

Lecture 4

Logics of Emancipatory Transformation: *ruptural, interstitial, symbiotic*

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The Three Tasks of Emancipatory Social Science

- 1. Diagnosis & Critique*
- 2. Alternatives*
- 3. Transformation*

ELEMENTS OF A THEORY OF TRANSFORMATION

1. A Theory of Social Reproduction: *obstacles to emancipatory change*
2. A theory of gaps, limits and contradictions of reproduction: *possibilities of change*
3. A theory of trajectories of social change: *time horizons for obstacles and possibilities*
4. A theory of strategy: *what is to be done?*

STRATEGIES: THREE MODES OF TRANSFORMATION

- I. Ruptural Transformation**
- II. Interstitial transformation**
- III. Symbiotic Transformation**

I.

**RUPTURAL
TRANSFORMATION**

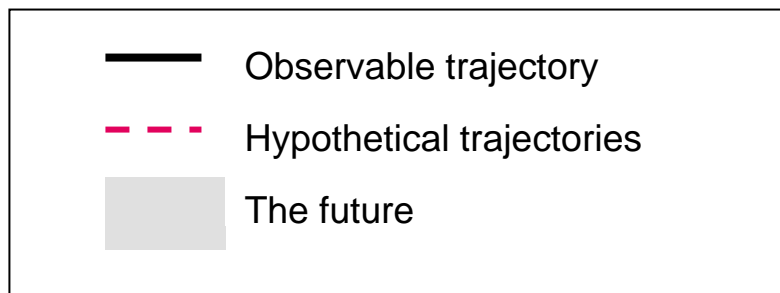
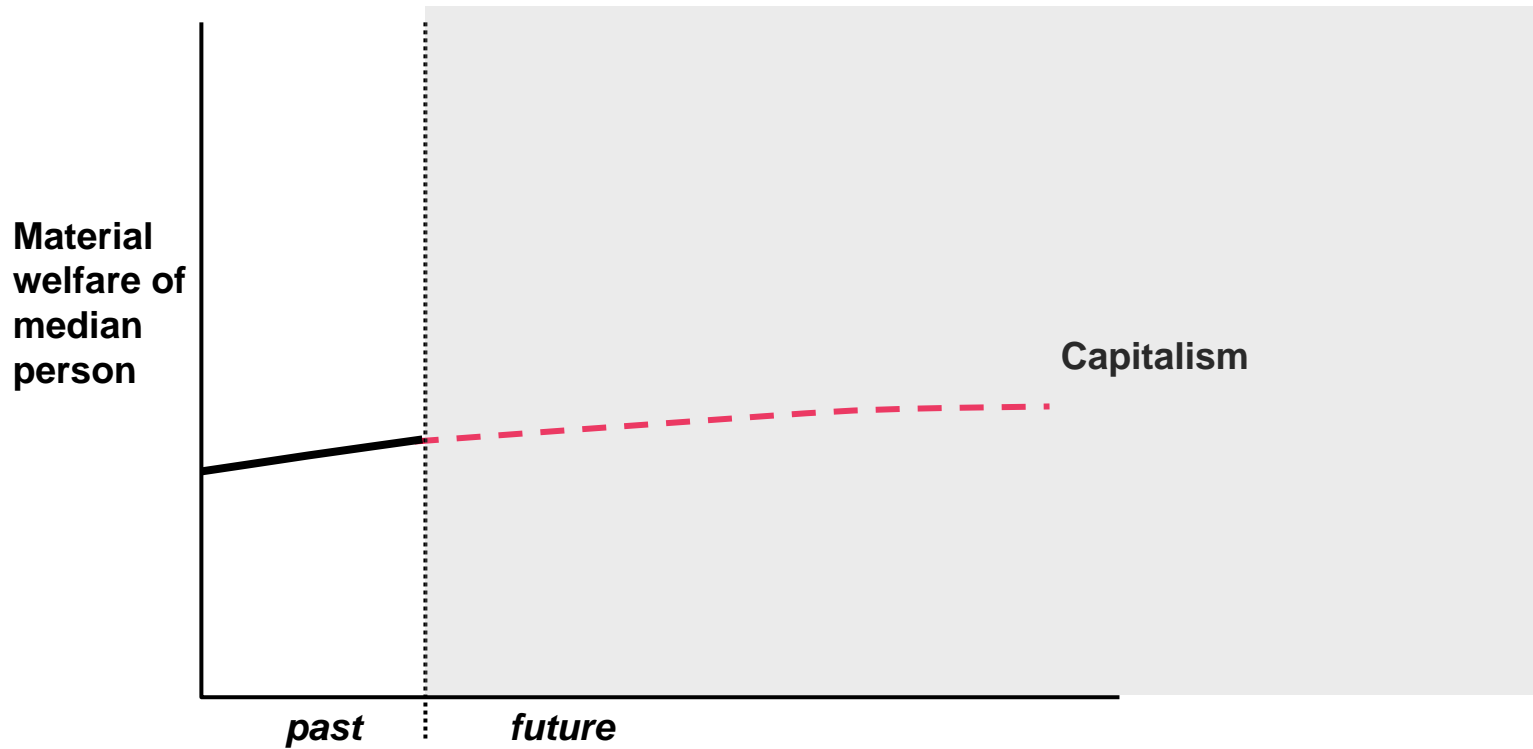


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Possible Trajectory of Material Interests into a Capitalist Future

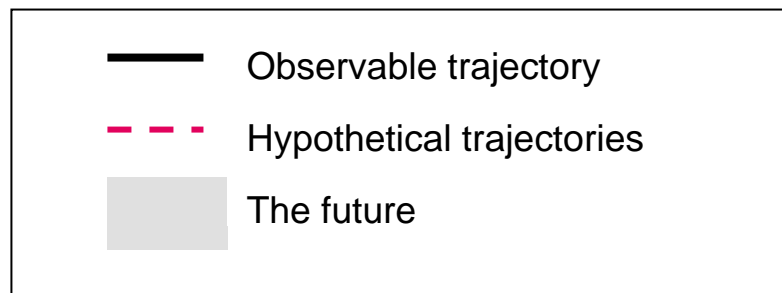
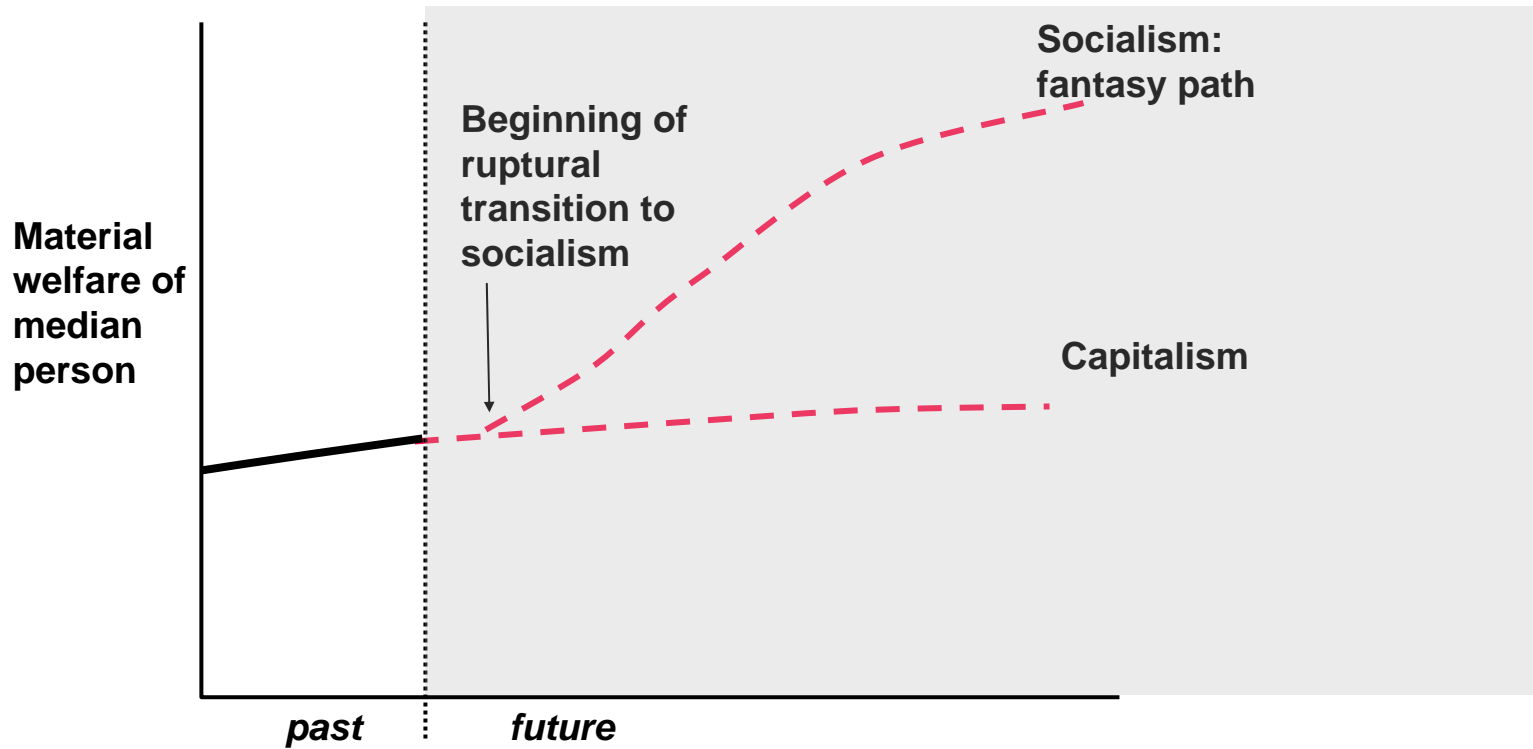


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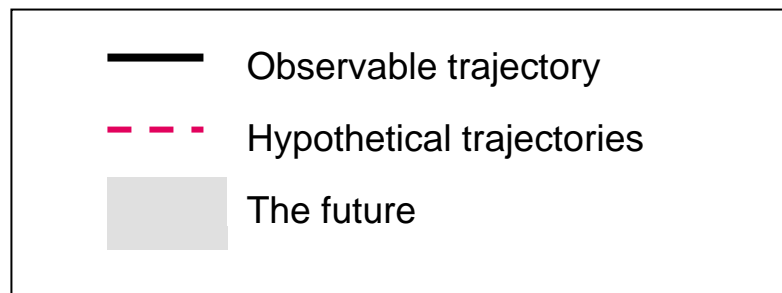
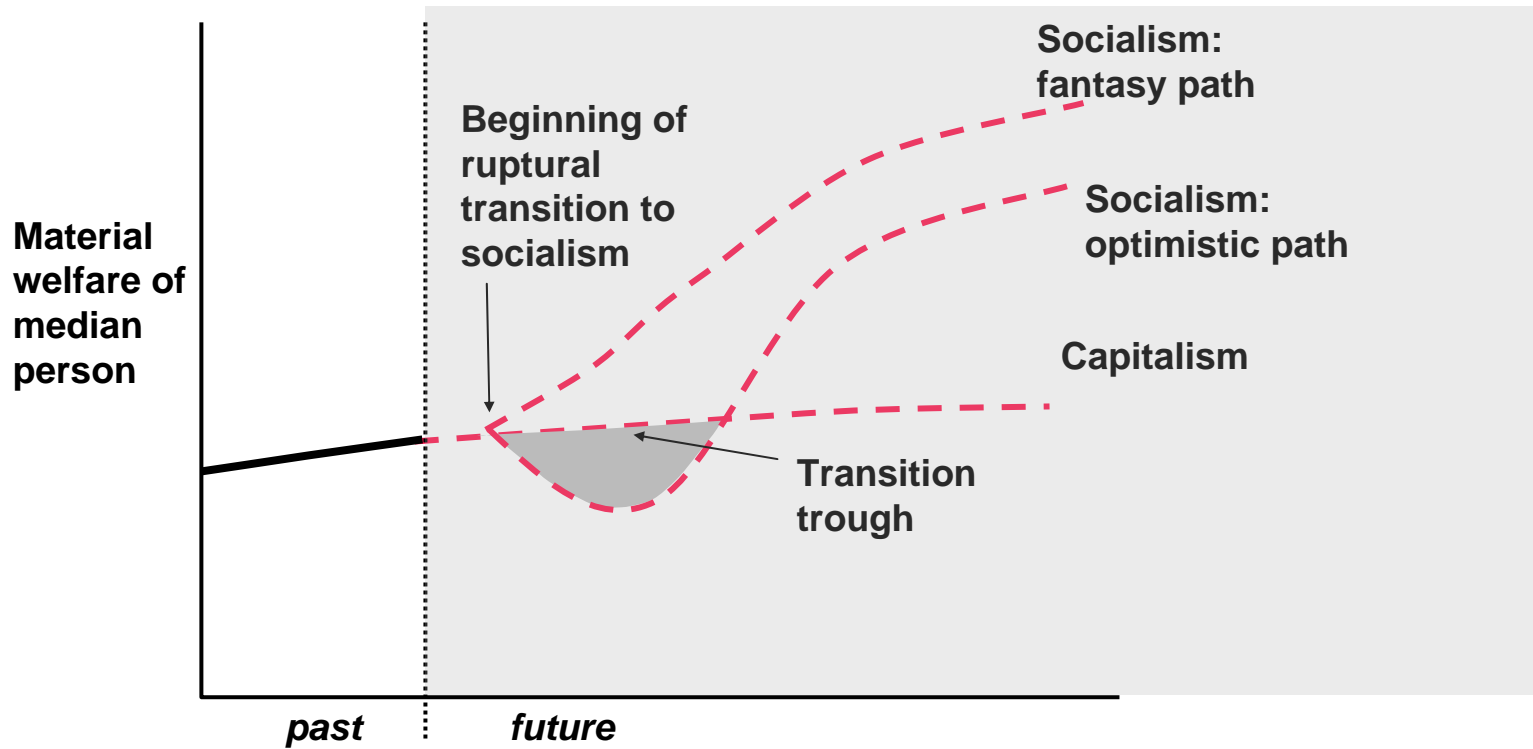


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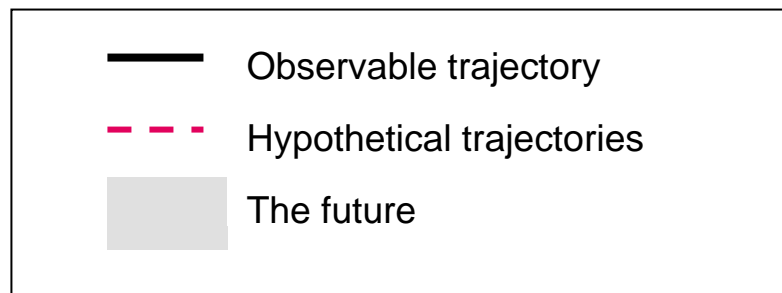
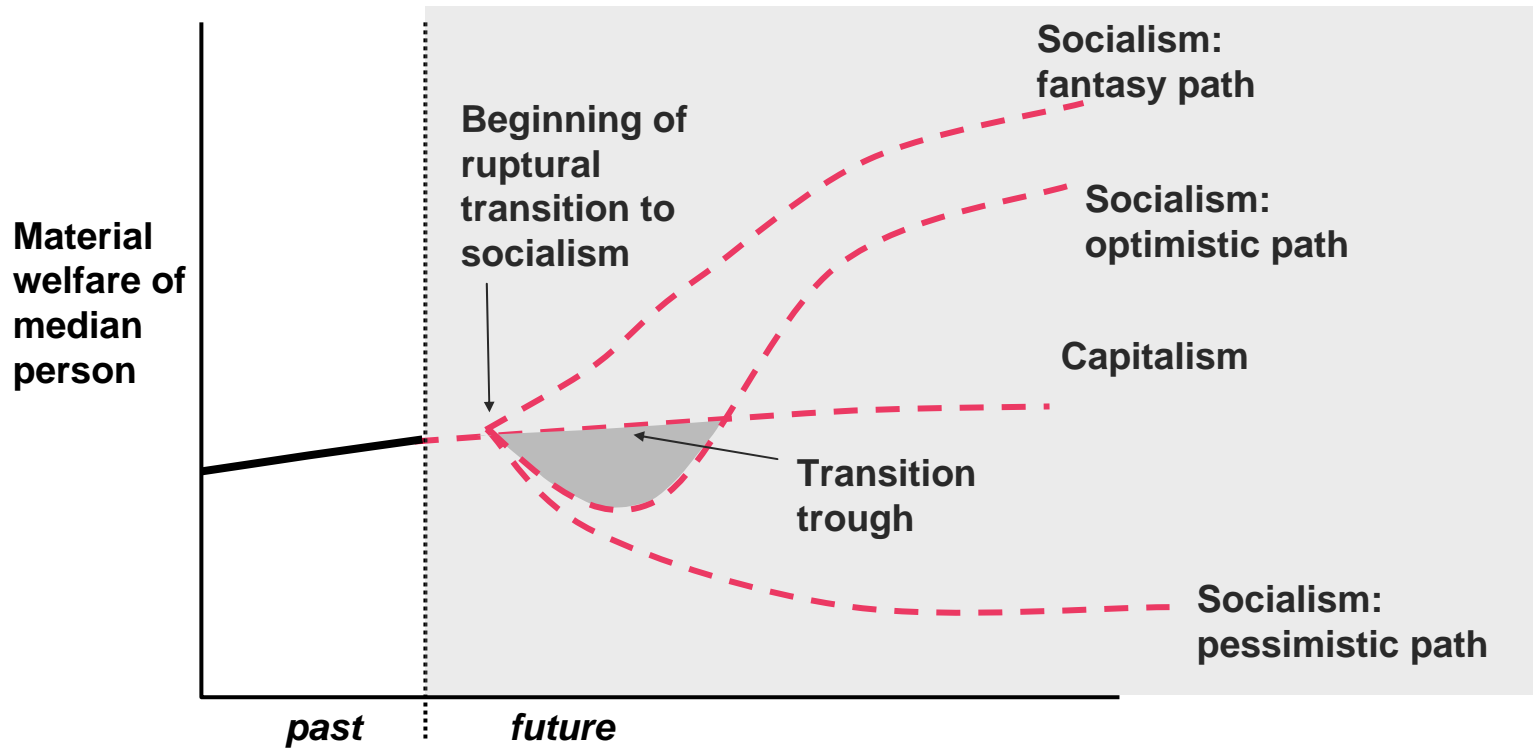


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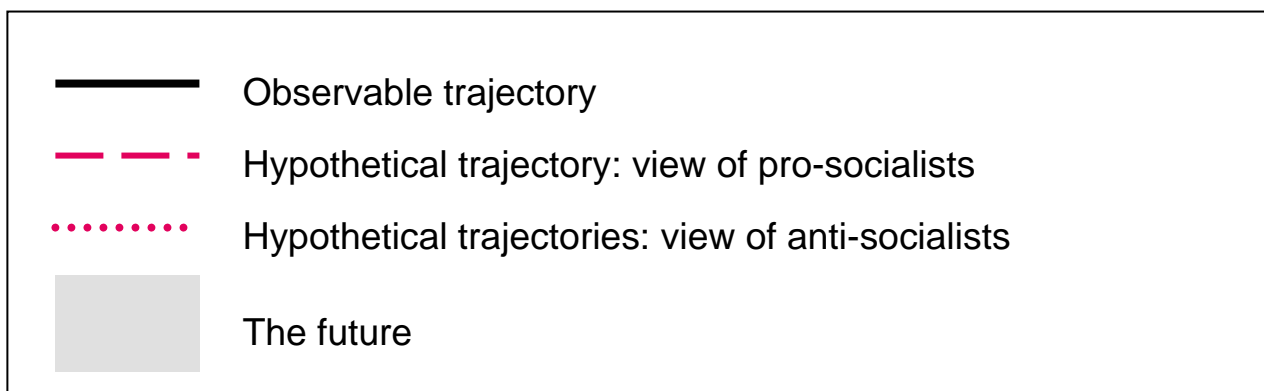
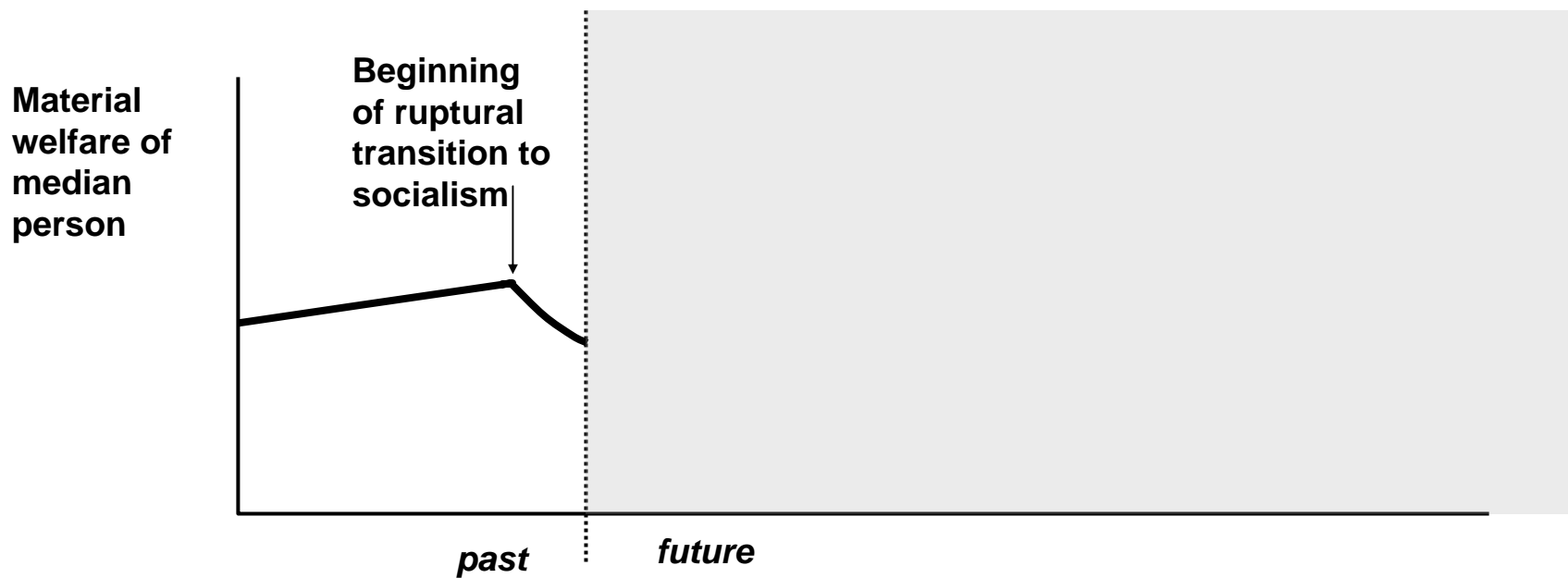


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Projections into the future from part-way through a transition

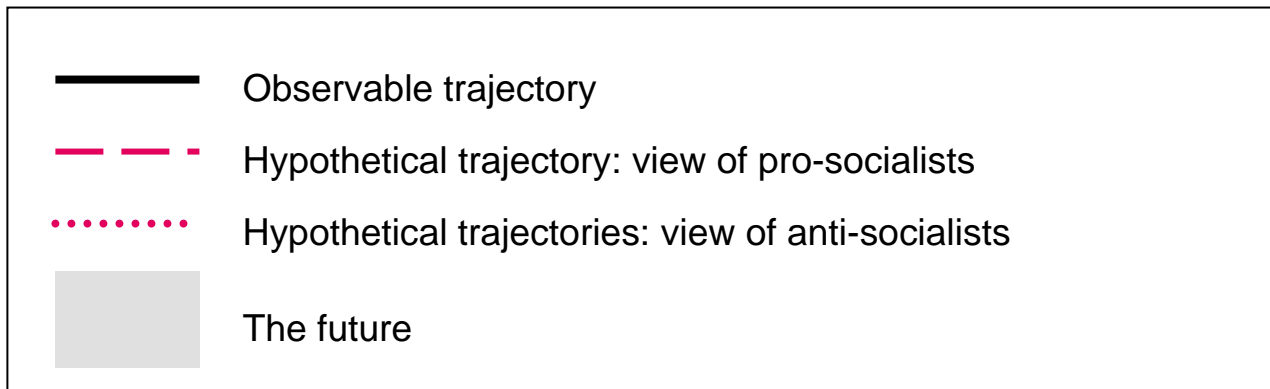
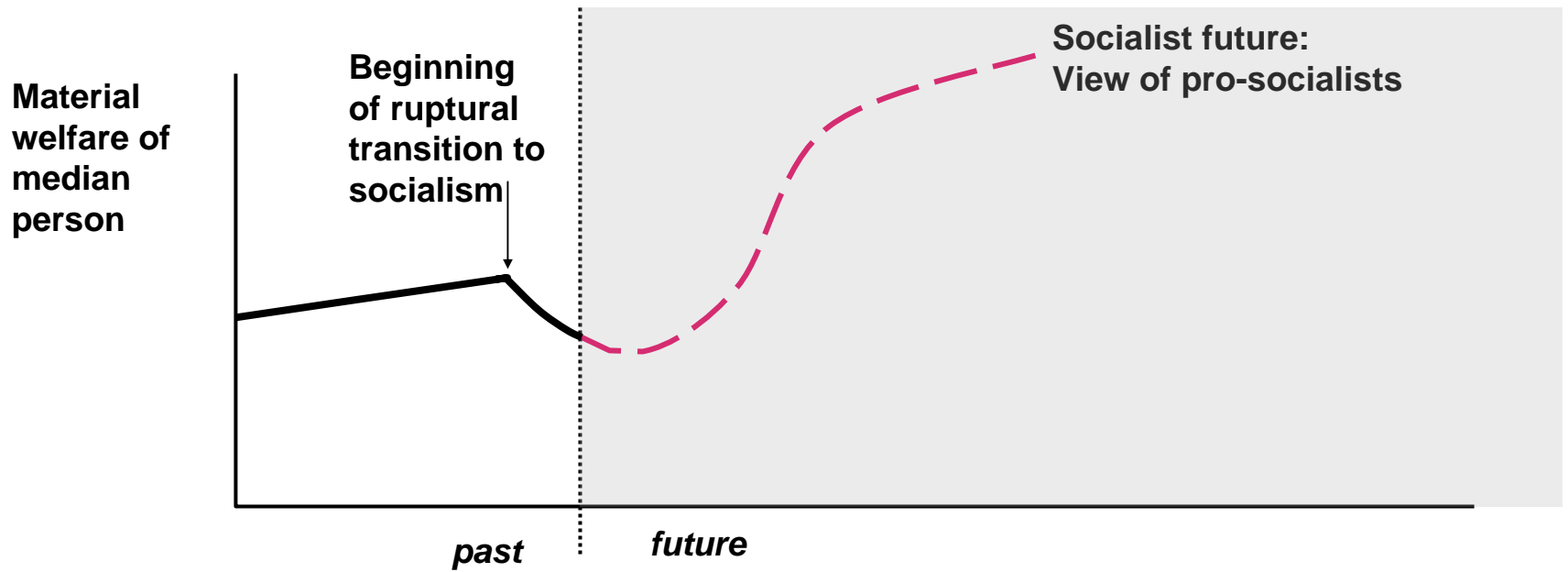


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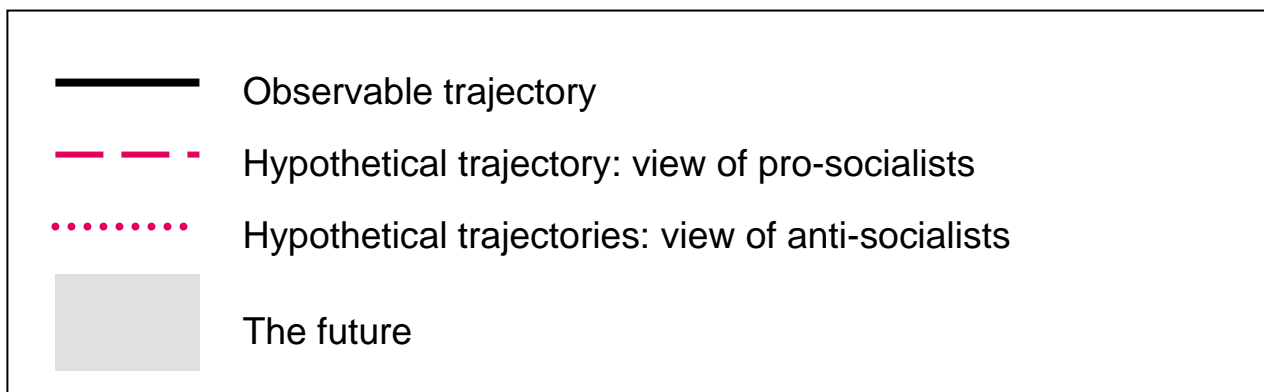
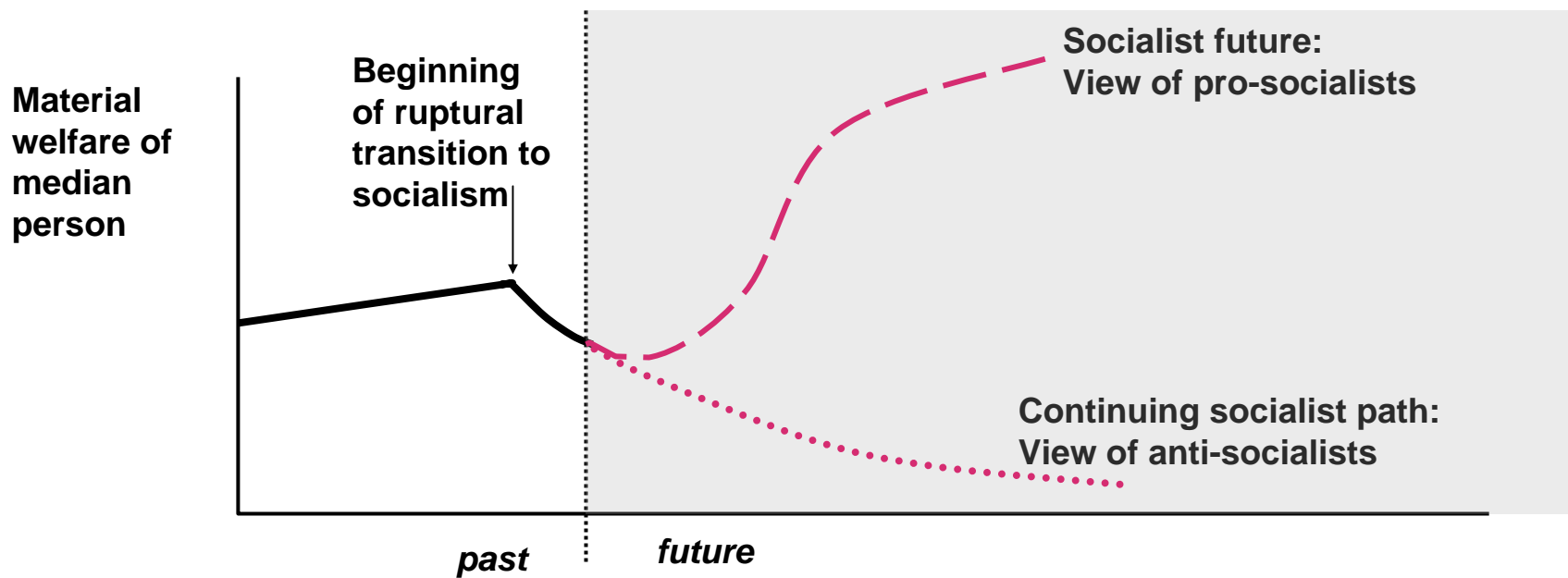


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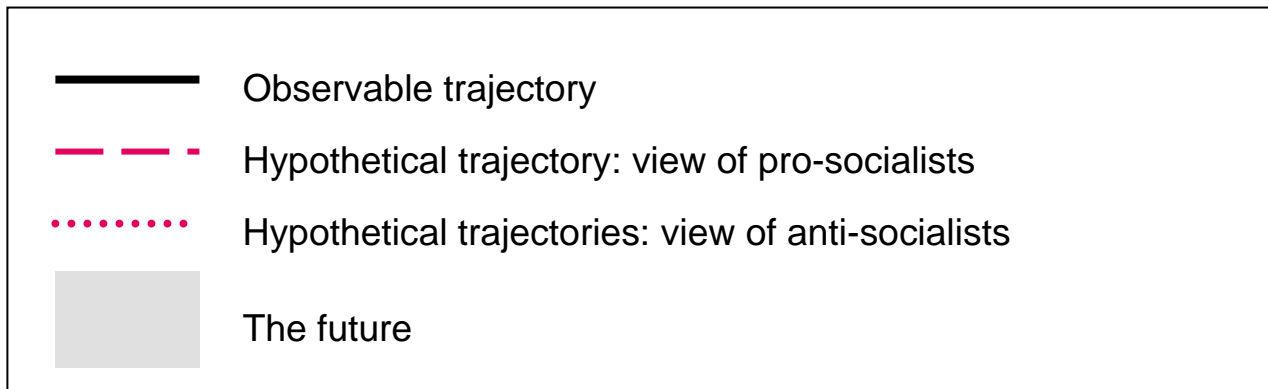
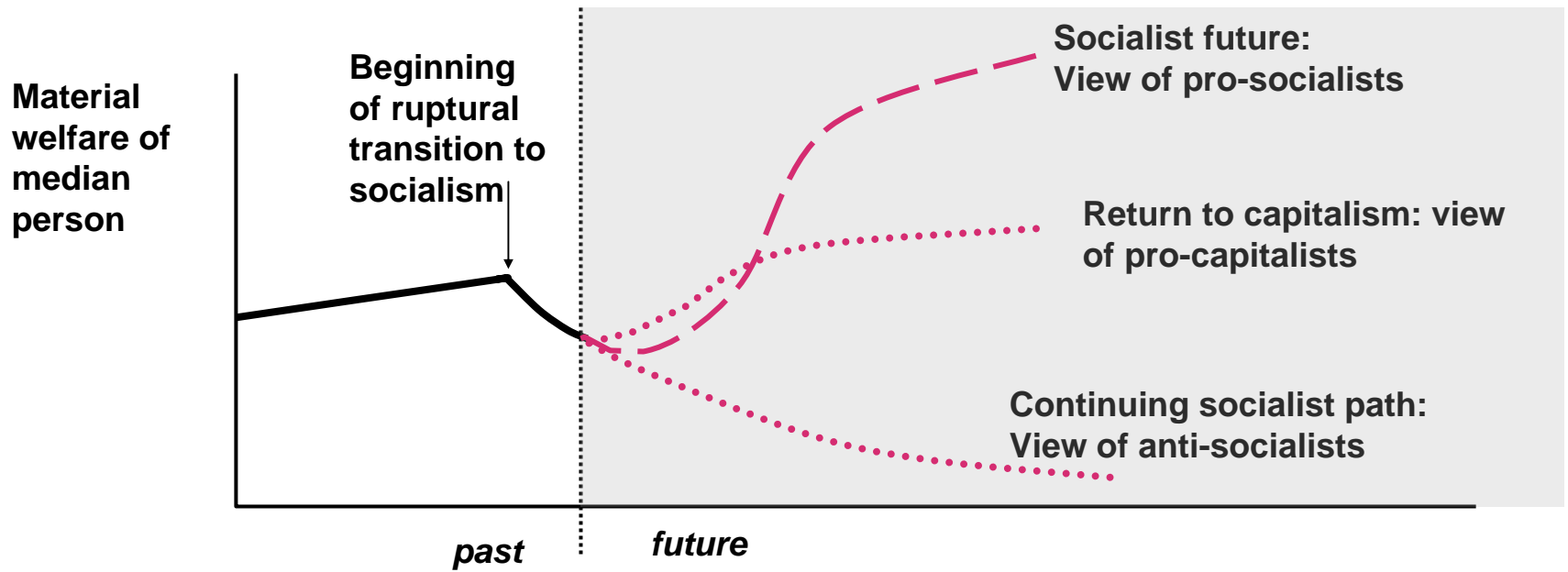
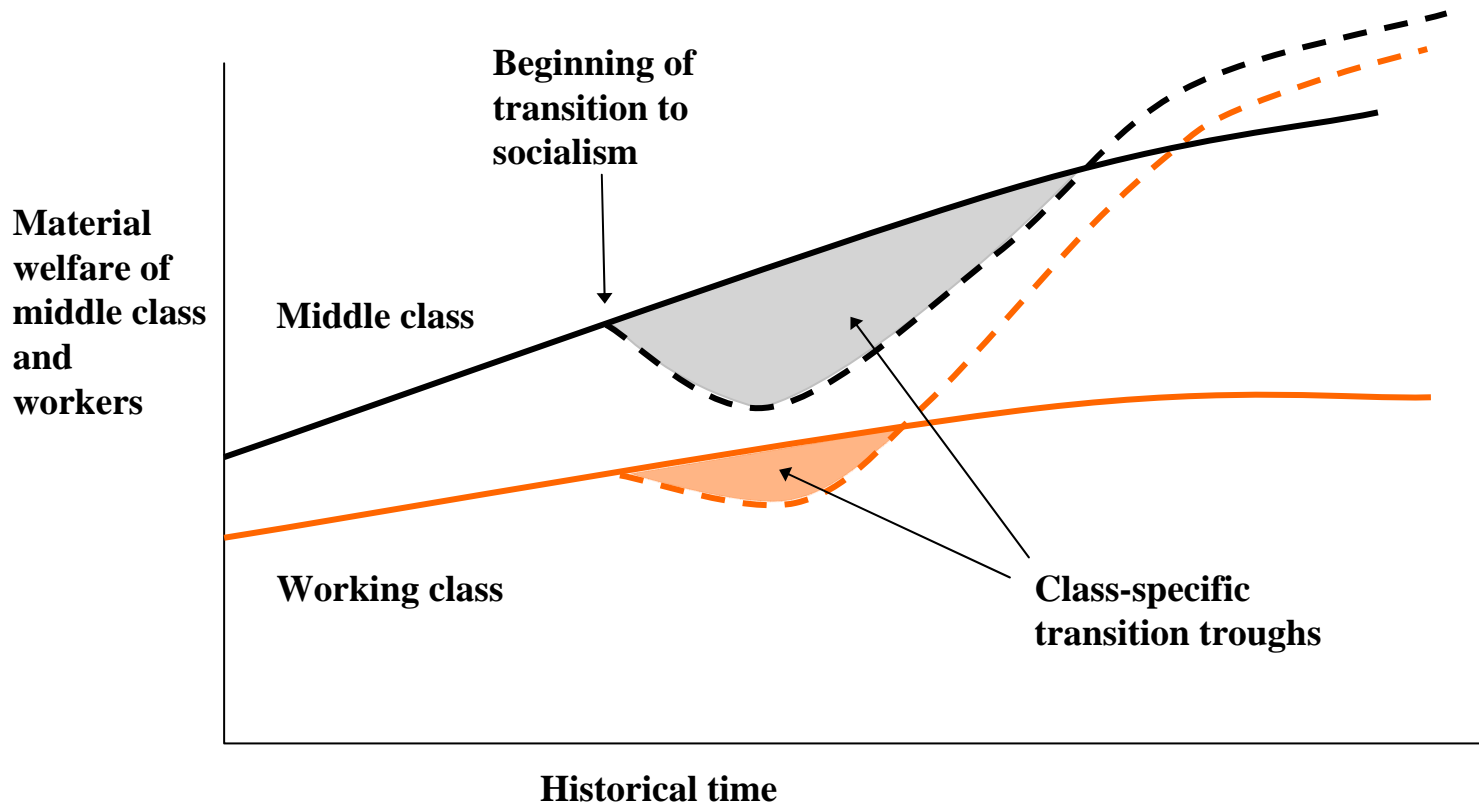


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Middle class under capitalism ———

Working class Under Capitalism ———

Middle class under socialism - - - -

Working class under socialism - - - -

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Class Variations in Trajectories of Material Interests

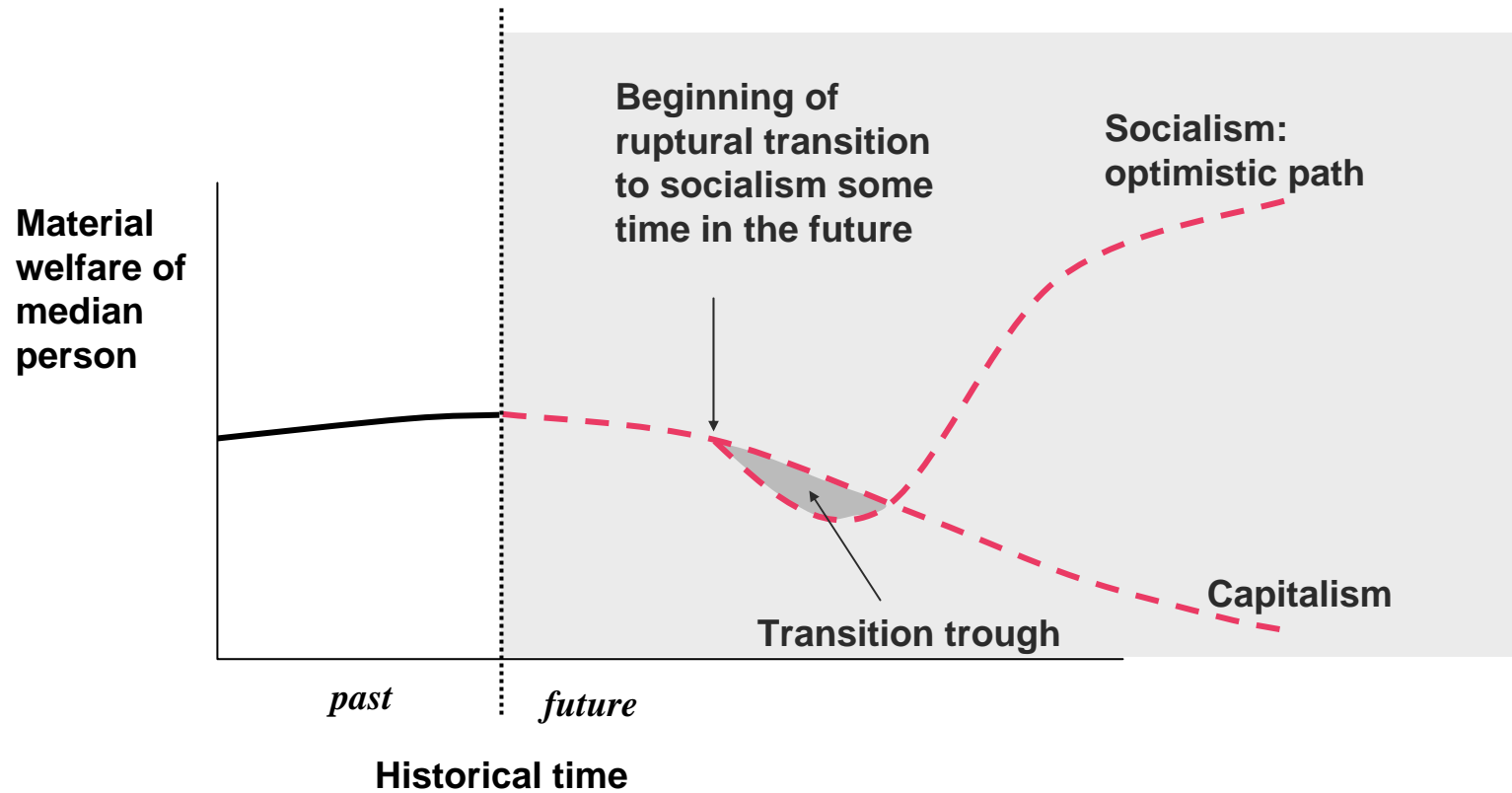


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Socialist Rupture and Trajectories of Material Interests
under assumption of long term intensification of capitalist crisis

II.
INTERSTITIAL
TRANSFORMATION

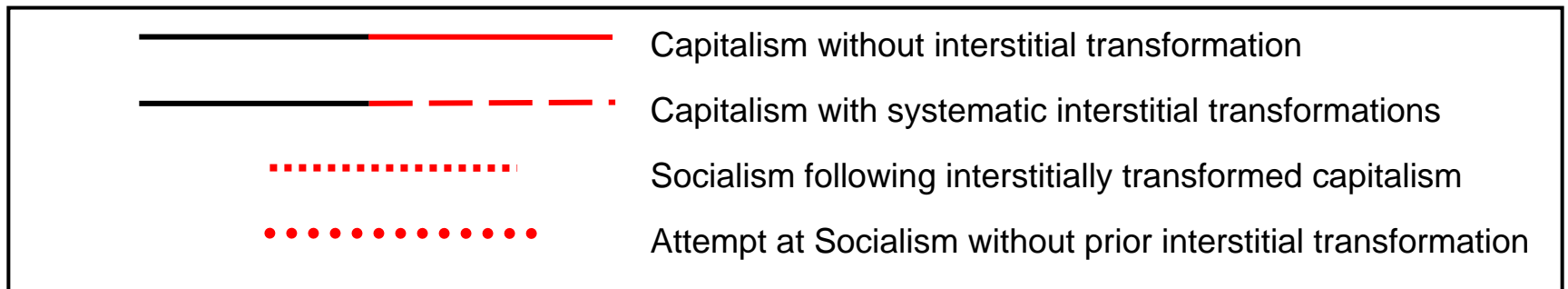
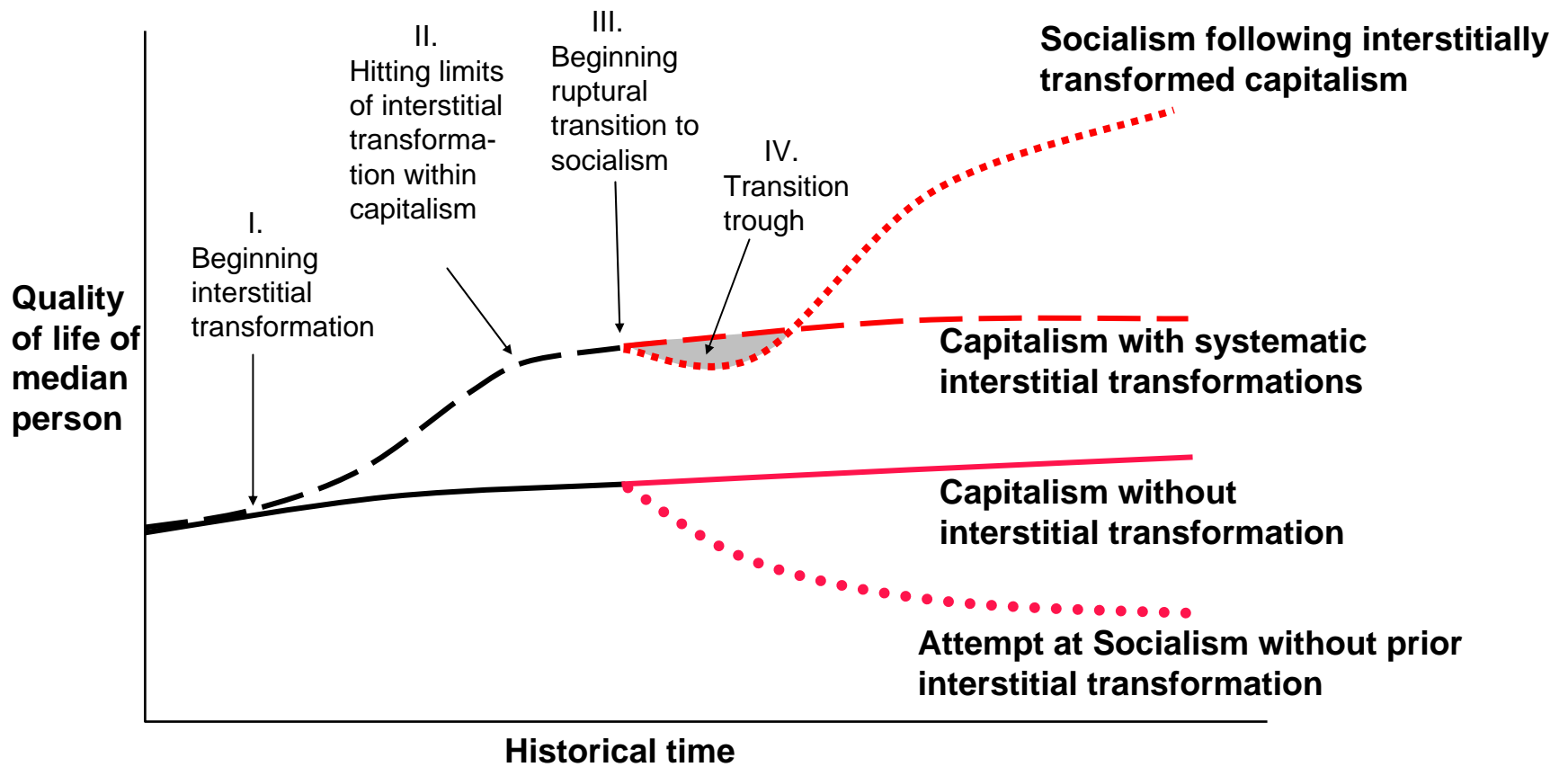


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Interstitial transformations paving the way to rupture

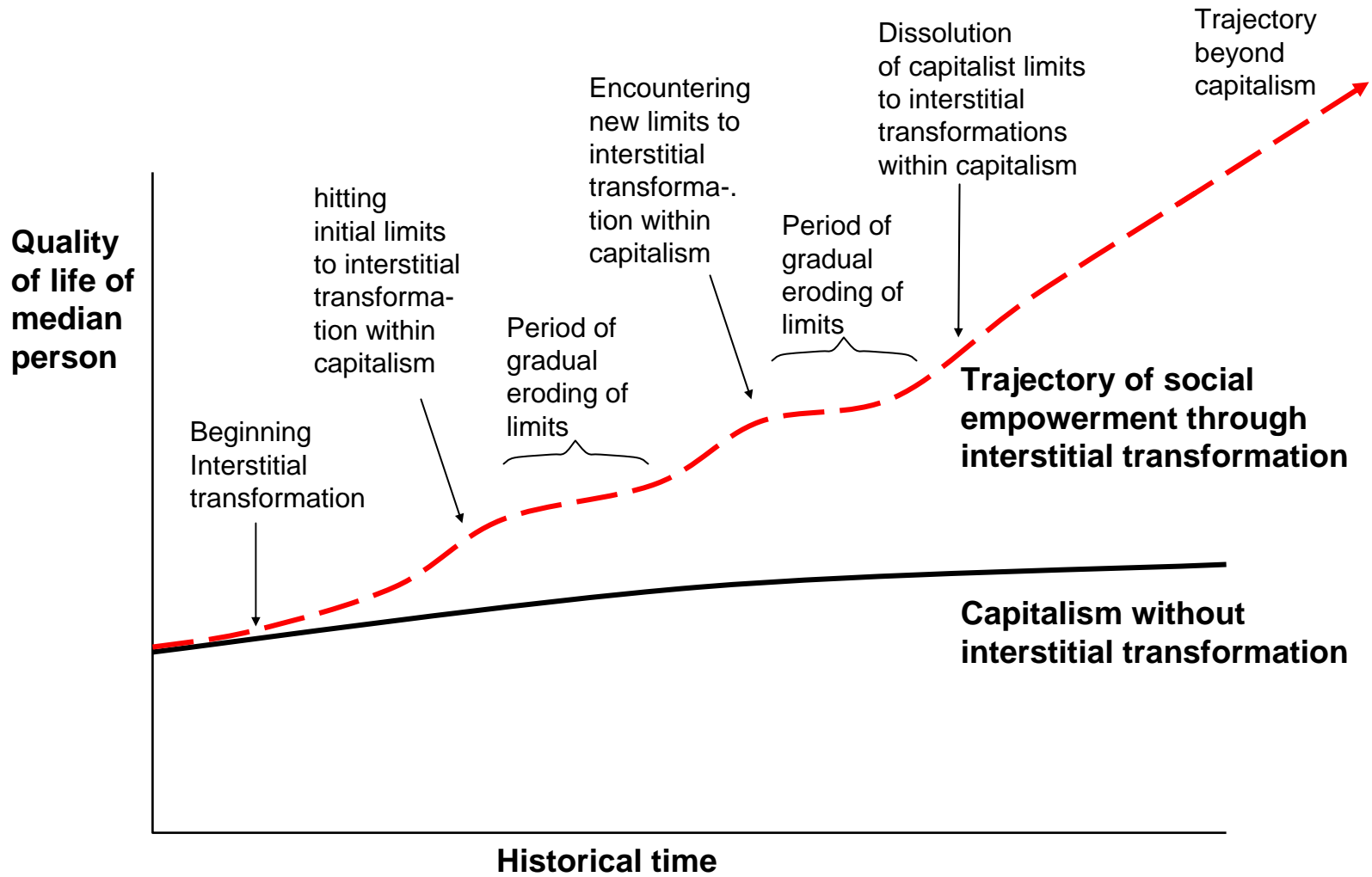


Figure 7
Interstitial transformations eroding the binding limits of capitalism

III.
SYMBIOTIC
TRANSFORMATION

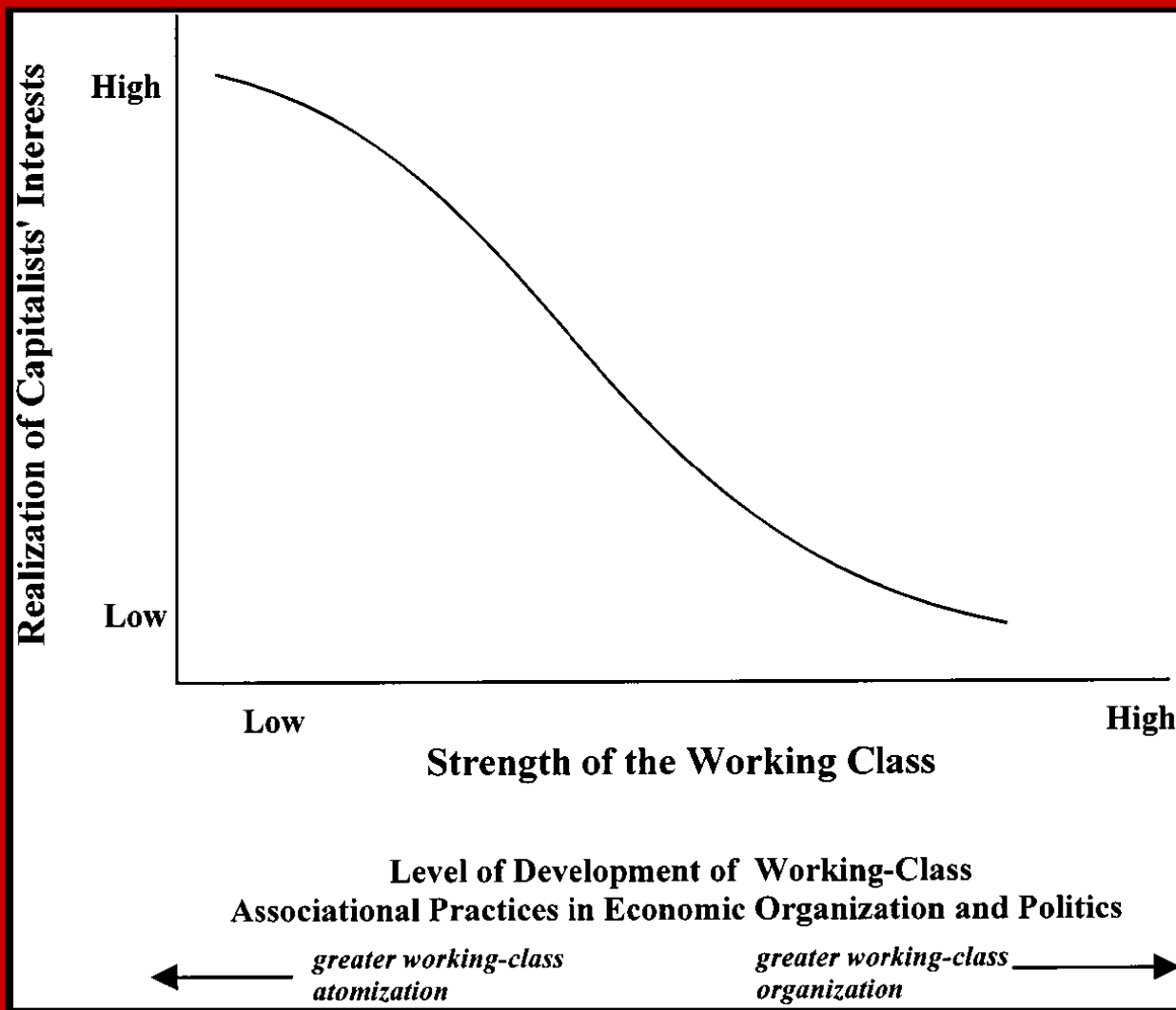


Figure 8. Conventional view of the relationship between working class power and capitalist class interests

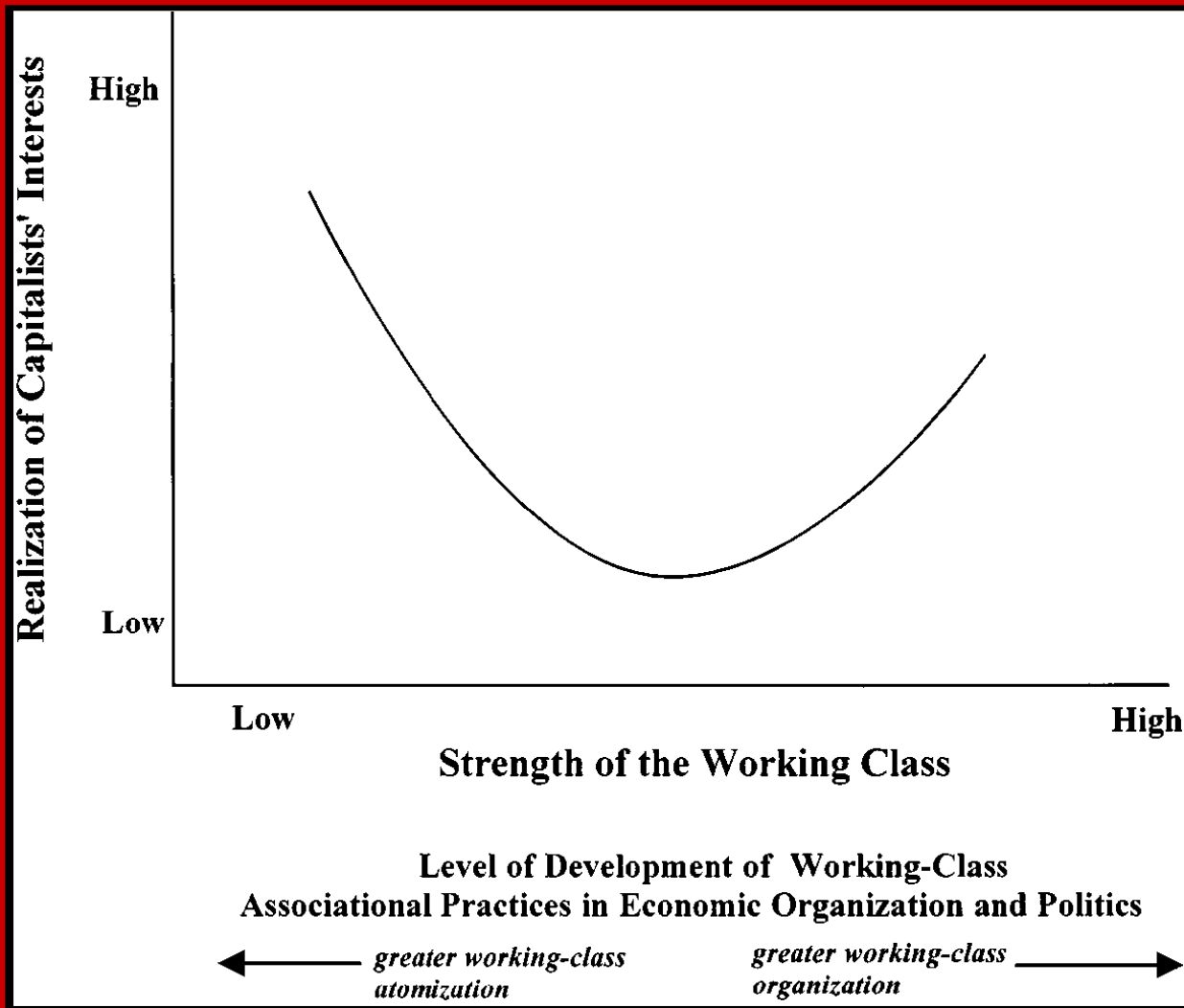


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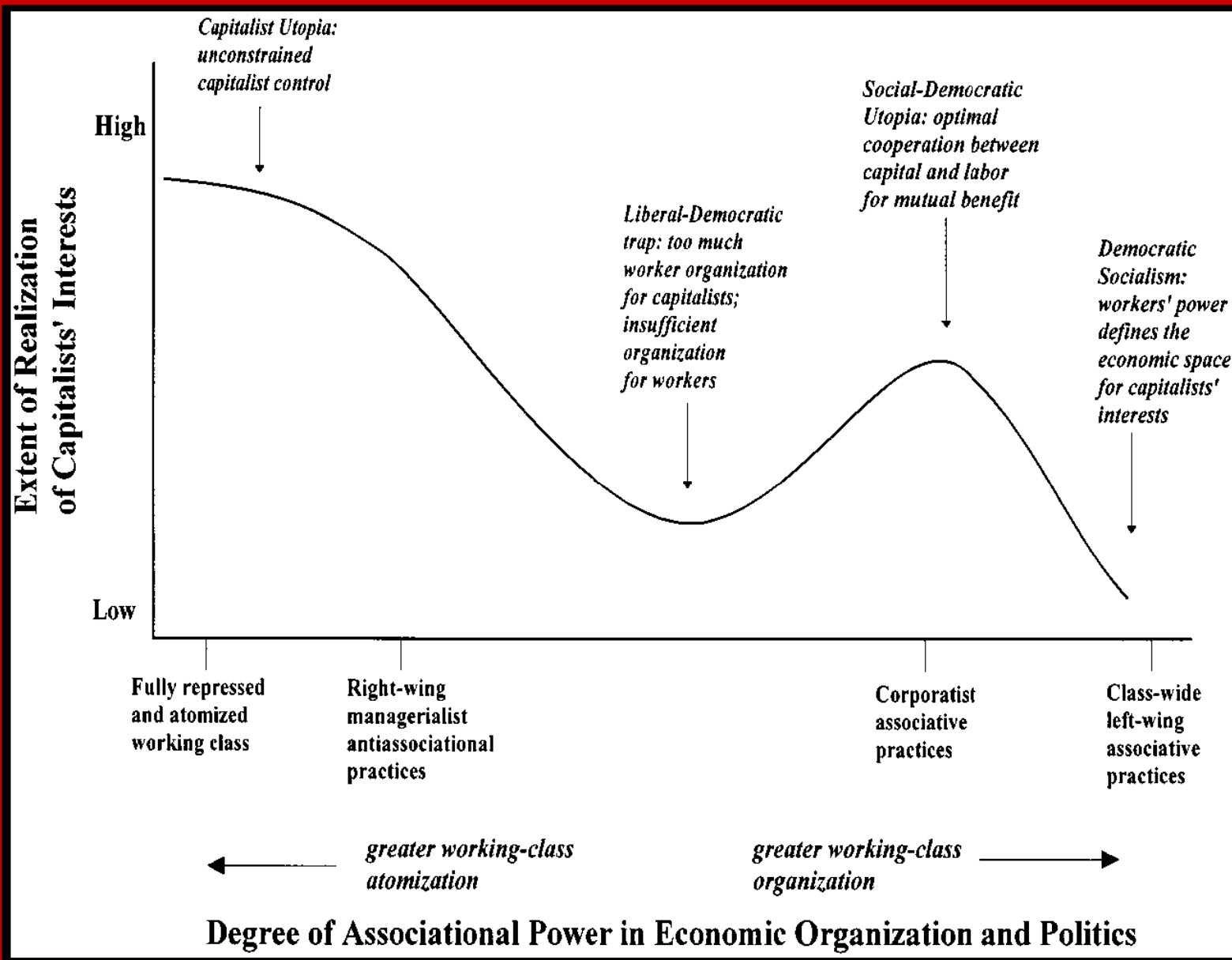


Figure 10. Workers power and capitalist interests

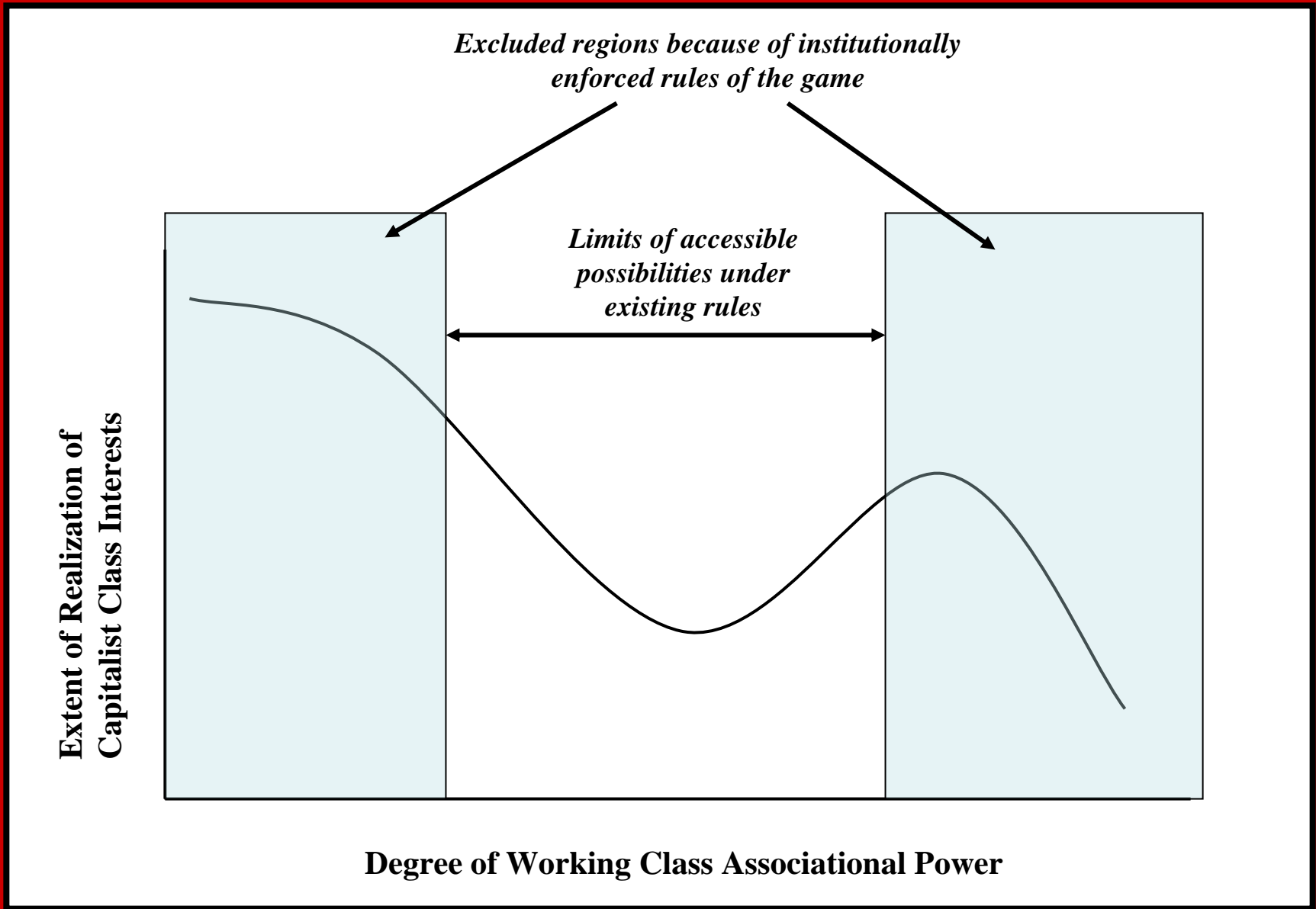
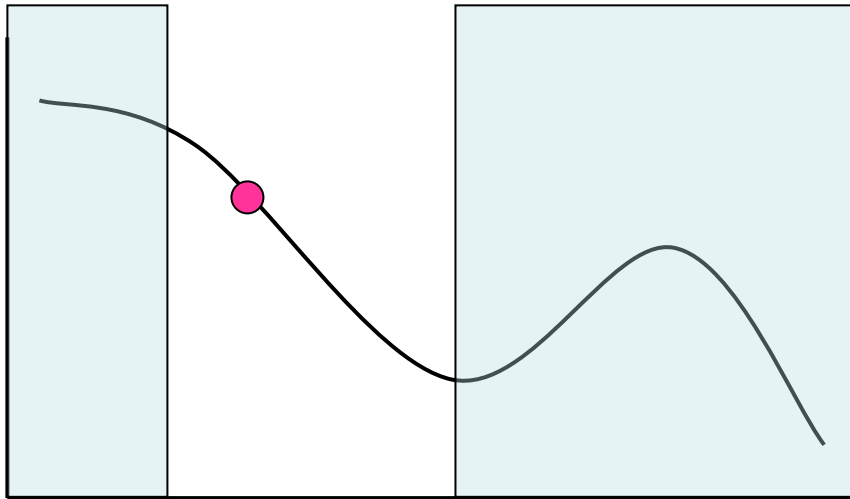


Figure 11. Zones of Excluded Possibilities

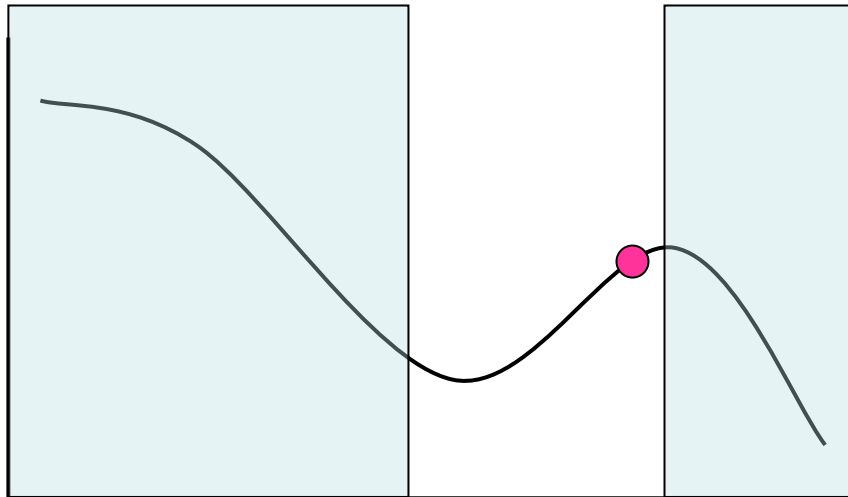
**Extent of Realization of
Capitalist Class Interests**



The United States

Degree of Working Class Associational Power

**Extent of Realization of
Capitalist Class Interests**



Sweden

Degree of Working Class Associational Power

Figure 12. Zones of excluded possibilities: United States and Sweden

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Envisioning Real Utopias
can be found at:**

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