Organic Marxism as the latest theoretical achievement of the development of Marxism abroad, has aroused widespread concern in the academic circles in China, because of its core concern for the increasingly severe ecological crisis, theoretical and practical demands for ecological civilization, and its admiration for Chinese traditional culture and socialism with Chinese characteristics. In the process of studying Organic Marxism, the relationship between it and Ecological Marxism, which also has ecological concern, has become an unavoidable theoretical topic. At present, some scholars have compared the similarities and differences between the two, but they often focus on the second, or to a certain extent, they default Organic Marxism as the western ecocentrism. In essence, Organic Marxism opposes both anthropocentrism and ecocentrism. They advocate "both / and" organic holism.

In addition, there are also some scholars in the introduction and evaluation of Organic Marxism put forward its reference and development ideas to Ecological Marxism. But there are often subjective judgments based on preconceptions, or talking about development from the self claimed "development" of Organic Marxism, lacking sufficient objective analysis. The author believes that John Bellamy Foster, a famous representative of Ecological Marxism in the United States, has an obvious organic orientation in his ecological thoughts. Based on this, we can reveal the evolution logic of Organic Marxism's reference and development to Ecological Marxism, and explore the internal development track from Ecological Marxism to Organic Marxism. Thus, we can get a clearer understanding of Organic Marxism from the theoretical origin.