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Abstract: The Millennium has opened with global terrors and uncertainties under the sign of a "crisis of the future" that leaves us without guidelines on the choices to be made in today's world to shape tomorrow. The modern historical sense and historical reason appear obsolete and outdated today, failing to orient social conduct towards emancipatory horizons. We, therefore, live in a "critical" time: a time in which modern political subjects seem to have vanished and in which neither the forms nor the conditions of possibility to produce new subjectivities are clear. All this poses a threefold challenge to critical thinking. First, how criticism can develop in a world that seems to be devoid of 'historical sense'. Second, how this critical thinking can give new singularities, emerging and plural subjectivities, durable, cooperative, and mutual forms. Lastly, how to base the critique on a knowledge of the 'limits' and the historical and material possibilities of transformation of the world. This contribution aims to highlight the possible use of Machiavelli, Marx and Foucault to help address these challenges.

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