

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World

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Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: Transhumanism: What Is It?

Genetic Engineering, Animal Uplifting, Artificial Intelligence, Prosthetics, Disembodiment

Transhumanism argues that there will be merging of the trends that, through technological change, will result in the self-transformation of the human species.

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: Social Formations: What Are They?

A social formation a combination of the formal structures of society, rather than the cultural contexts.

A social formation is based on the forces of production which correlate with social structures; (a) principles of social organisation (b) system and social integration (c) crisis tendencies (d) means of communication and (e) modes of consciousness.

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: Social Formations Through Time

Social formation, Principle of Organisation, System
Institution, Crisis Tendency, Means of Communication,
Mode of Consciousness

Primitive Gather-Hunter, Kinship (Sex/Age), Tribal Totem,
External Nature, Speech, Mythic
Traditional Agricultural, Political Rank, Church and State,
Social Identity, Written, Religious
Modern Industrial, Economic Class, Political and Economic
Autonomous Subsystems, System Generated, Printed,
Secular

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: The Modern Condition

In modern society systematically derived crises include: the environmental and ecological balance; the international balance; induced economic crises; political legitimation, mass loyalty and motivation.

The human dimension is challenged by alienation, anomie and disenchantment

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: The *Postmodern, Posthuman* Condition

Postmodernism: In social theory; what exists after the modern social formation. According to transhumanism, this will be a posthuman condition.

If a society does not resolve its internal contradictions whilst technology advances to conditions appropriate to a qualitatively new development then a violent, often reactionary or revolutionary, situation results.

Social Formations in A Transhumanist World: Social Formation Issues towards the Transhuman and Postmodern

Nanotechnology as the dominant force of production.
Conflict between environmentalism vs the landlord class in
developing an organising principle.

Development of the education system as a autonomous subsystem;
conflict with funding and the economics of 'free and open source'

Crisis tendency is the transformation and differentiation of the species.

Means of communication based on thought-transference conflicting
with self-independence . Mode of consciousness is universalistic.