Contents

Preface vii
Acknowledgments xi

1 The Feudal Model in Social Analysis: From Medieval Europe to Contemporary America 1

2 Feudal, Liberal, and Authoritarian Models as Tools for Analyzing the Middle Ages and Contemporary American Society 18

3 Big Money and Corporations as Promoters of Feudal Tendencies 33

4 The Feudal Model and the Organizational Level of Analysis 56

5 Private Coercion: A Feudal Aspect of Contemporary American Society 78

6 Personal Relations in American Politics and Business: A Feudal Phenomenon 99

Conclusion 122
References 133
Index 163