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We chose such an iconic portrait of Marx drawn by Namik İsmail in 1919 for the first issue of *Kurtuluş* (Befreiung), which was a socialist journal published by "Turkish Spartacists" in Berlin. This drawing was reproduced by printing the scanned linoleum prints we made and given to contributors, who were asked to imagine and draw Marx from the other side. The original drawings were scanned and destroyed to prevent them from being commodified in the future.

This work is a minor gesture to speculate and reflect on the specters of Marx at a moment marked by late capitalism and immaterial production, which aims to encourage the need for reevaluating Marx's writing on industrial production within today's Post-Fordist conditions beyond just an iconic image of Karl Marx that we are presented with.

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