From Lenin to Gorbachev

Mikhail Gorbachev has made the call for "new thinking" the central theme in his pronouncements on international politics. But what is the significance of this development? Are we witnessing the beginning of a historic reappraisal of the central tenets of Marxism-Leninism or just a skillful public relations campaign? Since we cannot evaluate the "new thinking" without a sound understanding of the old, this study attempts to answer these questions through an analysis of the development of Marxist-Leninist doctrine pertaining to East-West relations as it has evolved from Lenin's day to the present.

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