

**SOCIOLOGY 929**  
**SESSION #4 DISCUSSION AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2006**

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I think for this weeks reading out major task initially is just to sort out more clearly what Resnick and Wolfe mean by their key concepts, so I have organized the agenda mnore around these then around specific questions. The key concepts to discuss are:

- overdetermination
  - essentialism/anti-essentialism
  - class processes
  - fundamental and subsumed class processes
  - nonclass processes
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1. Over-determination (Michael, Rahul, Jorge)
  - What does this mean? (Ann)
  - overdetermination and agency: are these related? (Michael)
2. anti-essentialism (Elizabeth, Sarbani, Joe, Jorge)
  - what does this really mean
3. the idea of class *processes*
  - processes vs mechanisms: what is the difference? (Sarbani)
4. Fundamental & subsumed class processes (Joe, Rahul, Adrienne, You-Geon, Fabian)
  - What does this mean?
  - productive/unproductive labor (Joe, Adrienne, You-Geon)
  - what does subsumed class processes really help us explain? (Fabian)
  - the contrast between class and nonclass process seems unconvincing in the case of the sale of labor power (Jorge)
  - implications for the idea of exploitation. Is the surplus appropriation view better than the effort appropriation view? (Rahul)
  - does R/W give some kind of primacy to production? (Rahul)
5. composite vs singular concepts/theories of class (Charity)
6. Managers: what is the real difference between EOW & R/W? (Michael)
7. Individuals occupying Multiple class positions – formulations of R/W and EOW (Slez)
8. How to explain class consciousness/struggle with this class process framework? (You-Geon, Slez)