

BIBLIOGRAPHY

OF THE

WORKS

OF

MICHAEL KIDRON

Bibliography of the Works of Michael Kidron

This is an initial attempt at a bibliography of the English language works of the Marxist economist, theorist, and activist Michael Kidron. I hope it will be of some use to those wishing to research Kidron's ideas or the history of the British left.

I have listed as far as possible all of Kidron's books, pamphlets and articles. It is certainly not complete. Many of the items listed appear on the Marxist Internet Archive here:

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/kidron/index.htm>

These are the socialist publications for which Kidron most regularly wrote:

Socialist Review - first series (1950-62)

Labour Worker (1962-68)

Socialist Worker (1968-)

International Socialism - first series (1960-1978)

International Socialism - second series (1978-)

The following indicate anthologies of Kidron's works or of "IS tradition" writings. Where these appear in brackets after an item they indicate that the item was reproduced therein:

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CATSW: Capitalism and Theory: Selected Writings (2018)

ASR: A Socialist Review (Introduced by J. Higgins) (1965)

TLIB: The Left in Britain 1956-1968 (1976)

Where no author's name is listed the item appeared under the name M. Kidron or Mike or Michael Kidron, or initials MK. Kidron used three known pseudonyms. Where he used these, or wrote jointly with comrades, the authorship is indicated in square brackets before the title.

Pseudonyms

As far as we know Kidron only used these three pseudonyms - David Breen, K. Michaels, and Frat Cain.

Editorials

Michael was the editor of both Socialist Review (First Series) and International Socialism (First Series) for an extended period. In the capacity of editor, he will have written many unsigned editorials and other pieces. Unless these have been definitely attributed to him by evidence they are not included in this bibliography.

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8th Year No. 6, Mid-March 1958

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8th Year No. 8, Mid-April 1958

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Known to be by MK – see entry below

8th Year No. 9, May Day 1958

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An aspect of MK’s two introductions (relating to the Revolutionary Socialist League’s publication Socialist Fight) brought forth a letter of protest from Peter Sedgwick. It was unpublished but the letter and MK’s response is held in MK’s correspondence archive.

8th Year No. 11, 1st June 1958

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8th Year No. 12, Mid-June 1958

pp. 6–7: The Fight for Socialism. Part 6 (CATSW)

8th Year No. 13, 1st July 1958

p. 2: [David Breen]: T.U. Commentary

8th Year No. 14, Mid-July 1958

p. 2: [David Breen]: T.U. Commentary

8th Year No. 16, 1st September 1958

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9th Year No. 12, September 1959

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9th Year No. 13, October 1959

p. 2. [D.B.]: Strange Strike Strategy – A Mystery Solved
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9th Year No. 14, November 1959

pp. 4-5: Labour After the Election – The Future of the Left (ASR)

10th Year No. 1, January 1960

pp. 4-5: After the End of Empire (ASR)

10th Year No. 2, February 1960

p. 3: A Note on the Limitations of Reforming "Realism" (ASR)

11th Year No. 10, November 1961

p. 2: The Strikes 1: The Economic Background

11th Year No. 11, December 1961

pp. 1 & 3: Tory-Planning

12th Year No. 1, January 1962

pp. 1 & 5: The Left and the Common Market

12th Year No. 5, May 1962

p. 5: Budget Tricks

C: Labour Worker, Socialist Worker.

Labour Worker

No. 12 (No date – late 1962)

pp. 4-5: Automation

1st January 1965 No. 28

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: The Coming Wage Freeze

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1st February 1965 No. 30

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: Workers' Control

15th February 1965 No. 31

p. 2: [Frat Cain]: All or One?

Mid-April 1965 No. 35

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: The Declaration of Dependence

1st May 1965 No. 36

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: Counting Out the Bouncers

Mid-May 1965 No. 37

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: TU Top Brass and Wages Norm

1st June 1965 No. 38

p. 3: [Frat Cain]: Normpolitik.....

Mid-June 1965 No. 39

p. 4: [Frat Cain]: Chips Off the Iceberg

1st July 1965 No. 40

p. 4: [Frat Cain]: The Wage War Against Incomes

August 1965 No. 42

p.4: Socialists in the Labour Party

October 1965 No. 45

p. 3: Brown's National Plan is a Prop for Capitalism. Two Socialist Views. 1. By Michael Kidron 2. By John Palmer

December 1966 No. 66

p. 3: The State of Welfare

January 1968 No. 79

p.4: Now Stand by for the Other Measures: Michael Kidron on the Politics of Devaluation

February 1968 No. 80

p.3: On Target – but the Powder's Wet

April 1968 No. 82

p. 5: The Politics of Redundancy: Michael Kidron argues that mass sackings need new fighting tactics

Socialist Worker (from June 1968)

21st September 1968 No. 89

pp. 2-3: Czech workers spring is crushed by the Russian ice-pack

30th November 1968 No. 99

p.1: Bad Medicine – but only if the workers swallow it

22nd May 1969 No. 123

p.3: Hunger for capital means new freeze and squeeze for workers

3rd July 1969 No. 129

Tropical Trotskyism: The Cruel Dilemma of Socialists in a Poor Country, Getting Poorer

21st August 1969 No. 134

p. 2: A united workers' republic – the only way to stop Ireland bleeding

27th June 1970 No. 177

p. 4: Who wears the knuckle-duster? Trade problems and the Powellites will push Heath further to the right

26th June 1971 No. 226

p. 2: Their Week (Compiled by Michael Kidron).

"Their Week" became a regular feature for a period but this is the only example containing Kidron's name.

22nd February 1975 No. 413

Letter on the Common Market Referendum

19th April 1975 No. 421

Letter on the Common Market Referendum

The text of these two letters on the Common Market and their story can be found here:

<http://grimanddim.org/political-writings/1975-last-brush-with-kidron/>

D: International Socialism - series one.

Number 1: Summer 1958

pp .57-74: The economic background of the recent strikes

NB: International Socialism was relaunched in 1960 with issues numbered from 1.

Number 1: Spring 1960

p. 4: Introduction to a Journal

p. 31: The Flow of Money (Book Review)

Number 2: Autumn 1960

pp. 32–33: Two Left Feet (Book Review)

p. 35: [David Breen]: Sinologist's vade-mecum (Book Review)

Number 3: Winter 1960-61

p. 32: [David Breen]: Apologetics (Book Review)

Number 4: Spring 1961

p. 29: Washington or Moscow? (Book Review)

p. 30: [David Breen]: Fleshless Profile (Book Review)

Number 5: Summer 1961

p. 31: [David Breen]: Much Ado About India (Book Review)

Number 6: Autumn 1961

p. 2-3: Britain and Europe

Unsigned Editorial Note 2 but known to be by Kidron

p.33: Inflation (Book Review)

Number 7: Winter 1961

pp. 15–21: Reform and Revolution – Rejoinder to Left Reformism II (CATSW)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Indology Again (Book Review)

Number 8: Spring 1962

p. 1: No Bombs and No Illusions (TLIB)

Unsigned Editorial Note 1 but known to be by Kidron

p. 30: Tunnel or Bridge (Book Review)

pp. 31–32: Inside Britain (Book Review)

p. 32: [David Breen]: South of the Himalayas (Book Review)

Number 9: Summer 1962

pp. 15-20: Imperialism: Highest Stage but One (CAT; CATSW)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Phoenix (Book Review)

Number 10: Autumn 1962

p.2: Fists Against the Fascists

Unsigned Editorial Note 2 but known to be by Kidron

Number 11: Winter 1962

pp. 29-30: [David Breen]: Indo-Pak (Book Review)

Number 12: Spring 1963

pp. 30-31: [David Breen]: More (Book Review)

Number 13: Summer 1963

p. 36: Bright-Wing Boy (Book Review)

p. 36: [David Breen]: Arms Economy (Book Review)

Number 14: Autumn 1963

p.1: Labour's Party (TLIB)

Unsigned Editorial Note 1 but known to be by Kidron

Number 17: Summer 1964

p.2: Arms, Drugs and Booms-a-Daisy

Unsigned Editorial Note 2 but Ian Birchall advises "Nobody but Kidron could have written a piece with a title like that."

p. 31: [David Breen]: Mountains or Molehills? (Book Review)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Movement and Men (Book Review)

Number 18: Autumn 1964

p. 32: Badly Served (Book Review)

p. 33: [David Breen]: Prejudice (Book Review)

Number 19: Winter 1964-65

p. 29: [David Breen]: First Round (Book Review)

Number 20: Spring 1965

p. 12: Letter to Readers

pp. 16-22: International Capitalism (CAT; CATSW)

p. 29: The Fire Last Time (Book Review)

p. 30: [David Breen]: Them (Book Review)

p. 30: [David Breen]: Forever Backward (Book Review)

p. 30: [David Breen]: Indian High Noon (Book Review)

Number 21: Summer 1965

p. 29: C & A Marx (Book Review)

p. 30: [Frat Cain]: Dr K.'s Prescriptions (Book Review)

p. 31: [David Breen]: Half Light on Britain (Book Review)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Specialist Squared (Book Review)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Love Thy Neighbour (Book Review)

Number 22: Autumn 1965

pp. 5-6: The Notebook (Michael Kidron on world trade and economic developments)

p. 30: [David Breen]: Darkly at Britain (Book Review)

p. 32: [David Breen]: Communist Blocs (Book Review)

p.32: State Capitalist Handbook (Book Review)

Number 23: Winter 1965-66

p. 30: Manual in Mufti (Book Review)

p. 33: Crooked Sixpence (Book Review)

p. 33: [David Breen]: With-it Capitalism (Book Review)

p. 33: Coal, Gas & Sparks (Book Review)

p. 33: [David Breen]: Respectable Dress (Book Review)

Number 24: Spring 1966

pp. 25-26: Centre for Socialist Education: A Discussion
pp. 35-36: Some Trees, No Wood (Book Review)
p. 36: Whiff of Decay (Book Review)

Number 25, Summer 1966

p. 30: [David Breen]: Guys and Jobs (Book Review)

Number 26, Autumn 1966

p. 7: The Notebook (Michael Kidron on Yugoslavia)
pp. 33-34: [David Breen]: Administritis in India (Book Review)
p. 34: Pregnant Choice (Book Review)

Number 28, Spring 1967

pp. 8-12: A Permanent Arms Economy (CATSW)

Number 30, Autumn 1967

p. 6: The Notebook (Michael Kidron on Indonesian Communists)

Number 32, Spring 1968

pp. 8-12: Marx's Theory of Value (CAT; CATSW)

Number 34, Autumn 1968

p. 28: Letters from Our Readers (Michael Kidron replies to Chris Arthur)

Number 36: April-May 1969

pp.36: Maginot Marxism: Mandel's Economics (CAT; CATSW)

Number 40: October-November 1969

pp. 3-4: ABM

Number 44: July-August 1970

pp. 1-2: The Wall Street Seizure

Unsigned Editorial Note 1 but credited to Kidron by Chris Harman in a 1981 article

Number 46: February-March 1971

pp.6-8: SALT in the wounds

Number 61: June 1973 (Special Double Issue on IS Theory)

pp. 4-10: Imperialism: Highest Stage but One (CAT; CATSW)
Reprinted from issue no. 9 Summer 1962

pp. 11-17: International Capitalism (CAT; CATSW)
Reprinted from issue no. 20 Spring 1965

Number 100: July 1977

pp. 4-9: Two Insights Don't Make a Theory (CATSW)

E: International Socialism - series two.

Number 96: Winter 2002

pp. 87-103: Failing Growth and Rampant Costs: Two Ghosts in the Machine of Modern Capitalism (CATSW)
Taken from Kidron's unfinished book *Presence of the Future: The Costs of Capitalism and the Transition to Ecological Society* – see Section K.

Online Only 4th October 2006 at <http://isj.org.uk/marxist-political-economy-and-the-crisis/>

Marxist Political Economy and the Crisis

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Number 162: Spring 2019

pp. 139-164: Modern Capitalism

The first of Mike Kidron's two lectures at Marxism 1977 with an introduction by Alex Callinicos.

Online Only 5th March 2019 at <http://isj.org.uk/modern-capitalism-full-transcript/>

Modern Capitalism and The Crisis

The transcript of Mike Kidron's two lectures at Marxism 1977 with an introduction by John Rudge.

Number 168: Autumn 2020

pp. 165-192: Paradox upon Paradox: Fractal States and Their Making

An article extracted from Chapter 5 of Kidron's unfinished book Presence of the Future: The Costs of Capitalism and the Transition to Ecological Society – see Section K.

F: Internal Bulletins, Party Documents etc.

Socialist Review Group

Documents

Undated (Quarter 1 1960)

Introduction to a Journal

Document produced for SR Group Quarterly Aggregate on the founding aims and ambitions of the new International Socialism journal

International Socialists

IS Internal Bulletin

March 1973

For Every Prince There is a Princess: David Yaffe and the Draft Programme

Ian Birchall says: "This was not Kidron's original title - he called it "For every Talmud there is a Torah". The IS "Centre" decided that Jewish theology was too esoteric for the membership and changed it."

Documents

1968 IS Conferences

4th July 1968

Where are we Rushing To? Some Comments and Some Proposals (CATSW)

September 1968

Once Again Where To? A Comment on Perspectives for IS (CATSW)

October 1968

We are not Peasants: A Note and Proposals on IS Organisation (CATSW)

Published in the name of the Hull IS branch but written by Kidron

31st October 1968

Neither Lenin nor Luxemburg, but in Reference to the Environment in Which We Work (CATSW – but slightly edited)

Published in the name of the Hull IS branch but written by Kidron

Autumn 1969 IS Conference

The International Prospect

Minutes of Meetings

IS Executive Committee

30th July 1973: Debate on the future of the IS Journal

Contains a long contribution by Kidron. The meeting is covered in "Sam Farber and IS: The 1973 Visit and Beyond":

<http://grimanddim.org/tony-cliff-biography/sam-farber-and-is-the-1973-visit-and-beyond/>

G: Miscellaneous articles.

Economic Weekly/Economic and Political Weekly

Volume 14 Issue Number 11, 17th March 1962

pp. 477-483: In Nepal Today

Volume 16 Special Issue Numbers 29-30-31, 18th July 1964

Behaviour of Foreign Capital: Its Methods of Control in India

An abridged version of a chapter from the forthcoming book Foreign Investments in India

Volume 17 Issue Number 17, 24th April 1965

pp. 705-707: Excess Imports of Capital and Technology in the Private Sector

Volume 2 Number 3/5 Annual Number, (February 1967)

pp. 112-113: [John Ashdown, Tirril Harris, Michael Kidron & Nigel Harris]: An English View

Volume 8 Issue Number 38, 22nd September 1973

pp. 1721+1723-1728: [Dennis Childs & Michael Kidron]: India, the USSR and the MiG Project

Volume 10 Issue Number 9, 1st March 1975

pp. 399+401-403+405-414: [Dennis Childs & Michael Kidron]: Measuring the Surplus in India: Sources and Methods

Guardian Newspaper

Thursday September 5th, 1968

p. 10: Still a Chance for the Reformers.

Saturday July 5th, 1969

p. 3: Left confident of victory as Ceylon votes

Thursday August 20th, 1970

p. 7: Them and Us (Book Review)

Review of "Europe Versus America: Contradictions of Imperialism" by Ernest Mandel.

Saturday November 7th, 1981

p. 11: Left in the Pink

Short article celebrating 10 years of Pluto Press contains quotes from Kidron.

Friday August 21st, 1987

p. 14: Money in the making (Book Review)

Review of "The Profit System: The Economics of Capitalism" by Francis Green and Bob Sutcliffe.

History Workshop Journal

Issue 17 Spring 1984

p. 210: [Tariq Ali, David Beetham, Paul Foot, Stuart Hall, Nina Kidron, Michael Kidron, Steven Lukes, Tim Mason, Jean McCrindle, Sheila Rowbotham, Raphael Samuel & Michele Sedgwick]: Peter Sedgwick Papers

Following the death of Peter Sedgwick in September 1983 this is a jointly signed letter asking for copies of Peter's correspondence to enable the publication of a memorial volume. Regrettably, the publication never appeared.

International Affairs (Journal of the Royal Institute of International Affairs)

Volume 34 Number 2, April 1958

pp. 257-258: Indonesia's Economic Stabilization and Development by Benjamin Higgins (Book Review)

Volume 36 Number 3, July 1960

pp. 405-406: India, Mixed Enterprise and Western Business: Experiments in Controlled Change for Growth and Profitability by Daniel L. Spencer (Book Review)

Volume 37 Number 2, April 1961

pp. 223-224: Foreign Capital and Economic Development: Japan, India and Canada. Studies in Some Aspects of Absorption of Foreign Capital by Nurul Islam (Book Review)

Volume 37 Number 3, July 1961

p. 400: Business Saving in India: An Estimate and an Analysis in Relation to Profitability and the Growth of the National Saving Rate by Harendra Kumar Mazumdar (Book Review)

Volume 38 Number 2, April 1962

p. 282: Indian Economy Since Independence by H. Venkatsubbiah (Book Review)

p. 283: India's Economic Development and International Economic Relations by Mohd. Shabbir Khan (Book Review)

Volume 38 Number 3, July 1962

pp. 430-431: State Enterprise in India by R.C. Agrawal (Book Review)

I.S. (Monthly publication of the International Socialists – U.S.)

Number 16, February 1970

p. 2: ABM

Article reprinted from International Socialism Number 40 October-November 1969.

Labour Review

Volume 2 Number 2, March-April 1957

p. 32: Letter

Kidron writes to "point out a grave mistake in John Daniels' interesting "Letter to a Member of the Communist Party (Labour Review, January 1957)". The letter provokes a long reply from Daniels.

New Left Review

No. 7 January – February 1961

p. 58: Intellectual Liberalism?

A letter from Kidron in response to E.P Thompson's article Revolution Again! In the previous issue of NLR.

New Reasoner

No. 10 Autumn 1959

pp. 80-88: The Limits of Reform: A Reply to Ken Alexander (ASR)
From Socialist Review, 9th Year No. 11 mid-June 1959.

New Society

4 March 1971

Memories of Development (CAT; CATSW)

This article is also included as Appendix A of the book Pakistan's Trade with Eastern Bloc Countries on the basis that a certain "line of thought" included in that book's Introduction is "elaborated" in the article.

New Statesman

10th April 1981

p. 20: Labour's L-shaped alternative.

Pacific Affairs Journal

Volume 34 Number 4, Winter 1961-1962

pp. 416-417: Labour and Economic Development by Walter Galenson (Book Review).

PIG (Publication of the Hull University International Socialism Society)

Number 15, March 1st, 1971

pp. 13-15: SALT in the Wounds. The S.A.L.T. Talks

Reprinted (without credit) from International Socialism Number 40 (February/March 1971)

Socialist Register 2002

pp. 229–244: The Injured Self (CATSW)

This essay was published with a note saying that it was “drawn largely from my book, “The Presence of the Future: The Costs of Capitalism and the Transition to Ecological Society”, forthcoming 2002.” The book was not completed before Michael Kidron’s death – see Section K.

The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences

Volume 379, Financing Democracy, September 1968

pp. 183-184: Imports of Manufactures from Less Developed Countries by Hal B. Lary (Book Review).

The Newsletter

Volume 2 Number 81, 13th December 1958

p. 333: The Newsletter’s Help was “Artificial” and “Sectarian”

A letter from Kidron taking issue with a Brian Behan article on the South Bank Builder’s strike. The letter brings forth an editorial response.

The Observer Newspaper

6th December 1987

p. 17: Will You Put Your Name to the Struggle for Peace, Freedom and Democracy in South Africa?

Mike Kidron is one of hundreds signing a display advertisement celebrating the 75th anniversary of the ANC and supporting their struggle.

The Railway Review

8th November 1957

pp. 4-5: Algerian Trade Unionists

This letter from Mike Kidron to the weekly paper of the National Union of Railwaymen was also sent to a number of other socialist and trade union publications. Mostly it was not published but, I believe, it also appeared in the Independent Labour Party publication, Socialist Leader.

The Review: An International Quarterly Published by The Imre Nagy Institute for Political Research

Volume 3 Number 1 1961

pp. 74-75: International Socialism

Appears under the name of the Editorial Board but a draft of the article with Michael Kidron's name attached is held in Mike Kidron's International Socialism Correspondence file.

Les Carnets de l'Institut Number 5 1961. An Attempt at Reappraisal: Aims and Programmes of Certain Socialist Periodicals.

pp. 12-13: International Socialism

Reprint of the earlier introduction to the International Socialism journal together with introductions to 13 other socialist journals.

The Week

Vol. 5 No. 24, 16th June 1966

p. 10: Mike Kidron Replies to Tony Topham

*Kidron takes issue with Tony Topham's review of the Tony Cliff and Colin Barker publication *Incomes Policy, Legislation and Shop Stewards* that appeared in *The Week* issue of 2nd June.*

Times Newspaper

Tuesday January 24th, 1967, Issue Number 56847

p. 9: Britain and Vietnam

Mike Kidron is one of several hundred UK academics listed as paying for this advertisement urging the British Government to withdraw its support for United States policy in Vietnam.

Time Out

27th March-2nd April 1981

pp. 12-13: The Revolutionary by David Widgery (CATSW)

Written by David Widgery but partly in interview format with many quotes from Kidron.

World Development

Volume 4 Number 6, June 1976

pp. 483-484: Remarks on the Military in Development

H: Compilations.

Volumes of Kidron's writings

Capitalism and Theory, Pluto Press 1974

pp. 11-31: Capitalism: The Latest Stage

From Eds. Nigel Harris & John Palmer, *World Crisis: Essays in Revolutionary Socialism*, Hutchinson: London 1971

pp. 35-60: Waste: U.S. 1970 (written with Elana Gluckstein)

pp. 61-78: Marx's Theory of Value

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 32, Spring 1968

pp. 79-91: Maginot Marxism: Mandel's Economics

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 36, April/May 1969

pp. 95-123: Black Reformism: The Theory of Unequal Exchange

pp. 124-142: Imperialism: Highest Stage but One

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 9, Summer 1962

pp. 143-167: International Capitalism

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 20, Spring 1965

pp. 168-173: Memories of Development

From New Society, 4 March 1971

Capitalism and Theory: Selected Writings of Michael Kidron, Haymarket Books 2018

pp. 13-25: Reform and Revolution: Rejoinder to Left Reformism

From International Socialism Series 1 No. 7, Winter 1961.

pp. 27-36: Imperialism: Highest Stage but One

From International Socialism, Series 1, No. 9, Summer 1962

pp. 37-50: International Capitalism

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 20, Spring 1965

pp. 51-60: A Permanent Arms Economy

From International Socialism Series 1, No. 28, Spring 1967

pp. 61-70: Marx's Theory of Value

From International Socialism, Series 1, No. 32, Spring 1968

pp. 71-78: Maginot Marxism: Mandel's Economics

From International Socialism, Series 1, No. 36, April/May 1969

pp. 79-91: Capitalism: The Latest Stage

From Eds. Nigel Harris & John Palmer, *World Crisis: Essays in Revolutionary Socialism*, Hutchinson: London 1971

pp. 93-111: Waste: U.S. 1970 (written with Elana Gluckstein)
From Capitalism and Theory, Pluto Press: London 1974

pp. 113-127: Black Reformism: The Theory of Unequal Exchange
From Capitalism and Theory, Pluto Press: London 1974

pp. 129-132: Memories of Development
From New Society, 4 March 1971

pp. 133-142: Two Insights Don't Make a Theory
From International Socialism Series 1, No. 100, July 1977

pp. 143-158: Memories of Development
From Socialist Register 2002, Merlin Press: London, 2002

pp. 159-174: Failing Growth and Rampant Costs: Two Ghosts in the Machine of Modern Capitalism
From International Socialism Series 2, No. 96, Winter 2002

pp. 176-190: Appendix A – Selections from Socialist Review 1) Our Programme
From Socialist Review, 10 parts, 1954

pp. 191-206: Appendix A – Selections from Socialist Review 2) The Fight for Socialism
From Socialist Review, 6 parts, December 1957 – September 1958

pp. 207-216: Appendix B – Internal International Socialism Documents - Michael Kidron and 1968

pp. 217-221: Appendix C – The Revolutionary by David Widgery
From Time Out, 27th March-2nd April 1981

Anthologies of SWP publications

A Socialist Review, J Higgins (intro), International Socialism undated [1965]

pp. 19-27: The Mixed Economy
From Socialist Review, Vol. 6 No. 7, April 1957.

pp. 41-48: The Decline of British Capitalism
From Socialist Review, Vol. 6 No. 8, May 1957

pp. 68-74: After the End of Empire
From Socialist Review, 10th Year No. 1, January 1960

pp. 93-101: The Limits of Reform: A Reply to Ken Alexander
From Socialist Review, 9th Year No. 11, Mid-June 1959

pp. 106-108: A Note on the Limitations of Reforming "Realism"
From Socialist Review, 10th Year No. 2, February 1960

pp. 111-116: Labour After the Election – The Future of the Left
From Socialist Review, 9th Year No. 14, November 1959

pp. 136-140: Policy for Redundancy
From Socialist Review, Vol. 6 No. 3, December 1956

pp. 149-152: Nationalisation is a Class Issue
From Socialist Review, Vol. 6 No. 4, January 1957

N Harris & J Palmer [eds.], *World Crisis*, Hutchinson, London, 1971

pp. 204-21: Capitalism – The Latest Stage [CAT; CATSW]

I: Edited by Michael Kidron

Michael Kidron spent much time editing in his professional role at Pluto Press. It would be pointless (and impossible) to attempt to list all the publications in which he undertook such a role. I therefore list a small number of interesting items for which Kidron was editor.

Robinson, E. A. G. and Michael Kidron (eds.). 1970. ***Economic Development in South Asia, proceedings of a conference held by the International Economic Association at Kandy, Ceylon (June 1969)***. Macmillan, London, 585pp.

Fothergill, Stephen and Jill Vincent. 1985. ***The State of the Nation: An Atlas of Britain in the Eighties***. A Pluto Press Project. Pan Books, London and Heinemann Educational Books Ltd (in hardback), London, 128pp.

Seager, J. & A. Olson. 1986. ***Women in the World: An International Atlas***. A Pluto Press Project. Pan Books Ltd., London and Pluto Press, London (in hardback), 128pp.

J: Other Authors Published by Michael Kidron

During the Socialist Review Group period Michael Kidron was the publisher of two early works by Tony Cliff. It is likely that his role also extended to editing.

Stalinist Russia: A Marxist Analysis by Ygael Gluckstein

Michael Kidron, London, 1955, xiii, 273 pp. Introduction written by Michael Kidron.

Russia from Stalin to Khrushchev by Tony Cliff

Michael Kidron, London, 24 pp.

First impression: April 1956

Second impression: May 1956

K. Unpublished Material

Kidron, Michael. 1957. Problems and patterns of development in overpopulated backward countries with special reference to Indonesia. M.Litt. University of Oxford, Faculty of Social Studies, Balliol College, 289pp.

Unpublished thesis held at Bodleian Library, Oxford University. A selection of extracts from the thesis have been placed on Kidron's MIA page:

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/kidron/works/1957/thesis/index.html>

Kidron, Michael. No date - 1957. Problems in the Concept of Balanced Growth

Kidron has extracted sections from Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of his thesis to address this problem. The 15-page "essay" was found in Kidron's notes after his death and there is no indication if and where the intention was to publish.

Kidron, Michael. 1970. Pearson on Private Foreign Investment, 11pp.

This paper was produced by Kidron for The Columbia Conference on International Economic Development held in Williamsburg, Virginia and New York February 15th - 21st 1970. The Conference was called to discuss a World Bank Report titled "Partners in Development" (more commonly known as the "Pearson Report" after its Chairperson Lester B. Pearson). The paper is marked "Pearson Conference Document No. 28" and was presumably available to the Conference attendees. Nigel Harris references this unpublished paper in his essay Imperialism Today in the book Selected Essays of Nigel Harris: From National Liberation to Globalisation.

Kidron, Michael & 100 Others. 1970. The Columbia Declaration.

A Declaration was signed by the majority of the Columbia Conference attendees, including Mike Kidron. The Declaration is reproduced in the Columbia University Press book that emanated from the Conference – "The Widening Gap: Development in the 1970's". This item is included here for interest only.

Presence of the Future: The Costs of Capitalism and the Transition to Ecological Society

Manuscript for an unfinished book. Final draft is held by the Kidron family. A selection of extracts from Presence of the Future have been placed on Kidron's MIA page:

<https://www.marxists.org/archive/kidron/works/2019/pof/index.html>

The Argument

Three-page note written by Kidron in May 2000 outlining, argument by argument, chapter by chapter, what his book, Presence of the Future: The Costs of Capitalism and the Transition to Ecological Society, is all about. This note is included with the MIA extracts noted above.

L. Audio Recordings

The Kidron – Mandel Debate

On 4th November 1969 Mike Kidron debated Ernest Mandel in Hull on "Perspectives for World Revolution". The audio recording is held by the Kidron family.

Marxist Economics Parts 3 and 4

An unidentified talk on Marxist Economics by Mike Kidron. It appears to be recorded at an IS Day School in the early 1970's. The recording is of poor quality. The audio recording is held by the Kidron family.

MK 1, 2, 3

An unidentified talk by Kidron on the current economic situation and its implications that appears to be recorded between late 1974 and Autumn 1975. During this period it is known that Mike spoke at a number of IS meetings – including IS Student Societies and IS branches as well as at non-IS sponsored conferences. It is an important recording showing Kidron moving towards some of the positions he adopted more formally in 1977. The audio recording is held by the Kidron family.

Capitalism and Crisis.

At Marxism 1977 Kidron gave 2 lectures under the generic title of Capitalism and Crisis. The first on Tuesday 5th July was specifically titled Modern Capitalism and the second on Thursday 7th July was on The Crisis. Audio recordings exist of both lectures, and they are held by the Kidron family. July 1977 was the date of publication of Kidron's important IS journal article "Two Insights Don't Make a Theory" where he departed from some of his own previous theoretical work and, in essence, from the SWP. Mike did not follow up his article in print, so these audios are all we have in support of his thinking at the time. Transcripts are online here: <http://isj.org.uk/modern-capitalism-full-transcript/>

Network Africa: Michael Kidron discusses State of the World Atlas, 16/01/81

Kidron is interviewed about the recently published State of the World Atlas. Given the title it is assumed that the recording was broadcast on the BBC World Service radio programme Network Africa. The audio recording is held by the Kidron family.

Taking Issue with Colin Bell.

A 3-way discussion including MK on the BBC Radio Scotland programme Taking Issue with Colin Bell. It was broadcast on 9th August 1985. The subject of the discussion was Publishing Pirates i.e. the unsanctioned publication of copyrighted books outside of the UK. The audio recording is held by the Kidron family.