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Abstract

This lecture demonstrates how technology in the 21st century has entered into a state of crisis, due primarily to the subjugation of scientific research to the capitalist monopolies and to military purposes, and the conflict between new discoveries, on the one hand, and old idealist and metaphysical ideas, on the other. As the general crisis of capitalism has developed and become more acute, so has the confusion in scientific theory and distortion of scientific practices developed and increased with it. In this context, it is important to deploy technology as a weapon for its self-introspection and advancement, as a social and philosophical investigation. The more scientific research has expanded and the greater these requirements has become, the more it has fallen under the control of the monopolies and their governments, and particularly the military. Technology is expected to contribute to profits and wars, and to answer just those particular problems in which the capitalist monopolies are interested, which is by no means the same as answering the problems bound up with the further development of technology and with the interests of the people. Technologies, development paradigms and the State must be examined within the matrix of a class-divided society, and the relationship of the State with various contending social forces. Thus, technology becomes more commercialized, militarized, disorganized and distorted.

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