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The Literature Review of Ecological Marxist Economics Theory's Creation

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I.The new form of Marxist Economics

The generation of Ecological Marxism is an important theoretical development in the history of the Marxism. It combines the whole Marxist System with the ecological movement, committing itself to the combination of ecological principles with the socialism, in order to constitute a new socialistic mode in which the people and the nature can get along in harmony.

The Ecological Marxism coming from the western society cannot directly become the idealistic weapon used into the construction of the Chinese socialism. It mainly criticizes the damages to the environment caused by the capitalism from the developed countries. However, it lacks the practical experience to the conception of ecological socialism. On the other hand, only when the Ecological Marxism enters into the fields of economics, it can bring up practical ideas to the establishment and the development of socialism.

Professor Liu Sihua, the general director of Marxist Economics Research Center in our college, wrote a book named "The Principles of Eco-Marxist Economics (EME)" (published by People's Publishing House in Dec 2006). The new form of Marxist Economics was firstly discussed and primarily established in this book.

Compared to the "Sustainable Development Concept (SDC)" which was built up in the middle of 1990's, Ecological Marxist Economics has some common grounds with it. Both of them are guided by the Marxism. And the main contexts of them are aim to solve the environmental economic problems. The difference is that SDC integrates the general subjects in Economics, such as Population, Resource, Environment, Ecology, Technology and Management, into one subject, while EME integrates the subjects in Marxism. The book shows full demonstrations on the philosophical base, sociological base, economic base and the ecological base of the new form of Marxist Economics.

The EME proves that the Marxism is not only a scientific system studying on the social relationships, but also a scientific system studying on the relationships between the human being and the nature. Through the 640 thousands characters demonstration, this book proves that the Marxism really reveals the relationships among the nature, the human being and the society.

II. The theoretical system of the EME

According to the book “The Principles of Eco-Marxist Economics”, this article gives a brief introduction to theoretical system of the EME.

1. The theoretical base of the EME is the philosophical, sociological, economic and ecological bases in Marxism. This comprehensive theoretical base treats the nature, the human beings and the society as an organic whole thing, and discusses the goal of the human society to develop the subjective principles.

The theoretical demonstration on “the combination of the human being and the nature” in Marxism is the solid theoretical base of the EME.

The theory on “three major economic and social patterns” in Marxism profoundly expounds the principle that the development of economic and social patterns unifies with the development of the human civilization. The three major economic and social patterns indicate three different relationships that the human being submits to the nature, the human being conquers and robs the nature and the human being gets along with the nature harmoniously.

The theory on human being in Marxism emphasizes that the human being exists in the world as a species, so that this theory provides the theoretical demonstration for the human being to choose the road of sustainable development. Because the human being exists as a species, so there are different relationships between the human being and the other species. Then we can understand the inner drive and ethical principles of the sustainable developing theory that enjoying the resources on the earth with our off-springs.

The theory on labor Alienation in Marxist Economics reveals the institutional root of the freakish human development, the unilaterally social development and the damages to the environment. This theory also discloses the antagonistic contradictions of the production in capitalism. By institutional criticism, it points out that through the ownership reform, we can establish the public ownership economy, eliminating the labor Alienation and realizing the most reasonable material exchanges relationship between the human being and the nature.

The ecological basis of Marxism exposures the antagonistic contradictions in capitalistic productions, seizes the meaning of ecological civilization by demonstrating the harmonious relationship between the human being and the nature, and analyzes the nature products and the nature value from the human society’s angle.

2. The logical jump-off point of EME is the duality theory in Marxism. This theory contains the characteristic of duality in human being, labor, products, production, and the development of social economy. The common point is that analyzing many factors and processes in social economy from natural attributes and social attributes, from productivity and the relations of production. It shows that the Marxism pays a lot of attention on “the

two liberations”.

3. The clear backbone is the ecological economic relationship theory on the material exchanges between the human being and the nature in Marxism. In this theory, labor is the intermediary between the human and the nature. The process of laboring in human society is an ecological economic process in which the environmental changes and the social economic development combine together. By analyzing the basic forms of material exchanges between the human and the nature in different societies, it points out the ideal that the material exchanges can be reasonably adjusted in communistic society.

4. The core concept is to change the natural environment from the outside variable into the inner variable in the economic development. It brings up the environment inner factor theory which treats the environment as the inner factor of human production. It also provides the environmental value. The nature is the source of environmental value, while the human labor is the source of economic value. These two theories make the conception of sustainable development set up on the solid economic theoretical basis.

5. The essential principle is that environmental economy harmonizes the sustainable development. As long as we obey this principle, we can find the only effective way to solve many contradictions among the nature, the human being and the society. Therefore, we should pursuit the right development which unities the economic benefits, social benefits and the environmental benefits together. And it should be the development based on beneficial environmental cycle, while beneficial environmental cycle is combined to beneficial economic cycle.

III.The theoretic achievement of EME

1. The expatiation of EME is full of dialectics. The whole theory holds the opposite-united principle very well, analyzing the opposite-united relationship between the human and the nature. It also proves the unifications of the objective world. They are the unifications between environmental factors and social economic factors, between natural environmental relationships and social economic relationships, between social economic productions and environmental productions, between social economic productivities and environmental productivities, between social economic cycles and environmental cycles. It fully demonstrates that all the things influence each other, stimulate each other and restrict each other. The qualitative change and quantitative change interact, so the things develop helically.

2. The EME makes progresses both in discovery of Marxism and development of Marxism. On the one hand, it revives some ignored thoughts of Marx and Engels. On the other hand, it abstracts some new concepts according to the new developments, new

progresses and the new characteristics of the time. These new concepts contain the statements that human being is the natural ecology people and the Socio-economic people, that all-around production includes material production, spiritual production, human being production, environmental production, social relationships production and reproduction, that comprehensive productivity includes human productivity, material productivity, spiritual productivity and environmental productivity. These statements are all developed on the basis of abundant thoughts in Marxism, reflecting the progress of philosophy.

3. Promoting the position of status of Marxism in philosophy and social science. It shows the profound insights in Marxism to realize and change the world, while the other theories cannot show this. When the capitalistic system is facing unsolvable problems such as sustainable development, social and environmental crisis, the world will admire the scientific theories from Marxism on the relationships among the human being, the society and the nature.

4. It contains new criticism in depth towards the capitalism. The EME not only criticizes the capitalist producing way in economic aspect, but also criticizes it in environmental and social aspects, so as to expose its nature to exploit the nature and restrain the development of human. In the EME, we can find the fatal weakness in western economics: the economic person assumption. By demonstrating the characteristic of duality in natural person and social economic person, it shows that the economic person hypothesis will not have scientific value in the future sustainable developing time.

5. It provides profound theoretic demonstration for the sustainable development of the social economy. The EME reflects the negative results raised by our negligence on overall development since 1949, providing profound theoretic demonstration about the Scientific Concept of Development (SCD).

The SCD emphasizes on people-oriented in economic construction and building up environmental friendly society. It emphasizes both the harmony in society and the harmony between the human being and the nature. It is the vivid embodiment of “the unification of the two liberations” in reality. Some ivory-towered people think that some concepts, such as well-off society, harmonious society and people-oriented, can be accepted by the bourgeoisie. They do not realize the core of Marxism and the essence of the bourgeoisie. The characteristics of capitalism are the law of the jungle and the pursuit for money. It cannot accept the concept of harmony.

6. It promotes the whole social philosophy moving towards Marxism a large step. The Marxism has contained comprehensive and profound scientific thoughts since it established. However, its external forms are restrained by historical missions. At the beginning of 20th century, the Marxism was summed up into three parts: philosophy, political economics and scientific socialism. The newly EME is an integrated research on diversified subjects, containing a series of new concepts. The EME not only serves the reform of social economic system, but also serves the overall development of the nature, the people and the

society.

The knowledge and the transformation from our human being towards the subjective world advance with the times. The Chinese Marxian will work harder on the research of Marxism in the future.