



Vanguard of Retrogression

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Queequeg Publications, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 202 x 126 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Arrived at its very late phase, capitalism has been devouring its own, turning on what remained of its earlier emancipatory social and cultural legacy as if to consciously preclude its supersession by a higher organization of society. It has gentrified culture much as it has gentrified the urban landscape. In such a context, it was inevitable that some bright young junior professors, the leveraged-buyout artists of the cultural sphere, would wind up elaborating the radical intellectual counterpart of the hollowing out of the economy and the workforce which Thatcher, Reagan, Clinton, and Blair (not to mention the International Monetary Fund) have been implementing, without phrases. Though weakened by the Heidegger, DeMan, and Sokal affairs, and by a certain renewed interest in an actual struggle against capitalism, the postmodernists, the progeny of Foucault and Derrida, are still with us. These fashionable theories first swept the world, beginning in the early 1970s, as part of a general war on the social at every level, which was the capitalist response to the 1968 upsurge and its aftermath. And behind the all-too-facile...

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