

Written Exam Economics Summer 2020

Economic Sociology

June 20th to June 21st

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Answers only in English.

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Social capital, social classes and social institutions are according to Portes the explanatory mechanisms in economic sociology.

Please explain how social capital, social classes and social institutions are explanatory mechanisms in economic sociology as presented by Portes – and extend the explanation by drawing on insights from Marx, Weber and Durkheim of how social classes and social institutions plays a role in the functioning of society.

Moreover, explain how the concept of social capital is materialized in the more modern sociological theory of Bourdieu and how it interlinks with other forms of capital according to Bourdieu.

Finally, present the mechanisms and concepts Aspers is using to explain how markets function and discuss whether these are in line with the explanatory mechanisms used by Portes – or not.