

# **Title: National Differences in Rate of Surplus-value. A comparative study between Mexico and other countries**

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## **Abstract**

Marx thought that the rate of surplus-value in the more developed capitalist countries was greater than that in less developed capitalist countries, due to the fact that productivity in the former was greater than in the latter. Marini, a Latin-American theorist for example, later suggested the contrary: that in less developed countries, the rate of exploitation was greater than in more developed countries, because of the difficulties less developed countries have in increasing productivity. This paper presents results which demonstrate that countries in the under-developed bloc are in fact more exploited than more developed countries, but, within each bloc, greater productivity gives a greater rate of surplus-value increment, which is what Marx stated.

In the first part of this work I will review some theoretical aspects of the national differences of rate of surplus-value and wages. In the second part we will examine some empirical works on international comparisons of rate of surplus-value and own analysis of empirical evidence.