I. Introduction

II. Five criticisms of historical materialism

1. Development Thesis
   *Critique:* the forces of production do not have a systematic tendency to develop over time.
   *Response:* Sticky-downward tendency of forces of production

2. Functional Explanation of relations of production
   *Critique:* the level of development of the forces of production does not functionally explain the relations of production.
   *Response:* to shift the functional argument from optimality to compatibility and with development to use of forces of production.

3. Inevitability of fettering of forces of production
   *Critique:* No general reason to believe class relations always end up fettering development of PF
   *Response:* shift from development fettering to use-fettering

4. Economic Reductionism: critique of the theory of the superstructure
   *Critique:* Noneconomic phenomena are not generally explained by economic structures.
   *Response:* shift from inclusive to restrictive historical materialism.

5. Transformation Thesis
   *Critique:* Even if relations do fetter the forces of production, there is no reason to suppose that there will always emerge any historical agents capable of transforming those relations
   *Response:* no effective response for the General Theory of History

III. Where does this leave us?