

Week 8. March 9, 2017
DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Some basic concepts to nail down

- Sources of power vs power itself as a resource (kaan)
- The basic idea of IEMP as networks of power
- *Entwining*: interaction or interpenetration/articulation?
- Diffuse vs authoritative power: is diffuse power linked to “hegemony”? (Sarah)
- crystallization
- collective and distributive power (Kris, Masoud)

2. General features of the IEMP model and organizational materialism

- Mann’s claim of the centrality (primacy?) of power relations/networks in human history (Tamara)
- Mann’s claim that class (or any other) crystallizations of the state does not have “ultimate” primacy? (Jainana)
- Relationship between (a) power networks, and (b) strategy, cohesion, systematic action (Sarah, Aaron)
- Is there really a difference/incompatibility between Mann’s organizational materialism and Marx’s views? (Griffin, Loren)

3. Military power

- Is military power really “autonomous”? (Kurt)
- How do the police fit in to this? (Pete)

4. Ideological power

- How do *ideas* fit into this analysis? (Youbin)

5. Coherence of the state

- Is the state less coherent today in spite of the state’s invasive role in society? (Samina)

6. Class formation

- Is a transnational class formation for the working class possible? (Courtney)

7. Colonialism

- Mann’s treatment of colonialism and its impact on power relations (Benny)