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A Critic on the Kornai (1992, 2000)'s Scheme for the Changes of the Socialist System

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This critic aims at summarizing the Kornai (1992, 2000)'s scheme towards the changes of the socialist system and commenting on it from the critical viewpoint. My points are as follows;

1) There is a problem from the methodological viewpoint when the scheme used the model for the classical socialist system in explaining the socialist system in general without any revision.

2) In the book (Kornai 1992), it is unclear whether the postsocialist system belongs to the transition period or to the capitalist system.

3) Though in Block 1, monopoly of power and one-party system is postulated, it is not from the fact that the group in power exercises its power through that kind of system but the fact that the party in power is a socialist one (i.e. a Marxist-Leninist party) that a society is a socialist system.

4) Though in Block 2, the concept property or ownership includes the problem of ownership of production means and the problem of the types of production organizations, it would be better to distinguish those two matters.

5) Though the distinction of two concepts of reform, which means a change in the socialist system, and transition, which means the change between two sys-

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tems was clear in the book (Kornai 1992), but the distinction became unclear in the article (Kornai 2000).

6) Though in the book (Kornai 1992), the transition from the socialist system to the capitalist one is classified to three types from the point of 'political nature', the criterion is not clear and the result is not comprehensive. (end).