

cross-wound by Zionist practices in Palestine, unwinds precisely following the 1967 war. It is neither accidental that the war itself had also occurred in that particular conjuncture. The association between the 1967 war and the unfolding of Palestinian proletarianization by Israeli capital is not one of cause and effect. This association rather denotes that the causes underlying both the burst of the war and the proletarianization of Palestinians lie in the specificity of the relationship of the productive forces and the relations of production in that particular time and space.

An explanation of the proletarianization of Palestinians in Israel today requires that forces underlying the emerging demand for Palestinian labor in the Israeli economy be identified and examined against forces that seem to have had historically impeded this process.

Such an explanation is sought in the logic of capitalist accumulation, specifically the essentially uneven development of capitalism inherent in the fundamental tendency of the organic composition of capital to rise.<sup>37</sup> The rising tendency of the organic composition of capital involves the intrinsically contradictory relationship between capital and labor. It also denotes the contradictory unity of the forces and the relations of production under capitalism and clearly presents capital as essentially a relation, not a thing. It is this tendency, accompanied by the necessary competition involved in capitalist accumulation that explains why capitalist development is intrinsically uneven: leads towards concentration and centralization, speeds up class formation, and requires the integration of less developed economic formations and their subordination to more developed ones, which the essential international-