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become private property, the basis of class power. In parts two and three, the authors tell the story of the birth and rise of modern experts and show how professionals have constituted themselves as a class by creating faith in their own version of objective knowledge and by helping to shape both education and the division of labor. In part four, the authors look at “Mandarin Capitalism”—today’s new social order and the professional’s privileged role in it. In part five, the authors explore the values and political ideology of professionals and ask whether they might unify to pursue a more politically ambitious mandarin agenda. In parts four and five, the authors report interviews in which professionals spoke about the just rewards of expertise, about their power over workers and clients, about their “professional culture” and about their ambivalent loyalties to their employers and to capitalism itself. In part six, the authors explore the possibilities of a “post-professional society” in which expertise is socialized. Prosperity and freedom, the authors suggest, depend increasingly on putting knowledge, as well as capital, at the disposal of the people and giving them the opportunity to develop skills and become productive thinkers.

This work is a synthesis in social and political theory. It is well written and clear, and presents a concise argument to the concept of power. I consider this work a fundamental—must be read—contribution in social science literature. For those who are interested in critical thinking, the authors offer a new explanatory tool for the power equation in modern society.

Power in the Highest Degree is recommended to scholars in social sciences and to all professionals.

Sociology, Anthropology, and Development: An Annotated Bibliography of World Bank Publications 1975-1993, by Michael M. Cernea. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 1994. 314 pp. \$29.95 paper. ISBN 0-8213-2781-X.

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Nearly two decades of writing in applied sociology and anthropology, some 400 publications in all, are summarized here for easy access by applied social scientists, development practitioners and academics—scholars or students. Without this compilation, most of these monographs and studies would have drifted into obscurity and nothingness.

Entries are organized by categories:

- Social science and development.
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- Social variables in environmental management.
- Social policy in sectorial analysis (housing and urban development, rural development, agricultural extension, education, health, roads, energy use).
- Social research and methodologies.

Items can also be accessed by author, title and geographic location.

Taken together, this body of work indicates how applied sociology and anthropology are contributing both to (a) individual, community and economic development, and (b) the testing and elaboration of theory, methods and professional practice. In my own area, public participation, fifteen papers include references to: a Bank-wide learning group on participation; proceedings of several conferences on participation; a case study of “bottom-up planning” in Mexico; another case of three water supply projects in Kenya and Mexico; a comparative review of participation in National Environmental Action Plans in five countries; a toolkit for trainers in public participation; field methods for participative gender analysis; and a comparative analysis of fifty projects with and without participation.

This volume also reflects the author’s twenty years of work with the Bank, beginning as its first in-house sociologist/anthropologist in 1974 and continuing to his present position as its Senior Adviser for Sociology and Social Policy. He could probably write an equally valuable guide on how to survive and flourish in an economically dominated international agency.

With this model now available, when can we expect a similar annotated bibliography from the groaning shelves of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with its wealth of material from research by rural sociologists and others on the subjects of extension, adoption of practices, migration, forestry, park management and more?

Copies of this annotated bibliography are available without charge if the request is made by a chairperson of a department of sociology, anthropology, social work, or psychology. (Interested scholars should ask the department chairperson to make the request for shared department use.) The limited supply of free copies will be sent on a “first request-first served basis.” Write to: Dr. Michael Cernea, Senior Adviser for Sociology and Social Policy, The World Bank, at 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20433, USA.