Social change

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1. The collapse of three major narratives of Greek social history

* The dominance of archaic aristocracies and the democratization of Greek societies
* The transition from societies with slaves into slave societies
* The crisis of the polis in the 4th century and the Hellenistic period

1. The peculiarities of Greek social structures

* Control of social relationships: those who control the means of production / those who work for them
* Control of organizations and collectivities
* Codified status hierarchies
* Practices and rituals of deference

1. Patterning factors: wealth

* Wealth and leisure
* The distribution of wealth
* The use of wealth: ostentation, austerity and public use
* The transmission of wealth: marriage and inheritance

1. Patterning factors: freedom and slavery

* The emergence of a new conception of freedom as independence
* The varying ramifications of the free-slave distinction
* The changing slaving strategies

1. Patterning factors: honour

* Honours and dishonours
* The variety of identities and honour arenas
* The competition about honour

1. Contexts of social interactions

* Households
* Political communities
* The arena in between households and political communities
* The wider world

1. Structural and conjunctural change

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