

Q cards were exchanged with students to go over questions and then a wrap up of Mead and micro-theorists.

**Role Theory:** 2 main metaphors are **dramaturgical** (theatre) and **architectural** (structure).

According to role theory, self pre-exists roles. According to Mead, roles pre-exist the self and it is through those roles that the self is created. Therefore Mead is not a role theorist in this particular sense.

Roles can be either **ascribed** (born into or life course) or **achieved** (through personal accomplishment).

Individuals' actions and attitudes are specific to a role and independent of the person who fills it (position vs. person). Dramaturgically, however, an individual can become a role; the face may grow to fit the mask. Structurally, position, practice, and posture constrain the possibilities of an individual.

**Mead as dialectician:**

Idea of generalized other (**I and Me**)

Exerts social control over attitudes and behavior of individual

Force of social cohesion: how self is created and social order happens

Ex: phases of water...under certain condition water is formed in different phases (the *I* and the *me* are similarly phases of the self)

Process of **symbolic interactionism:** self and society formed reciprocally

Society is a phenomenon not independent of people

Truth is out there but not independent of perception (compare to Durkheim)

### **What is sociological about Freud?**

Relationship the self has with the social world: altruistic vs. egoistic

Freud is theorizing a connection of 2 different ways of being in the world and 3 parts of the self:

**Id:** the libido, *Eros* and *Thanatos*, instincts that drive humans towards wish fulfillment whether that be happiness (pleasure principle) or death and destruction (thantos- self destruction)...these instincts have no sense of time, causality or control.

**Ego:** reality principle, embodies the balance between impulse and control, fulfillment and punishment...the self's need to find a way to manage instincts necessary for social life, which leads to a negotiation between the id and the super ego

**Super-Ego:** internalizes expectations and notions that anti social actions are wrong, anti social actions result in a withdraw of love and guilt

Formation of the superego is both the means and the result of civilization colonizing the self... (here, time does not exist so throw out your history books, they're no good).

### **Freud and Psychoanalysis:**

Through psychoanalysis, individuals can convert neurotic energy, or misery, into ordinary unhappiness.

"The great intellectual leap ... was Freud's insight that the human sexual drive was not 'naturally' directed toward reproduction or even toward a so-called opposite sex. Civilization had to struggle mightily to make out of the body and its desires the sort of useful, reproductive creatures - male and female - that it needed to sustain itself. And even more generally, the struggle to sublimate the disorganized sexual energies of infancy into the organized sexualities of adulthood became the model for how desire itself had to be managed and directed if we humans were to attain higher goals: not only families, but art, music, literature, and all that human culture stood for." - Thomas Laqueur, *Solitary Sex*, p. 70.