

Agenda #7, March 27, 2008

Session 8. Elements of a Theory of Transformation

- 1. Active & Passive Social Reproduction** (Rodrigo, Wes, Rodolfo, Sung Ik, Maria, Charity)
 - Link to ideology and culture (Rodrigo)
 - Identification of active with institutions and passive with micro/individual actions
 - Contradiction between passive reproduction and active transformation. (Charity)

- 2. Thesis of “natural” resistance to oppression; basic capacities and motivations thesis** (Wes, Molly)
 - Is this functionalist? (Wes)
 - Aren't capacities and motivations shaped by institutions of reproduction? (Molly)

- 3. Ideology & culture** (Wes, Rodrigo, Santiago,)
 - Connection to conscious & unconscious dimensions of subjectivity (Wes, Rodrigo)
 - Ideology and the state (Santiago)

- 4. Education and social reproduction** (Pablo, Maria)
 - How can education be a tool for transformation rather than reproduction? (Pablo, Maria)

- 5. Strategies & Goals** (Ricardo, Wes, Rodrigo)
 - Do the three “strategies” imply three goals? (Ricardo)
 - Institutions and agency (Wes)

- 6. Despotic/hegemonic reproduction** (Julian, Roxana)
 - Does this distinction correspond to different strategies of transformation? (Julian)
 - Relation of consent and coercion in these two forms of reproduction (Roxana)

- 7. Agents of transformation?** (Rodolfo, Catherine)
 - What is the role of oppressed classes? (Rodolfo)
 - Who are the agents? (Catherine)

- 8. The whole package of proposals** (Rodolfo, Guillaume)
 - How would the configuration of proposals work? (Rodolfo)
 - Would this set of proposal effectively subordinate capitalism? (Guillaume)

- 9. Implications of a lack of theory of the future** (Edo)

- 10. The robust reproduction of capitalism because of absorption of alien elements** (Ruth)