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# Modernity and the evolution of world society

... astonishing transformation in Europe's fortunes eventually enabled it to spread its new institutions all over the globe and triggered the phenomenon we call 'modernity', the logical precursor to the current era of globalization (67).

## Proto-globalization

**N1: Ali bi univerze lahko šteli za pomembne proto-globalizacijske akterje?**

## Capitalist modernity: European foundations

a) The emergence of the European nation-state (the nation-state system):

- long process of internal state-building (70)
- mercantilism: a policy of national economic aggrandizement
- the growth of a vibrant civil society.

**N2: Zakaj je bil obstoj civilne družbe (civil society) pomemben za nastanek in utrditev evropskega kapitalizma?**

- Industrial Revolution

b) European Enlightenment thought

c) Marx's analysis of capitalism

»the creation of a fully commoditized economy in which everything, including land and labor, had a price and so could be bought and sold in a market« (74).

**N3: Prevedite zgornji stavek!**

... the tendency for capitalism to expand the productive forces by developing ever more advanced technology, harnessing the power of science, increasing the scale of production and developing business arrangements to facilitate greater capital pooling.

d) The growth of rationality

Formal rationality

... seek the most efficacious and least costly means of attainment by matching means to ends in a systematic, calculative way... (76)

Rationality and modernity (Giddens): time-space compression; abstract systems of knowledge and impersonal forms of communication, self-monitoring or reflexivity. Modernity is an 'inherently globalizing' force (77).

Among these were the quasi-equalitarian and cross-ethnic civil society that had emerged in the medieval city... ( 76).

... sociology ... has become heavily implicated in the process of reflexivity at many societal levels (77)

**N4: Prevedite oba stavka!**

M. Weber: social action, power/authority, formal/substantive rationality.

Societies dominated by formal rationality: world disenchantment, the iron cage.

**N5: Pojasnite razlike med *formal* in *substantive* racionalnostjo!**

## **Race and colonialism**

### **Changes after 1945 and the dominance of the USA**

Economic growth (1950-1975)

The Bretton Woods financial system

US global economic power and political leadership

Keynesian National economic management

Mass consumption and changes in lifestyles

### **The spread of English as an international language**

Although the Soviet Union occasionally confronted the USA, state communism was a hollow shell (89).

**N6: Ali se strinjate s to trditvijo? Argumentirajte svoj odgovor!**