Contemporary treatments of social reproduction within Marxist feminism raise the possibility of politicizing life and life-making in ways that challenge capitalism and anticipate an alternative. This paper looks at some promises and challenges of these theories and asks what concepts of life, nature, and need might be adequate to them.

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