I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pivotal Contrast: “State in Capitalist Society” versus “a Capitalist State”

2. Central question for both instrumentalisists and structuralists: How do we explain the fact that the state broadly functions to serve the interests of the capitalist class and reproduce capitalism?

II. METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS (Claus Offe)

1. THE MEANING OF CLASS CHARACTER

   1.1. Negative Selectivity:

   1.2. Nested Filter Mechanisms
   - structural/constitutional properties
   - ideological filters
   - process/procedures of policy formation, bargaining, etc.
   - repression

2. How to demonstrate class bias: the logic of explaining “nonevents”

3. Methodological problem = there is an infinity of things that do not happen.
   - Contingently excluded nonevents
   - “Epochally” excluded nonevents

4. Strategies for identifying systematically excluded possibilities
   - normative criteria
   - objective interests
   - empirical comparisons
   - voiced claims
   - crisis and failure of limits

III. WHAT MAKES THE CAPITALIST STATE A CAPITALIST STATE? (Göran Therborn)

1. State Apparatus & State Power

2. Illustration of some class attributes
   - The Selection of Tasks
   - Resource Acquisition
   - Transformation of tasks
   - Leadership

IV. THE PROBLEM OF THE “PATRIARCHAL” STATE

1. Some possible candidates for patriarchal form
   - Familialism
   - Professionalism
   - Abstract universalism in formal rationality of the law

2. Familialism