This article gives a broad sweep to the influence of historical materialism on Spanish economic history. A demand and supply analysis shows that during the sixties and part of the seventies Marxism and historical materialism flourished, and that this influence was yet important during the eighties. However, during the nineties, the different schools of history tried to look neutral, out of ideology, and they left Marxism aside. Yet, in spite of the theoretical contempt, this historiographical trend still influences economic history. The expressly residual historical materialism is implicitly in the core of many research not considered to be Marxist.

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