

# THEORY AND PRACTICE

## Conversations with Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn

### Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, and Sasha Lilley

Two of the most venerable figures on the American Left—Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky—converse with Sasha Lilley about their lives and political philosophies, looking back at eight decades of struggle and theoretical debate. Howard Zinn, interviewed shortly before his death, reflects on the genesis of his politics, from the Civil Rights and anti-Vietnam war movements to opposing empire today, as well as history, art and activism. Noam Chomsky discusses the evolution of his libertarian socialist ideals since childhood, his vision for a future post-capitalist society, and his views on the state, science, the Enlightenment, and the future of the planet.

### ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

**Noam Chomsky** is a laureate professor at the University of Arizona and professor emeritus in the MIT Department of Linguistics and Philosophy. His work is widely credited with having revolutionized the field of modern linguistics and Chomsky is one of the foremost critics of U.S. foreign policy. He has published numerous groundbreaking books, articles, and essays on global politics, history, and linguistics. His recent books include *Who Rules the World?* and *Hopes and Prospects*.

**Howard Zinn** is one of the country's most beloved and respected historians, the author of numerous books and plays including *Marx in Soho*, *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train*, and the best-selling *A People's History of the United States*, and a passionate activist for radical change.

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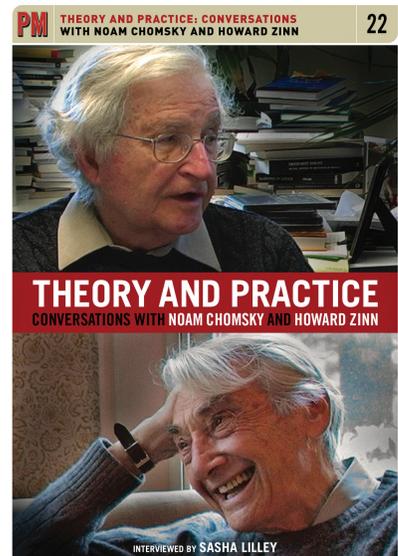
### ACCOLADES

"Chomsky is a global phenomenon... perhaps the most widely read voice on foreign policy on the planet."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

"What can I say that will in any way convey the love, respect, and admiration I feel for this unassuming hero who was my teacher and mentor; this radical historian and people-loving 'troublemaker,' this man who stood with us and suffered with us? Howard Zinn was the best teacher I ever had, and the funniest."

—Alice Walker, author of *The Color Purple*



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