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

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<th>Soc/Pol Type</th>
<th>Subsist. Type</th>
<th>Com. Size / Pop. Density</th>
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<td>Small Size/ LOW Dens.</td>
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<td>Informal/Situation</td>
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<td>Achieved Status, Bigmen, Headmen</td>
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<td>Rise of Ancestral Spirits several major deities with some control over nature</td>
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<td><strong>STATE</strong></td>
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<td>Larger Size/ HIGH Dens.</td>
<td>Stratified</td>
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<td>Monotheistic</td>
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*From Wallace’s (1966) typology of religions. Associations with sociopolitical types and adaptive strategies are only approximate.*