

DAVID LAIBMAN

BIO

David Laibman is Professor of Economics (Emeritus) at Brooklyn College (where he taught from 1967 until 2010) and the Graduate School, City University of New York. He is currently Adjunct Professor in the M.A. in Economics program, at John Jay College. He earned his Ph.D. in Economics in 1973 at the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York, with a dissertation on a long-standing problem in Marxist economics, the formation and transformation of value in the general (abstract) capitalist economy. Since 1973 he has been associated with *Science & Society*, a quarterly Marxist journal that began publication in 1936, serving since 1982 as Editor of the journal. He is also a fingerstyle guitarist, known for his transcriptions and recordings of classical ragtime works, and for new compositions, in the ragtime genre, for guitar.

Professor Laibman taught economic theory, political economy, and mathematical economics, at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels at CUNY. He has taught or lectured in Mexico, Spain, Greece, Italy, Argentina, Venezuela, Cuba, China, Russia, England, Canada, and South Korea.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Sraffa and Marx: A Symposium, edited book with Introduction by the Editor, Pp. 156. Pratiche Publishers, Rome, 1978 (in Italian)

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Articles, Chapters in Books (selected)

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“The Okishio Theorem and Its Critics: Historical Cost Vs. Replacement Cost,” *Research in Political Economy*, Vol. 17, 1999, pp. 207–227

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“The Future Within the Present: Seven Theses for a Robust Twenty-First Century Socialism,” the 2005 David M. Gordon Memorial Lecture, *Review of Radical Political Economics*, Vol. 38, No. 3, Summer 2006, pp. 305–318

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“Incentive Design, Iterative Planning, and Local Knowledge in a Maturing

Socialist Economy.” *International Critical Thought*, Vol. 1, No. 1, March 2011, pp. 35–56

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“China: In the Perspective of Historical Materialism.” *Science & Society*, April 2020, pp. 171–203

“Incentives, Optimization and Democratic Planning: A Socialist Primer.” *Science & Society*, October 2020, pp. 510–535

“Value and Price: Controversy, Stasis, and Possibility,” Contribution to Symposium on the Value Controversy in Marxist Economics. *World Review of Political Economy*, Vol. 12, No. 4 (Winter 2021), pp. 436–443

Music (selected)

With Eric Schoenberg, *The New Ragtime Guitar*, LP record, 1970, Folkways Records (Folkways 2438); Transatlantic Records (TRA253); CD from Folkways-Smithsonian Institution

Guitar Artistry of David Laibman, performance and interview DVD, with 14 ragtime performances, eight spoken interludes, plus PDF with musical notation and tablature for seven pieces, Stefan Grossman’s Guitar Workshop, 2007 (Vestapol 13104)

Adventures in Ragtime: Nine Original Pieces in Classical Ragtime Style for Acoustic Fingerstyle Guitar, CD with music/tablatore, Stefan Grossman’s Guitar Workshop, 2008 (SGGW113)

Classical Ragtime, Arranged for Fingerstyle Guitar, Volumes I and II. Music and tablature for 11 classic rags. Contains 6 CDs. Stefan Grossman’s Guitar Workshop series, Mel Bay publications, 2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

Edith Henry Johnson Memorial Award in Economics, New School for Social Research, 1973

Faculty Research Award, City University of New York, 1977–78, 1978–79; Topic: “Investigations in the Theory of Innovational Pricing, Technical Change and Growth”

Listing in Marquis *Who’s Who in America*, 57th Edition, 2003, and subsequent editions

Union for Radical Political Economics, 2005: David M. Gordon Memorial Award; Memorial Lecture, “The Future Within the Present: Seven Theses for a Robust 21st-Century Socialism,” August 21, 2005

Distinguished Achievement Award in Political Economy for the Twenty-First Century, World Association for Political Economy, May 2010

Lifetime Achievement Award in Marxian Economics, World Association for Political Economy, July 2019