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## Social Revolution and Socialism



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My work in the Wissenschaftskolleg was concentrated, mainly because of the editorial necessities, on social philosophy. First, I went over the earlier manuscript of the book *Power and Civil Society. Towards a Dynamic Theory of Socialism* which will be published in 1991. Thanks to the far-reaching help of the secretarial staff at the Kolleg, I was able to send the final manuscript to Greenwood Press.

Furthermore, one of the Polish new publishers has proposed me to edit my Polish book *Foundations of the Theory of Socialism* (vols. 1-3) of 1979, announced then as the *samizdat*, which has later been published only in parts, either by underground publishers or in foreign languages. Due to the efficient library service in the Kolleg, I have made significant progress in enlarging and renewing references, especially to vol. 2 which is devoted to the reinterpretation of the history of Russia.

During this year, and partly due to the collaboration of some co-fellows in the Wissenschaftskolleg, I have also completed a collection of papers that bears the title *The Civil Society: Conceptual Analyses and Theoretical Reconstructions* and which will be published in 1991 by Rodopi, Amsterdam, as vol. 23 of the book series *Poznan Studies in the Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities*.

By necessity merely on the margin of these occupations, I have continued my recent interest in metaphysics revising an earlier paper on *Thoughts are Facts in a Possible World, Truths are Facts of a Given World* and writing *Judgements Are What They Are About: On the Lack of Difference Between Ontology and Epistemology*. In this respect, the discussions with the specialists on Indian philosophy being my fellow-fellows in this fruitful year were of the highest importance.