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### **Gramscian Net: a way to share and spread Antonio Gramsci's works and studies in the age of internet**

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The basic idea of this project started about four years ago, facing some difficulties to reach studies about Gramsci from abroad, while I was working on the first part of my bibliographical and historiographical work for my Ph.D. Thesis on the Reception of Gramsci in former BRD and DDR.

The first and greatest help at the beginning of my researches was the wide meta search engine interface offered by the University of Karlsruhe, the KarlsruheVirtual Catalog, it has been the definitive tool to locate the texts I need, but since gramscian studies cover a wide variety of topics and methodological approaches, it became soon clear how it would have been logistically hard to find all the studies I was looking for through a jungle of German libraries.

At that time I could already count on the help of other gramscian intellectuals from the Inkrit.org circle, who helped me getting those texts I needed, but located in some peripheral libraries of Germany. At that time I realized how hard it would have been for me, to find such a great amount of works without the personal help of other persons staying in Germany. This was the first thought for creating a Gramscian Net, people who could help directly each other.

Another point of my previous experience who lead to the decision to create a Net for the persons interested on Gramsci was the enormous lack of gramscian texts available on the internet.

Most of the publications of Gramscian writings are not published anymore, we cannot count on a digital and free edition of his complete works (despite the attempt of liberliber to digitalize into downloadable word documents of the oldest anthologies of Gramsci's texts) and, most of all, no redirections from search engines about specific topics touched or developed by Gramsci.

The goal of Gramscian Net is to become a place where people interested on Gramsci can connect with each other, can exchange documents and be helpful with each other and not least the chance to publish articles, thesis, general works on Gramsci directly by the users.

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