similar premises
the student is advised to consult Richard W. Miller’s *Analyzing Marx: Morality, Power and History* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1984). A wide range of current disciplines rank Marx as an important authority and contributor, and there are original essays for students of political and moral philosophy, philosophy of science, history, sociology, aesthetics and theology (amongst others) in *The Cambridge Companion to Marx*, edited by myself (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991). There are annotated essays on the major concepts in Marx, such as class, capitalism, communism and revolution, together with detailed references to primary and secondary sources, in my *A Marx Dictionary* (Cambridge: Polity, 1987).

### Biographies of Marx


### Studies on Marx’s politics and political theory

Two classic studies were produced when scholarly attention was turned to the ‘early Marx’, but both books set a context for the later period in Marx’s life and treat the writings of that time in some detail. These are Shlomo Avineri’s *The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1968 and repr.), and Allen W. Wood’s *Karl Marx* (London and Boston: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1981). Avineri situates Marx in the context of Hegelian critique and evolves the theories of
alienation and revolution from philosophical origins, but his consideration of Marx’s work on French politics, beginning with the Terror and continuing to the civil war of 1871, develops a controversial account of Marx’s political theory. Wood’s book presents a topically arranged discussion of Marx’s views on various concepts relevant to political philosophy – alienation, morality, justice, explanation, etc. – and focuses particularly on the way that Marx advocates revolution but dismisses many potent arguments for it as ideological. 