

A. METATHEORETICAL ISSUES

- 1. Ecological Dominance, functional explanation, the strategic relational approach** (Michael, Paul, Joao)
 - What does “dominance” really mean? Why isn’t this really economic determinism?
 - How is this really different from the causal asymmetry of base/superstructure functional arguments when things are explained by what the state “must” do?
 - The strategic-relational approach : what precisely does the “capacity of selecting strategies by a structure” mean? (Joao)
- 2. Over-determination: what does this really mean?** (Emmanuel)
- 3. Trial-and-error process:**
 - How does this really work? (Emmanuel, Taylan)
 - What about neoliberalism as a deliberate political strategy rather than a trial-and-error response? (Taylan)
 - What is the connection between the idea that class struggle shapes state forms and that transitions between state forms are the result of a trial and error process? (Yotaro)

B. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

- 4. Democracy** (Naama)
 - What is the role of liberal democracy in the analysis? The problem of democracy seems largely absent from these texts.
- 5. Current contradictions of accumulation**
 - Contradiction of exchange value and usevalue: Why has this intensified in the current period? (Bob)
 - What does it mean for wages to shift from a source of demand to cost of production? (Chris)
- 6. Denationalization, deterritorialization** (Sarah, Mitch)
 - Is the state really becoming postnational?
 - How does the last ten years of developments – around nature and finance – affect the arguments about deterritorialization and the postnational state?