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In *Uneven Development*, a classic in its field, Neil Smith offers the first full theory of uneven geographical development, entwining theories of space and nature with a critique of capitalist development. Featuring pathbreaking analyses of the production of nature and the politics of scale, Smith's work anticipated many of the uneven contours that now mark neoliberal globalization. This third edition features an afterword updating the analysis for the present day.

## Uneven Development Details

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### Oralmajority says

Just read the authors he cites in his bibliography instead. This is equally derivative and adulterated compressions of Marx, Harvey, Sohn-Rethel, and Lenin, with an interesting but unsuccessful attempt to bridge geography with Einsteinian relativity theory.

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### Todd says

A very nice introduction to the geographical aspects of Marx and their impact on uneven development throughout the world.

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### Andrew says

A short text that should provide a good basis for Marxist geography, Uneven Development is most of all a groundwork, elaborating concepts such as produced space and the contradiction between fixed and mobile capital (hence Detroit). Now, it's not without its flaws... being written in the '80s, there's the obligatory, unfortunate attempt to bring relativity theory into the mix... but those can easily be overlooked, and in many cases simply skipped.

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### Leonardo says

Sobre el desarrollo desigual y las diferencias geográficas de la expansión capitalista.

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### Joshua says

"The so-called shrinking world is not merely an effect of generalized progress of modernization but the specific necessity of the mode of production [capitalism] based on the relation between labor and capital."

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### Joel says

"Today crisis does not spring from the interface between society and an external nature but from the contradictions at the heart of the social production process itself. Insofar as social crises are still attributed to natural scarcity today, this should be seen as a produced scarcity in nature." (84)

the first three chapters of this book are amazing: wide-ranging and astute readings of marx; a great discussion of universal/external dualism in the bourgeois ideology of nature; absolute vs relative spatial models in science and geography; the historical unfolding of human society's relationship to nature.

the two remaining chapters detailing a potential theory of uneven geographical development under capitalism are more difficult to grasp - as smith himself admits, there is not much that is concretely historical in these chapters, but again there's lots of good marx along with lenin, luxemburg and harvey. the afterwords from 1990 and 2007 make for interesting updates on how smith's thought has evolved. as would be imagined, he has some very smart things to say about more recent environmental politics.

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### **Mark says**

Smith's classic and underread (at least by literature scholars) history and analysis of the spaces and geographies of capitalism. A necessary precursor to his later history of Isaiah Bowman and work on the geographies of Empire and neoliberal globalization.

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