

Sociology 929 Agenda Week 4
Economic Democracy
September 26, 2013

1. Effects of size and heterogeneity on ownership and cooperatives (Madi, Jiaqi, Laura, Michael)
 - Effects of size on democratic forms (Madi)
 - Effects of division of labor (Jiaqi, Laura)
 - Cultural homogeneity (Laura)
2. Which are the more serious obstacles to cooperatives: Internal obstacles (conflicting interests and costs of decisionmaking) vs external constraints (credit) (Michael)
3. Are values/ideology a critical obstacle to building cooperatives. (Dmytro, Emanuel)
4. Stakeholder democracy over firms vs worker ownership democracy (Karem)
5. The capitalist state and economic democracy: in what ways is it a fundamental obstacle? (Yotaro)
6. Worker cooperatives and “upward” mobility (Taylor)
7. The idea of “socially consequential private associations” – workplaces and marriages (Alisa)
8. Contrast of freedom and self-determination as values (Madi)
9. How to think about moving towards a cooperative market economy? Can this be done without expropriation? How do we create the conditions for stable cooperatives? (Elsa, Tatiana)
10. An issue in Hansmann’s analysis: The lock-in argument about contracting and wages (Jake)