I. Research Working Groups

(a) Cyclical Rhythms and Secular Trends of the Capitalist World-Economy

The pilot project research has been completed. The work is presently being written up as a monograph whose tentative title is "Three Centuries of Core-Periphery Relations: Studies of Uneven Development."

A report deriving from this project was prepared for the II International Congress of the Economic and Social History of Turkey, held in Strasbourg, July 1-5, 1980: Immanuel Wallerstein and Reşat Kasaba, "Incorporation into the World-Economy: Change in the Structure of the Ottoman Empire, 1750-1839." (available upon request)

(b) Households, Labor Force, and Production Process of the World-Economy

A pilot project in this field has been funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, beginning Sept. 1, 1981 for one year. The primary object of the pilot project is to operationalize the concept of the household as an "income-pooling" group, including the mode of delineating its boundaries. The project is being directed by Immanuel Wallerstein and Joan Smith. Mary Ryan, of the Univ. of California at Davis will serve as a consultant.

The Center has agreed to cooperate in this domain with the Forschungsschwerpunkt Entwicklungssoziologie of the University of Bielefeld. Tentative plans involve the holding of a small colloquium in Bielefeld in the late spring of 1982 to review present work and to plan future joint research.

(c) Social Bases of Workers Movements in the World

The second U.S.-U.S.S.R. colloquium on World Labor and Social Change, under the joint sponsorship of the Center and the Institute of International Labor Movements (Moscow) was held in Moscow on June 25-26, 1981. These colloquia are held under the aegis of an accord between the American Council of Learned Societies and the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences.

The theme of the colloquium was "World Labor, Crises of Capitalism, and Transnational Corporations." Papers of this colloquium, as well as of the first one, will be published by Sage in English and by Nauka Publications in Russian. Seven U.S. scholars attended the colloquium. It is planned to continue the annual colloquium for 1982 and 1983, alternately in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.
Under the direction of Melvyn Dubofsky, the research working group has developed a three-year research proposal on "Workers Movements, Labor-Capital, and State Policy in the Modern World" for which funds are being sought. The group intends to examine from a world perspective how, since the 1870's, new social formations, institutions, values, and behavioral patterns have developed among workers in relation to changes in the world-economy and the structure of industrial capitalism. The research is based on three primary organizing principles: 1) The development of a world-economy since the 1870's and its fluctuations set the larger context in which regional and national worker movements have emerged and developed; 2) the most decisive shifts in class relations and the growth of worker movements have been associated with war and its impact on domestic politics; 3) there is a fundamental difference between patterns in the core and in the periphery. In the former, worker movements over time have been thoroughly integrated into the prevailing system of relations; in the latter, worker movements have been more closely related to the dynamics of inclusive national movements and have also remained more prone to revolutionary forms of action.

(d) Socio-Cultural Comparative Evaluation of Development Alternatives in the World

The Center continues to do research on contract from the United Nations University to cooperate with this U.N.U.-S.C.A. project. For 1980, a research paper entitled "National and World Identities and the Interstate System" was prepared. It was written by Peter D. Phillips and Immanuel Wallerstein. For 1981 a longer research paper is being prepared, authored by Peter D. Phillips, Immanuel Wallerstein, and Terence K. Hopkins.


(e) The Mediterranean Economy

This is a new research working group chaired by Giovanni Arrighi and Çağlar Keyder. They are jointly editing a special issue of the journal Sviluppo on the Mediterranean economy. They are preparing a grant proposal (in conjunction with a group in Bielefeld) for a long-term project designed to investigate the boundaries, unity, and the nature of the Mediterranean economy. The will concentrate on four major themes:

a) the Mediterranean basin in the world-economy;
b) meaningful economic units within the Mediterranean basin;
c) micro-social systems in the area in relation to patterns of participation in the Mediterranean and the world-economy;
d) Mediterranean states in the interstate system.

The object of the research is to investigate the feasibility of policies directed towards alternative patterns of organization and cooperation in the area.
The group has received an award from the Council on European Studies for a planning conference on "The Political Economy of Southern European Countries." It is intended to hold this conference at Binghamton in the spring of 1982.

f) Sugar and the World-Economy

A small grant from the University Awards Committee of SUNY has permitted bibliographic research on this topic. An annotated multi-lingual bibliography on Sugar in the Americas, 1492-circa 1850, is being prepared by Juan Giusti, in collaboration with Dale Tomich, Rachelle Moore, and Immanuel Wallerstein.

g) Women in Social, Historical, and Historical Cultural Processes

A new research working group is in formation on this topic under the direction of Joan Smith and Elizabeth Fox-Genovese.

II. Colloquia, Conferences

a) International Colloquium on the World-Economy

The Fourth such colloquium has been postponed from the summer of 1981 to January, 1982. It will be held in New Delhi. In addition to the three traditional sponsors (the Fernand Braudel Center, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, and the Starnberg Institute), the Indian Council of Social Science Research will be the fourth co-sponsor. The theme will be "Endogenous Groups in World Perspective: The Imperatives of Endogenous Development." There will be four main discussion papers, each prepared by one of the four sponsoring organizations. The tentative titles of these papers:

1) "Concepts of Class, Nation, People: Origins in European Reality and Subsequent Export" (M.S.H. group)
2) "Rethinking the Concepts of Class and Status-Group in a World-System Perspective" (F.B.C. group)
3) "New International Division of Labor: Restructuring of Classes and Status-Groups" (Starnberg group)
4) "Incorporation into the World-Economy and the Transformation of Classes and Status-Groups: The Case of South (or Southern) Asia" (ICSSR group)

b) Political Economy of the World-System Annual Conferences

These conferences are sponsored by the P.E.W.S. Section of the American Sociological Association.

The Fifth Annual Conference was held at Madison, Wisc. on May 14-16, 1981. The theme was "Ascent and Decline in the World-System." Immanuel Wallerstein presented a paper, "Socialist States: Mercantilist Strategies and Revolutionary Objectives." (Available upon request)
The Sixth PEWS Conference will be held in Tucson, Ariz. on Apr. 15-17, 1982. The theme will be "Crisis in the World-System." Persons interested in attending or presenting papers should contact the organizer, Prof. Albert Bergesen, Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

c) Conference of Europeanists (sponsored by the Council of European Studies)

The Third International conference will be held in Washington, D.C., April 29 - May 1, 1982. The theme of the conference will be "Periods and Cycles in Europe, Past and Present." The F.B.C. will sponsor a panel as in past years.

American, European and other scholars of Europe are invited to submit their suggestions for participants, panels and specific papers to the Program Committee by November 1, 1981. Panel and paper proposals should be accompanied by a short precis of proposed content and an abbreviated vita. Conference groups and other cooperating associations are invited to propose additional panels related to the central theme. Those interested should write Conference 1982, C.E.S., 1429 Int. Affairs Bldg., Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

III. Publications

a) Review. The table of contents of recent issues are:

Volume IV, Number 2, Fall 1980

JAMES F. PETRAS and MORRIS H. MORLEY The U.S. Imperial State

HILLEL LEVINE Gentry, Jews, and Serfs: The Rise of Polish Vodka

The Beginnings of Capitalism

JAIME TORRAS Class Struggle in Catalonia: A Note on Brenner

FRANK PERLIN Precolonial South Asia and Western Penetration in the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries: A Problem of Epistemological Status

PHILIP McMICHAEL Settlers and Primitive Accumulation: Foundations of Capitalism in Australia
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the World-Economy Approach

BIPAN CHANDRA  Karl Marx, his Theories of Asian 
Societies, and Colonial Rule

EASTERN EUROPE AND THE WORLD-SYSTEM

SILVIU BRUCAN  The Strategy of Development 
in Eastern Europe

ANDRAS KOVES  Socialist Economy and the 
World-Economy

b) Studies in Modern Capitalism

This series, a joint enterprise with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 
and published by Cambridge University Press, has put out six titles. In 
press are:

Çağlar Keyder, The Definition of a Peripheral Economy: Turkey 1923-1929

Peter Kriedte, Hans Medick, and Jürgen Schlumbohm, Industrialisation before 
Industrialisation: Rural Industry in the Genesis of Capitalism

IV. Research Associates

During 1980-81, William G. Martin and Philip McMichael served as Research 
Associates. As of September 1, 1981, William G. Martin has been appointed 
Research Projects Administrator.

V. Monthly Seminar

For the year 1980-81, the following sessions were held:

October 8, 1980  John Flint, "Is the Sociology of Music Possible?"

November 5, 1981  Harold Livesay, "The Corporation and the World-
Economy"

December 3, 1980  Eugene Genovese, "Towards a Psychology of 
Colonialism: A Critique of the Theories of 
Mannoni, Memmi, and Fanon"

February 4, 1981  Mark Selden, "The Proletariat, Revolutionary 
Change and the State in China and Japan, 1850-1950"
March 11, 1981  Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, "Women and Work: A Preliminary Contribution to the Terms of Discussion"

April 1, 1981  Sammy Smooha, "Existing and Alternative Policy Towards the Arabs in Israel"

May 6, 1981  Patricia Netherly, "Hispanic and Andean Irrigation in the Sixteenth Century: A Comparison in Adaptive Efficiency"

The Collected papers are available for $4.00

VI. Public Lectures

The Center has sponsored or co-sponsored the following talks:

October 30, 1980  Marta Petrusewicz, (Dept. of Economic History, University of Calabria), "The Formation of Money-Wage: Southern Italy Latifundia in the 19th Century"

November 18, 1980  David Seddon, (School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia), "Immigrant Workers and the Class Struggle in Western Europe"

November 18, 1980  Ricardo Campos, (Center for Puerto Rican Studies, CUNY), "Political Economy of Puerto Rico"

December 12, 1980  Terry Eagleton, (Dept. of English, Oxford University), "Marxist Literary Criticism: A Marxist Critique"

February 6, 1981  Richard Tanter, (Swinburne Institute of Technology in Canberra Australia), "Global Militarization and S.E. Asia: The U.S. and ASEAN"

March 6, 1981  Fred Halliday, (editorial board of New Left Review), "Soviet Policy in the Arc of Crisis: Cause of the New Cold War?"

March 5, 1981  Daniel Singer, author of "The Road to Gdansk", a public meeting on Poland and the U.S.S.R.

March 10, 1981  Walter Easey, (Hong Kong Research Project), "Techniques of Colonial Control: The SCOPG Documents"

March 9, 1981  Judith Walkowitz, (Rutgers University), "The Politics of Prostitution: Feminist Campaigns against 'Male' Vice in the Nineteenth Century"
March 30, 1981

Murat Cizakca, (Dept. of Economics, Bogazici University, Turkey), "Cyclical Fluctuations in the Economy of Western Asia, 1550-1700"

VII. Exhibit

The Center sponsored an exhibit on the life and works of Marc Bloch at the SUNY-Binghamton library from Aug. 15 - Sept. 15, 1980. The exhibit was arranged in collaboration with the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris).