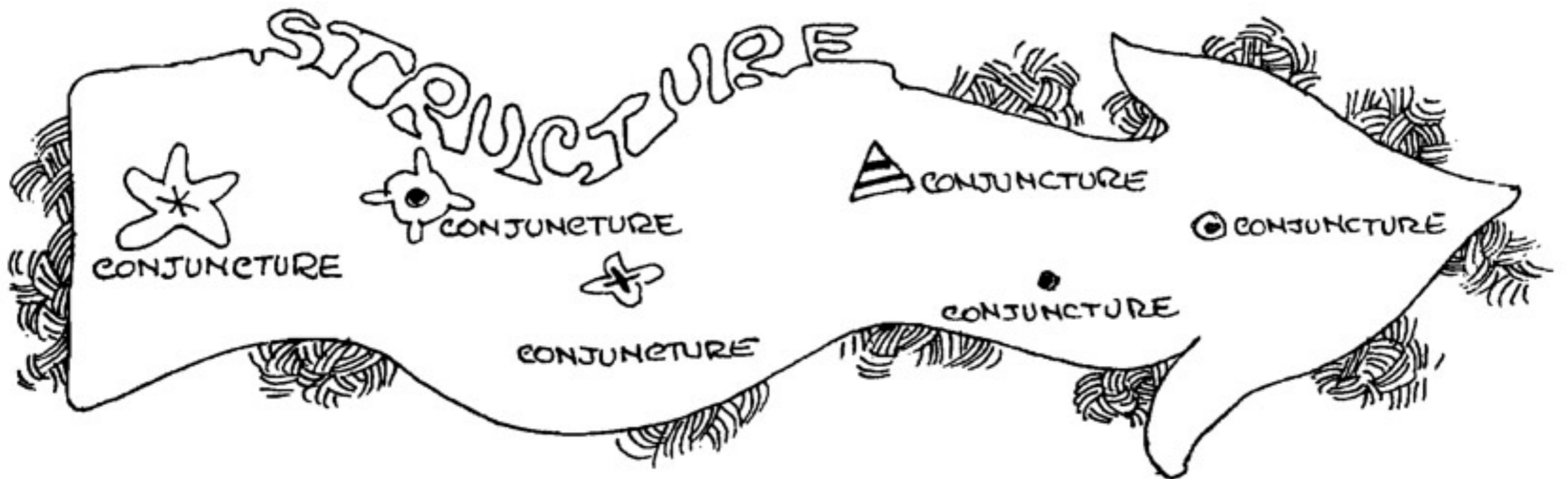


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— *Naming the Moment*, p. 8





“When a conjuncture unrolls, there is no ‘going back.’ History shifts gears. The terrain changes. You are in a new moment.”

— Stuart Hall, “Gramsci and Us”

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Intense period of suffering, social and economic upheaval resulting from the structural crisis and the impact of Covid-19;

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Opportunities for the left to organize and mobilize a broad multi-class, multi-racial section of society; and

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Deposing Trump dramatically limits his ability to further exploit the resources of the state to advance the agenda of right-wing Trumpist forces.

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Growing Activism of Anti-
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Increased Polarization around Materialism/what is fact vs fiction: a sign of rising authoritarianism.

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