

SOCIAL SYSTEM OF TRANSITION SOCIETY THEORETICAL SCHEME: ECONOMY, CULTURE AND ECOLOGY INTERRELATIONS

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Thesis structure is built by the following scheme:

1. Every society can be analyzed as a system. (Lensky, Sanderson etc.)
2. Social system can be researched by structural and functional approach
3. It is proposed to look at the social system from the point of T.Parsons' view.
4. T.Parsons divided social system into 4 functional structures:
AGIL:
 - **Adaptation** of the society to new conditions (human basic needs - Economy)
 - **Goal-streaming** of the society to achieve next stage of human needs (Maslow) – security and popularity. It is Politics
 - **Integration** of achieved aims and needs into some codex or laws – It is Judicial Subsystem if society
 - **Latent pattern** maintenance – through moral rules, tradition creature – that is Culture!
5. Every transition society start its transformation process from damaging the Old, destructive and socially ineffective Latent pattern (Soviet culture one, for instance); and start from economic adaptation to new without-cultural conditions. It is the process of wild gathering the first capitals (cawboys in perria, or post-soviet reket and mafia). In 1991-1996 Ukraine it was characterized by shadow privatization after prices liberalization (IMF shock-therapy model).
6. In 1996 Ukrainian Constitution was proclaimed, so the process of Adaptation became less important (inflation slowed down, Ukrainian Hryvnia was functioning etc.) than Political Goal-Streaming one. A lot of political parties became very active. And it was the process of Financial Industrial Groups crystallization, such as Industrial Union of Donbas, System Capital Management, Privat Group etc. And economic stakeholders started to fight for Parliament lobby of their business interests.
7. In 2004, this process led to the start of social Integration period, which began from Orange Revolution, when Ukrainian society showed its democratic character, gathered together to avoid coming back to soviet authoritarian (or one group monopoly) regime.
8. But to finish the transition process it is not enough to change economic, political and legal structures, it is very important to find out deeper routs and to crystallize modern Culture – Latent pattern, without which the process of integration of Ukrainian society will not be completed.
9. This latent pattern is seen inside new global structure of independent European nations, some of which went through the same AGIL way from Soviet to European society and Sustainable development goal.
10. But the process of Ukraine integrating into European circle should be AGIL-scheme based, too.
11. First stage – economic integration (in 2008 Ukraine entered WTO)
12. Second stage – political integration (there are some European parties in Ukraine already, NATO integration etc.)
13. The third stage – legal integration – when Ukraine will join the EU countries judicially.
14. And the last stage – internal European cultural integration and crystallization of new European nations' latent pattern – European culture!
15. So the economic and cultural social subsystems are the most important ones as “alpha and omega” of every society.
16. Social system is open one and that means the exchange of energy and mass flows between it and the external environment. It could be important to analyze society in its interrelation with other system – Environmenal one.
17. It is proposed to study the influence of both system on each other from the point of 4 functions of social system. On the economic level (A) the main common thing is resources. Economic theory widely uses the rule of unrestricted human needs and limited natural resources. Social adaptation would be impossible without using those elements of ecological system. On “G-level” of society (politics) we can notice the struggle of the strongest stakeholders for resources including natural ones. Social Integration also includes such institutions as environment protection institute, controlling of the environment pollution etc. On cultural level of social system, it is very important to understand that ecological system is our home and so the latent pattern of society is impossible without ecological culture.
18. In general, every society starts with economy (A) and ends with culture (L), or vise versa – starts with culture and ends with economy. Ecology for society is most important in 2 aspects – 1) natural recourses exploring – level of economy; 2) environment is “home for society” - level of culture. So cultural subsystem of society control economic one in its clever usage of home resources. That must be the main scheme of

interrelation between economy, culture and ecology. And transitional societies should take into deep consideration the importance of ecological component of their development.

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