1. **INTRODUCTION**

- **Pivotal Contrast:** “State in Capitalist Society” v. “a Capitalist State” – instrumentalist v. structuralist approaches
- **Central question for both instrumentalists and structuralists:** How do we explain the fact that the state broadly functions to serve the interests of the capitalist class and reproduce capitalism?
- Instrumentalist v. structuralist answers: acting *at the behest* vs *on behalf* of capital.

2. **METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES** (Claus Offe)

2.1. **THE MEANING OF “CLASS CHARACTER”**

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

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

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

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

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

3.1. **State Apparatus & State Power**
- Weak and Strong versions of the class selectivity of state apparatuses thesis.

3.2. **Illustration of some class attributes**
- The Selection of Tasks: public/private demarcation
- Resource Acquisition – variability of tax constraint, especially because of working class solidarity
- Transformation of tasks – the problem of bureaucratic insulation
- Leadership – mechanisms of recruitment of state directorate

**IV. THE PROBLEM OF THE “PATRIARCHAL” STATE**

1. **SOME POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR PATRIARCHAL FORM**
- Privatized familialism
- Professionalism & competitive careerism
- Abstract universalism in formal rationality of the law

2. **PRIVATIZED FAMILIALISM: TWO DIMENSIONS OF THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE DEMARCATION –**
- Capitalism dimension: private property
- Patriarchal dimension: private sphere of the family outside of state regulation