

*PART ONE:
POWER AND POLITICS FROM STATELESS
SOCIETIES TO GLOBAL CAPITALISM*

**POLITICS IN AGRARIAN SOCIETIES
AND THE RISE OF STATES:
*About the Peasantry...***

Defining the Peasant: Wolf

- (1) primary involvement in agricultural production
- (2) effective control of land
- (3) orientation toward subsistence rather than reinvestment

The Problem of the “Peasant” in Anthropology

Peasants & States

Modes of peasant production

The “obsolete” peasant

Anthropological interest

Marx-Lenin: Peasant vs. Proletarian?

Peasants—obstacles to industrialization and proletarianization

Wallerstein, Mintz: Capitalist Peasants and the Post-Industrial Peasantry

Total proletarianization: threat to capitalism

Peasants after industrialization

Gledhill: Agricultural Contribution to Industrial Development, and State-led Capitalism

Agriculture subsidizing industrialization

Chayanov: Peasants vs. capitalist farmers

“Polybians”? A “Post-Peasant” World