ABSTRACT

International Drug Traffic Control and the Real Addiction in the Capitalist World-System: An Alternative Approach for the Analysis of the Global Drug Traffic Crisis

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Based on a Neo-Radical Third World Perspective on the study of capitalist developmentalism, this thesis examines the global drug traffic crisis within the historic-cultural context of the socio-economic requirements, and consequences, of capitalist development in the political economy of the capitalist world-system. The main proposition argued in the thesis is that the persistence of the global drug traffic crisis in the capitalist world is a direct feature of the logic and praxis of capitalist developmentalism.

Evidence from a number of case studies shows that the pursuit of capitalist developmentalism in the modern world has involved, among other things, the materialist dehumanization of industrialized societies, and the unconscionable exploitation of peripheral economies, giving rise to a host of interrelated global problematic issues, among which are, in recent times, and as necessary responses, the
massive demand market for narcotic drugs in the industrialized metropoles, and the cheap commercial production and export of narcotic drugs by peripheral economies.

The thesis therefore concludes that current international drug traffic control efforts will remain largely ineffective, as long as the capitalist addiction, endemic in the objectives and praxis of capitalist developmentalism, which generates the global drug traffic, as a necessary global capitalist enterprise, continues unchecked.

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