Marx's Explanation for Why Value and Price are Inseparable

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Because it fails to recognize value as a consequence of the specific social form of labor under capitalism, Ricardian Marxism fails to grasp that price is the necessary form of appearance of value. Price cannot be conceived of in the way that ordinary value theories (including Ricardian value theory) do. Price is not the dependent variable and value the independent variable. The point of Marxian value theory is that value and its necessary form of appearance, price, are not independent. Consequently, the upshot of Marxian value theory is that there can be no price theory in the ordinary sense, that is, no theory wherein price is the dependent variable explained by value, the independent variable.