

# Capitalist Outcomes, Ideal Types, Historical Realities

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**This article is a response to some of the criticisms made of *How Revolutionary were the Bourgeois Revolutions?* by Gerstenberger, Post and Riley. In particular, it focuses on two issues of definition - that of capitalism and the capitalist nation-state - which arise from the book's 'consequentialist' claim that bourgeois revolutions are defined by a particular outcome: the establishment of nation-states dedicated to the accumulation of capital.**

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