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White

Energy and the Evolution of Culture; culture as extra-somatic adaptation.

Steward

Theory of Culture Change; cultural ecology and multilinear evolution.

Service

Band-tribe-chiefdom-state typology that early Sahlins shared.

Original affluent society

Sahlins' argument that foragers can meet wants with modest work, against a scarcity myth.

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