

## **Lecture 7**

### *Subsistence and Economic Systems*

#### **I. Typology of World Cultures**

##### **A. Adaptation**

1. Culture to environment
2. Environment to culture (Sickle Cell)
3. Julian Steward and Cultural Ecology
  - Core and Periphery*
  - Impact of environment*
  - Impact of Technology*
  - Focus on Adaptation*
  - Etic over Emic*
4. The Cultural Ecology of Rituals: The Abelam of PNG

##### **B. Mode of Subsistence**

1. **Hunting and Gathering/ Food-Foraging**
2. **Pastoralism**
  - Transhumance**
  - Nomadic**
3. **Horticulture (extensive cultivation)**
4. **Agriculture (intensive cultivation)**
  - Peasants
5. **Industrialism**

#### **II. Distribution, Exchange**

The Market Principle  
Redistribution  
Reciprocity  
Potlatching  
The Kula Ring

## Typology of World Cultures and Religions

Soc/Pol Type	Subsist. Type	Com. Size / Pop. Density	Soc. Econ Differentiation	Political Leader	Religion Type	Supernatural Beings	Religious Practitioners
<b>BAND</b>	Hunting Gathering Foraging	Small Size/ LOW Dens.  ↑  ↓  Larger Size/ HIGH Dens.	EGALITARIAN  ↑  ↓  STRATIFIED	Informal / Situation	<b>Shamanistic</b>	Non-human spirits dominate	Shamans
<b>TRIBE</b>	Horticulture Nomad/ Pastoral.			Achieved Status. Bigmen, Headmen	<b>Communal</b>	Rise of Ancestral Spirits <small>several major dieties with some control over nature</small>	Shamans Community sponsored Rituals
<b>CHIEFDOM</b>	Horticulture  Agriculture			Ascribed Status Chiefs	<b>Olympian</b>	Hierarchy of Superior Gods	Priests
<b>STATE</b>	Agriculture			Sovereign Leadership Ascribed / Achieved	<b>Monotheistic</b>	High Gods arise Supreme Being	Priests

*From Wallace's (1966) typology of religions. Associations with sociopolitical types and adaptive strategies are only approximate.*