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The long-standing Marxological debate on crisis theory —

(1) on the theoretical validity of proclamations on tendential movements in the ratio of constant to variable capital (Heinrich, Mau contra Grossman),

(2) on the determinism of the workers' movement (Mattick), or

(3) on the tendential decline of the absolute magnitude of surplus-value (Kurz, Postone) —

has functionally come to a close with the unanimous acceptance of the fact of *ecological crisis* in the Capitalocene. In this sense, the absolute intrinsic limit to valorization embedded in the historical motion of capitalist dynamics is undeniably real solely in an existent form outside of the realm of the Marxological debates altogether: as an absolute *existential* barrier, an absolute limit to *historical motion as such*. For this reason, despite the debates becoming obsolete practically, this very realization has long stalled in the minds of the Marxologists.