Summaries

Class and class consciousness

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Classic marxist authors have used the concepts of 'class' and 'class consciousness' in various ways. As for the level of analysis terms like mode of production, stage of development, business-cycle analysis are used respectively for a bi-polar class model — with an extension to certain sectors — and a multiple model of groups of interests. A similar method is observable in studies on class consciousness. Empirical research should be formulated, however, on a three dimension level: class consciousness, the ideology of class psychology related to an analysis of the social system as a whole, and, action programme and individual definitions of the situation. Consequently, the study of emerging classes and class sectors should be elaborated into paradigm.