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A TENTATIVE OUTLINE

of

Lectures on Socio-Economic Analysis of Change and Development

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I. BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN TWO WAYS OF LIFE:

The problem of a stranger in a strange land, the significance of immigration in history, the problem of communication with people of a different culture.

READINGS: J.P. Fitzpatrick, S.J., "The American Achievement."

II. THE CONCEPT OF CULTURE I:

The nature of culture as a way of life, the meaning things have for me, the development of personality under the influence of culture.

READINGS: Clyde Kluckhohn, "The Concept of Culture."
B.W. Aginsky, "An Indian's Soliloquy."
Ruth Benedict, "On Taking One's Proper Station."

III. THE CONCEPT OF CULTURE II: ETHNOCENTRISM

Judging the behavior of people of another culture by standards which prevail in our own, the problem of perceiving what things mean to others as well as to myself.

READINGS: Aubrey Menen, "Ethnocentrism."
Robert Merton, "The Self-fulfilling Prophecy."

IV. THE NATURE OF PREJUDICE:

The psychology of prejudice, the reduction of prejudice.

READINGS: Gordon Allport, "The Nature of Prejudice."
George Dunne, S.J., "The Sin of Segregation."
Daniel Jacobson, "Return to South Africa."

V. THE FAMILY I: THE LATIN AMERICAN PATTERN

READINGS: Selections from J. Steward, The People of Puerto Rico
Dorothy Dohan, "Background of consensual Unions in Puerto Rico."
Selections from B. Berle on "Family Organization", 80 Puerto Rican Families

VI. THE FAMILY II: INDIAN INFLUENCES

READINGS:

VII. THE FAMILY III: CONTRAST WITH THE FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES

READINGS: J.P. Fitzpatrick, S.J., "Factors of Strength and Weakness in the American Family."
John L. Thomas, S.J., "The Average American Family."
Margaret Mead, "Sex and Achievement."

VIII. SOCIAL CLASS: CONCEPT OF STRATIFICATION

The traditional Latin arrangement of classes, the significance of class divisions, the relationship of class to religious practice

READINGS: Selections from J. Steward, People of Puerto Rico

IX. RAPID CHANGE AMONGST SOCIAL CLASSES; THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIALISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The problems of an "open class" society

READINGS: J. Marquand, "Portrait of a Striver."

X. RACE I: GENERAL PROBLEM

Anthropological concept of race, distribution of races in Latin America, patterns of interracial relations

READINGS: Maxine Gordon, "Race Patterns and Prejudices in Puerto Rico."
Maxine Gordon, "Cultural Aspects of Puerto Rico's Race Problem."
J. P. Fitzpatrick, S. J., "Attitudes toward Color among Puerto Ricans."

XI. RACE II: CONTRAST IN NORTH AMERICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

The American dilemma

READINGS: Nat Hentoff, "A Conversation in Alabama."
Milton Mayer, "The Issue of Miscegenation."

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XII. THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON SOCIAL LIFE I: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Social foundations of economic behavior

READINGS: Margaret Mead, "Competition and Cooperation in Primitive Societies"

XIII. THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON SOCIAL LIFE II:

The danger of disruption of society institutions, problems of gradual adjustment of economic innovation to traditional social forms.

READINGS: Edward Spicer, "Human Problems in Technical Change."

XIV. RISE OF URBANISM:

The nature of the modern city, the sociological effects of urbanization.

READINGS: Louis Wirth, "Urbanization as a Way of Life."
Robert A. Nisbet, "The Loss of Community."
Dwight Macdonald, "Too Big."
Michael Harrington, "Slums, Old and New."

XV. MIGRATION AND THE IMPACT OF URBAN LIFE:

The rural urban trend, problems of city life for rural migrants.

READINGS: Selections from Abbott, Historical Aspects of the Immigration Problem.
Oscar Handlin, "Generations" from The Uprooted.
J.P. Fitzpatrick, S.J. "The Integration of the Puerto Ricans."

XVI. BASIC VALUE SYSTEMS:

Folk society vs Urban Organization, the problem of the "lesser loyalties", family values of the common welfare.

READINGS:

XVII. SYMBOLISM: THE EXPRESSION OF VALUES IN SOCIAL FORMS

the problem of redefining values in new social contexts.

READINGS:

XVIII. THE REESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY:

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