



– Institute's Colloquium –

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Why Sahlins' analysis of non-European economics is important for understanding of Slovenian post-socialism

In this lecture I plan to prove that Sahlins' analysis of domestic mode of production is of basic importance for anthropological understanding of the Slovene past as well as for Slovene post-socialism, i.e. Slovene present. I will also show how and why it will remain of prime importance also for Slovene future.

M. Sahlins in his *Stone Age Economics* (19) proposed a domestic type of production as description of basic economic, social and political characteristics of agrarian societies. In his analysis he used ethnographic materials from non-European societies, despite a fact that he stressed that the most clear examples of domestic type of production are actually European agrarian societies. I will show how and why Slovene historical data and historical facts can prove this statement of his. I will prove that collected data about Slovene economic, political and social history can be anthropologically understood only through Sahlins's domestic mode of production; even more, they can prove Sahlins' thesis that European agrarian societies are the most clear examples of this type of economic, social and political organisation to be correct.

In the second part of my presentation I will discuss a question why understanding of Slovene history as a specific example of Sahlins' domestic type of production is of crucial importance for anthropological understanding of Slovene post-socialism. I will show how through Slovene domestic history a specific social and cultural path was established which determines Slovene present and will determine also Slovene future. I will also analyse how and why this path was one of the most important reasons for the economic, social, political and moral crisis in which Slovene post-socialism ended after 25 years of its existence, and how and why it determines possible future solutions of contemporary Slovene post-socialist problems.

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Everybody is welcome!