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Money as a Coordination of Commodity Economy. “Monetary” Marxists in Russia and France.

Abstract: We focus on some original approaches to solving the “coordination problem” of the commodity economy in the different interpretations of Marx. We have done this through the prism of the relation between the theory of value/LTV and the place of money within it, i.e. the “theory of money”. We reconstruct in a comparative perspective the approaches of the two French scholars, Jean Cartelier and André Orléan by comparing them with the approaches of Isaak Rubin and Peter Struve. Each one of the four scholars offered his own methods of solving the issue of the integration of money and value. Although the ideas of the four authors intertwined we can differentiate between two pairs namely Rubin-Orléan and Struve-Cartelier. This corresponds to the radicality of their analytical solutions. While the former pair upheld the theory of value (each one in his own way) the latter actually eliminated it (again each one in his own way).

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