

"Drawing on a rich archive of critical theorists, Nichole Marie Shippen builds a persuasive case for why time itself should be a central focus of political analysis and activism. *Decolonizing Time* shows us how our time is lost to capitalist production and consumption and provides a timely vision of how we might win it back through a more robust ideal of leisure."

—Kathi Weeks, Duke University, USA, Author of *The Problem with Work: Feminism, Marxism, Antiwork Politics and Postwork Imaginaries* (2010)

"Nichole Marie Shippen's book is striking in its breadth: it ranges from Aristotle to Marx, to Lukács, to the critique of the culture industry, to the debates about wages for housework. In an effort to rehabilitate/revise Aristotle's concept of leisure into a form compatible with human freedom and development, she reinterprets Lukács' theory of reification as the conquest of time by capital and is thus able to reconceptualize the struggles of many groups as the reconquest and decolonization of time. She can help to answer one of the most pressing questions facing progressive movements: How can a variety of struggles be based on common losses to capital?"

—Nancy Hartsock, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, USA, Author of *The Feminist Standpoint Revisited* (1998)

"The book is simply outstanding. It is a revelatory re-evaluation of the concepts of time, leisure, and work as they are produced under conditions of capitalism."

—Judith Grant, Professor of Political Science at Ohio University, USA, Author of *Fundamental Feminism: Contesting the Core Concepts of Feminist Theory* (1993)

D*ecolonizing Time: Work, Leisure, and Freedom* demonstrates the importance of time as a central category for political theory. The historical struggle over the control of time is of analytical, moral, and practical significance, such that any project aiming to establish a meaningful relationship between freedom and equality must begin by reconceptualizing time. Whereas the labor movement's original fight for time sought to limit the length of the working day, the fight for time today must address the new realities of the colonization of time, which increasingly extends beyond work to free time and leisure. *Decolonizing Time* reconsiders discretionary time as a measure of freedom through the concept of temporal autonomy as developed through the Aristotelian-Marxist, critical, and feminist theory traditions.

Nichole Marie Shippen is Assistant Professor of Political Science at LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York, USA.

palgrave
macmillan

Cover image © mirexon - Fotolia.com

Cover design by Will Speed

ISBN 978-1-349-47348-9



9 781349 473489

www.palgrave.com



<i>Preface</i>	ix
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xvii
Introduction Decolonizing Time	1
Chapter 1 Reclaiming Leisure	17
Chapter 2 Criticizing After Dinner: Marx and the Fight for Time for Human Development	39
Chapter 3 The Reification of Time-Consciousness and the Fight for Time Reconsidered	73
Chapter 4 Critical Thoughts on Leisure	97
Chapter 5 The Culture Industry: The Extension of Work, Disciplined Leisure, and the Deterioration of Culture	115
Chapter 6 Developing a Politics of Time: André Gorz and the Domestic Labor Debates	139
Conclusion	171
<i>Notes</i>	183
<i>Bibliography</i>	215
<i>Index</i>	227