

The Mediation of Society

Human development occurs within a social matrix. Personal relations and, more remotely, institutions insensibly transform operations into cooperations. Human foresight shifts interest from the particular good that satisfies immediate need or appetite to the economic, political, educational system that envisages ~~his~~ needs ~~and appetites~~ as recurrent and endeavours methodically to meet them. Finally, what can be achieved in one place or time, may not be a concrete possibility in another place or at an earlier time, and so there exist social horizons with boundaries set by practicality. In brief, a whole range of further determinations <sup>has</sup> ~~have~~ to be added to our characterization of horizons.

Let us begin from a preliminary scheme that will provide a first approximation towards defining and relating some ~~sixteen~~ <sup>seventeen</sup> terms.

Individual		Social	Final
capacity, need	operation	cooperation	particular good
plasticity, perfectibility	development, skill, virtue	insti <sup>t</sup> ution <sub>λ</sub>	good of order
liberty	orientation, conversion	personal relations	terminal value

Not all the terms are new. Already in the preceding section something has been said about operations springing from ~~capacity~~ capacities and meeting needs, about plasticity and development, perfectibility and skill. But to these there now have to be