

Mosca on Bureaucratism Early Modern Times

(In Eltzoni Social Change p 225 extract)

Economic causes not imp. in pure bureaucratic state. Because: very little change in systems of production between 14th & 17th centuries. But very great change in military art & organization from late 15th to early 17th. This is the cause of bureaucracy in administrative forms, Mosca implies, as it certainly was in decline of feudal/military powers.

Mosca on HISTORICAL CHANGE

Mosca's bit on "The Varying Structure of the Ruling Class" in Eltzoni's Social Change, pp. 214-226 (from Mosca's The Ruling Class NY 1939 50-8, 65-9, 80-3, 371-6) has some snappy, quote-worthy parts, but his overall positivism makes it very hard to swallow. So "One might say, indeed, that the whole history of civilized mankind comes down to a conflict between the tendency of dominant elements to monopolize political power and transmit possession of it by inheritance, and the tendency towards a dislocation of old forces and an insurgence of new forces [whatever that may mean] and this conflict produces an everlasting ferment of endosmosis and exosmosis between the upper classes and certain portions of the lower." (Eltzoni p 219)