SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE AS THE NEW SYSTEMIC XENOPHOBIA AND SYSTEMIC RACISM. (IM)MIGRANTS´ CATCH-22

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1. **THE CONCEPTS:** Reflection about the concept of SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE (SI) as the new “Systemic Xenophobia”, SX, in (mainly Western/democratic) nation-states (our reference: Systemic Racism, SR, in the US).

2. **THE CAUSES:** Identification of (democratic) nation-states’ internal contradictions which explain SI, SX, SR.

3. **THE IMPLICATIONS:** SI, SX, SR produce social order/social control Catch-22 (systemic aversion/hatress/fear; which elicit, at the end, violence on immigrants/foreigners in the form of a social order/social control Catch-22).

4. **THE CONSEQUENCES:** Analysis of areas of SI, SX, SR (i) outside nation-states: necropolitics, permanent state of exception, border outsourcing, (ii) inside nation-states: labor market, culture, religion, economy, endogamy, legal status, citizenship.
1. MAIN CONCEPTS

1.1. SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE AS THE NEW SYSTEMIC XENOPHOBIA/RACISM

- Scholars/intellectuals in the US: SR.

- Internal contradictions of nation-states which explains SI, SX, SR.

- GOVERNING (IM)MIGRATIONS THROUGH SI, SX, SR in Western nation-states.
1. MAIN CONCEPTS

1.1. SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE AS THE NEW SYSTEMIC XENOPHOBIA/RACISM

- Internal contradictions of nation-states which explains SI, SX, SR:
  1. Violent origin of nation-states. State monopoly vs. sharing legal violence
  2. Ius sanguini vs. Ius soli
  3. Contradictory coexistence within nation-states of internal laws (laws of the land) and of international community laws (mainly related to human rights)
  4. Citizens vs. non-citizens (denizens)
  5. Bio-power vs necropolitics
  6. Mobility-enclosure continuum
  7. Immigrants needed but not wanted nor welcome (aging societies)
  8. Criminalization of (im)migrants as an oppressive and repressive social control.
1. MAIN CONCEPTS

1.1. SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE AS THE NEW SYSTEMIC XENOPHOBIA/RACISM

- GOVERNING (IM)MIGRATION THROUGH SI, SX, SR in Western nations.
  - Eurostat
  - EUROBAROMETER
EU28. Third country nationals refused entry at the external borders
Role of each of the following actors for the successful integration of immigrants. EUROBAROMETER 469. 2017

[Diagram showing the role of various actors in the integration of immigrants with different levels of importance indicated by concentric circles and colors.]
1. MAIN CONCEPTS

1.2. SOCIAL ORDER/SOCIAL CONTROL

CATCH-22

- Catch-22. Why?

- Social order. Which one? Majority self-aware ethnic group

- Social control. How? Repressive, Oppressive and Regressive
2. THE CATCH-22

- Why do we talk about THE CATCH-22?

- Immigration (legal and illegal) in Western countries.

- GOVERNING (IM)MIGRATIONS THROUGH SI, SX, SR is a symptom of weakness of Western democratic nation-states.

- Cavafy, The Barbarians.
3. CONCRETIZING THE CATCH-22

- Necropolitics

- Border outsourcing: torture, violence, death

- Permanent state of exception in borders: Open Arms, Sea-Watch 3...

- Internal Free (hopeless) Wandering: XXI century slavery, misery.
3. CONCRETIZING THE CATCH-22

Immigrants may challenge (unintentionally and inadvertently) the social order:

- (i) labor market order, immigrants are lazy and/or distortion the labor market,
- (ii) cultural and value system order, the purest culture and values are those of the nationals,
- (iii) religious order, immigrants are not real or pure Christians, or, worst, they are Muslims,
- (iv) patriarchal order, immigrants have the aspiration of being treated like free adults, with authority and power,
- (v) capitalistic order, poor immigrants cannot consume enough (aporophobia)
- (vi) legal order, immigrants are in essence violent and more prone to crime than nationals (criminalization)
- (vii) racial order, endogamy must be respected by immigrants
3. CONCRETIZING THE CATCH-22

- The social order/social control Catch-22 (SX).

- The inescapable vicious circle.

- Labor market order, if immigrants are working, they are stealing jobs from nationals and pushing down salaries; if unemployed, they are lazy and enjoying public benefits without contributing to society; if unemployed, but not enjoying public benefits, they are making society unsafe and poor, for all of which they are to blame. Immigrants are irremediably condemned to the margins of society.
CONCLUSIONS

- Western democratic nation-states are governing (im)migrations through SI, SX, SR, which show weaknesses of nation-states.
  - EUROSTAT
  - EUROBAROMETER

- SI, SX, SR are evidence of internal contradictions of nation-states.

- SI, SX, SR, produce a Catch-22 for (im)migrants: necropolitics, permanent state of exception in borders, border outsourcing, hopeless free wandering in which immigrants may challenge (unintentionally and inadvertently) the social order.
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