

ABSTRACT

This study attempts to outline the major class formations in rural Jamaica and some aspects of their relationship to each other. Our major thesis is that, contrary to widespread opinion, there is nothing special about the rural community, in so far as it is supposed to represent a different mode of production from the urban areas, and secondly that there are qualitatively different types of rural inhabitants.

Our procedure will be:

- (a) in Chapter 1 to review the relevant works that have tried to conceptualize the peasantry. This will be conducted from a materialist point of view.
- (b) in Chapter 2 to stratify the rural community and look at some aspects of their relations, especially in the commodity organization.
- (c) in Chapter 3 to illustrate these relations by focusing on a particular community.
- (d) in Chapter 4 to offer some projections based on the result of our previous study about the prospective relations that are likely to emerge in rural Jamaica.