Outline. Lecture 06, Sociology 621. September 19, 2013 WHAT IS CLASS?

I. Alternative class concepts: If "class" is the answer, what is the question?

- 1. Class as Subjective location & identity.
- 2. Class as Distributional Location.
- 3. Class as Empirical Summary of Stratification
- 4. Class as Market-Opportunity structure
- 5. Class as the basis for economic conflict
- 6. Class as Historical Variation
- 7. Class and social emancipation.

II. Different class concepts as specifying different class mechanisms

- 1. Class as individual-attributes/conditions of life.
- 2. Class as opportunity-hoarding
- 3. Class as exploitation/domination

III. The conceptual foundations of marxist coincept of class: A Step-by-step guide

- Step 1. Relational vs. gradational concepts.
- Step 2. What kind of relations constitute "class" relations?
 - The concept of relations of production
 - Class relations as a form of production relations
- Step 3. Variations in class relations
- Step 4. Locations within class relations
- Step 5. Micro- and Macro-class analysis
- Step 6. The Explanatory Claims: The fundamental thesis of class analysis
 - What you have determines what you get
 - What you have determines what you have to do to get what you get.
 - What you have to do to get what you get determines whose interests are opposed to yours as you do what you have to do to get what you get.
- Step 7. Marxist class analysis: the specificity of class mechanisms
 - Exploitation
 - Domination

IV. A repertoire of class concepts: class as an adjective rather than a noun

- 1. Class structure
- 2. Class Interests
- 3. Class formation
- 4. Class capacities
- 5. Class practices
- 6. Class struggle
- 7. Class consciousness