I. Research Working Groups

The core of the Center's activities remains the research working groups. These bring together faculty and graduate students of various departments to do collective research. There are presently four active ones which meet bi-weekly, each having 8-15 persons involved on a regular basis.

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

This group has concentrated this year on a systematic analysis of existing literature on Kondratieff cycles in order to prepare a synthetic picture of the empirical situation presented by the existing literature. Thereby we will accomplish a task interesting in itself and preparatory of further research. Next year the group intends to proceed to its own process of measurement of the long waves.

b) Households, Labor-Force Formation and the World-Economy

This group has been operating under a NEH pilot project grant. There is a 50%-time staff associate under this grant, Kathie Friedman. A two-year renewal proposal has been submitted. Under the pilot grant, the group is working on a) a review of several literatures and their convergences on the concept of "householding"; b) an operationalization of the concept of the household as an income-pooling unit.

The Center co-sponsored with the Forschungsschwerpunkt Entwicklungssoziologie of Bielefeld University a colloquium on "Households and the World-Economy." It was held on May 20-22 in Bielefeld (F.R. Germany). The list of papers prepared for the conference follows:

Johannes Augel: Contribution of Public Goods to Household Reproduction - Case Study from Brazil

Maria del Carmen Baerga: Reproduction and Political Struggle: the Sugar and Needlework Industries in Puerto Rico (1900-1940)

Eva Machado Barbosa: Household Economy and Financial Capital: The Case of Passbook Savings in Brazil

Veronika Bennholdt-Thomsen: Towards a Theory of Sexual Division of Labor
Wolfgang Clauss: Village Household Reproduction - A Case Study from North Sumatra

Anna Davin: Working or Helping? Children's Contribution to the Domestic Economy in the Late Nineteenth-Century London Working Class


Georg Elwert: Conflicts - Inside and Outside the Household - a West African Case-Study (Ayizo/Peoples Republic of Benin)

Hans-Dieter Evers: Subsistence Production and Wage Labor in Jakarta

Hans-Dieter Evers, Wolfgang Clauss, and Diana Wong: Theoretical Notes on Subsistence Reproduction


Kathie Friedman: Pooling Incomes: Issues and Perspective on Households in the World-Economy

William G. Martin: Beyond the Peasant to Proletarian Debate: An Outline of African Household Formation in South Africa During the Long Twentieth Century

Albert Meyers: Household Labor Relations and Reproductive Strategies among Small Cane Farmers in Jamaica

Tilman Schiel: Development and Underdevelopment of Household-Based Production in Europe: An Outline of Long-Term Developments in Commercial Economy

Joan Smith: Nonwage Labor and Subsistence: A Working Paper

Georg Stauth: "Milieu of Reproduction" and "Production Systems"

Georg Stauth: Capitalist Farming and Small Peasant Households in Egypt

Petra Ulshöfer: "Household" and "Enterprise": Toward a New Concept of "Plantation" - Evidence from the Guatemalan Plantation System

Claudia v. Werlhof: The Proletarian is Dead, Long Live the Housewife?

Claudia v. Werlhof: Produktionverhältnisse und geschlechtliche Arbeitsteilung im Agrarsektor Venezuelas

Immanuel Wallerstein: Household Structures and Labor Force Formation in the Capitalist World-Economy

Diana Wong: The Household as a Unit of Analysis

It is planned to publish a selection of these papers as a volume in the Center's series, Explorations in the World-Economy (Sage). Other papers may be published in Review.

c) World Labor

The group has decided to focus its work on a comparative study of the relative strength of labor movements and the working classes in the various parts of the world-economy as it has evolved over the past 100 years. A new research proposal is in preparation.

The group continues to participate in the U.S. - U.S.S.R. Colloquia sponsored by the Subcommission on World Labor and Social Change of the U.S. - U.S.S.R. Binational Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. The second colloquium was held in Moscow in June 1981. Its theme was "Labor and Crisis of Capitalism." The third will be in Binghamton in November 1982 with the theme "Structural Changes in Production, Technological Innovation, and Workers: International and Regional Dimensions."

The proceedings of the first colloquium are in press (see below under publications) and the proceedings of the second colloquium are in preparation.

The group presented a collective panel at the North American Labor History Conference on "Workers, Politics, and the State" in Detroit on Oct. 8-10, 1981. They will give a similar collective panel at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, Sept. 5, 1982.

d) The Mediterranean in the World-Economy

The group received a small grant from the Council of European Studies to enable it to hold two conferences on "The Political Economy of Southern Europe." The first was held on Mar. 4-6, 1982 at Binghamton. The second will be held in the spring of 1983 in Paris. In attendance at the first colloquium were: Giovanni Arrighi, Maurice Aymard, John Casparis, Georg Elwert, Çağlar Kayder, Peter Lange, John Logan, Kostis Papadantonakis, Gyorgy Ráth, Sidney Tarrow, and Immanuel Wallerstein. The papers the participants presented will be revised for the second conference. Several persons unable to attend the first colloquium will be present in Paris.
II. Other research projects

a) Sugar bibliography project

A small group has been working in conjunction with library staff to construct a multi-lingual structured bibliography on "Sugar in the Caribbean up to 1900." It is expected that the 2000-item bibliography will be completed by the end of this summer.

b) United Nations University

The Center continues to do projects within the framework of the UNU's Project on Socio-Cultural Development Alternatives in a Changing World.

In this connection, we have completed one long research paper: Terence K. Hopkins, Peter D. Phillips, and Immanuel Wallerstein, "Stateness, Nationalism, and the Creation of an Interstate System". We are in the process of completing a second on "Class Struggle on a World Scale." As part of this same program, Immanuel Wallerstein attended a UNU Seminar at Algiers in December 1981, where he presented a paper on "Revolutionary Movements in the Era of U.S. Hegemony and After." (available upon request)

III. Colloquia, conferences

a) International Colloquium on the World-Economy

The Center has co-sponsored with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris) and the Starnberg Institute (Germany) annual international colloquia. The fourth such meeting was held in New Delhi on Jan. 4-6, 1982, co-sponsored additionally by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, on the theme, "Endogenous Groups in World Perspective: The Imperatives of Endogenous Development." The Center prepared a paper, co-authored by Giovanni Arrighi, Terence Hopkins, and Immanuel Wallerstein, "Rethinking and Concepts of Class and Status-Group in a World-System Perspective." (available upon request)

A fifth colloquium is being planned for Caracas in the summer of 1983, with CENDES as the local co-sponsor.

b) Conference of Europeanists

The Center sponsored two panels at this Third Conference in Washington, D.C. on April 29-May 1, 1982:

1) Kondratieffs and Long Cycles in Europe Before 1800

"An Historiographical Approach to Kondratieffs" Michel Morineau (Univ. of Clermont-Ferrand)

"The Regional Specificities of Conjunctural Movements in France: Regional Wheat Prices from 1756-1870" Dominique Margairaz (E.H.E.S.S., Paris)

"Long Waves in Coinage and Grain Price-Series from the 16-18 Centuries: Some Theoretical and Methodological Aspects" Rainer Metz (Univ. of Trier)
2) Hegemony in the Interstate System: Cyclical Patterns?

"Three Instances of Hegemony in the History of the Capitalist World-Economy" Immanuel Wallerstein (FBC)

"Social Structure of British Hegemony in the Nineteenth Century" Philip McMichael (Swarthmore College)

"The Specificities of American Hegemony" Giovanni Arrighi (FBC)

c) 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 Sixth Annual Conference was held in Tucson, Arizona on Apr. 15-17, 1982. The theme was "Crises in the World-System". Two papers presented by Center persons are available upon request: Immanuel Wallerstein, "Crises: The World-Economy, the Movements, and the Ideologies," and Mark Selden, "Socialist Development and the Peasantry: Collectivization and Its Discontents."

The Seventh Annual Conference will be held at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in the spring of 1983. The theme will be "Labor Systems and Labor Movements in the World Capitalist System." The organizer is Prof. Charles Bergquist, Dept. of History, Duke University. Persons interested in presenting papers should contact him.

IV. Publications

a) Studies in Modern Capitalism series, a joint enterprise with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, published by Cambridge Univ. Press. Four new titles have appeared:

Çağlar Keyder, The Definition of a Peripheral Economy: Turkey 1923-1939

Peter Kriedte, Hans Medick, Jürgen Schlumbohm, Industrialization Before Industrialization

Bruce McGowan, Economic Life in Ottoman Europe

Maurice Aymard, ed., Dutch Capitalism and World Capitalism

b) Explorations in World-Economy series, published by Sage. This is a new series which is distinguished from Cambridge series by being exclusively publications that emanate from the Center's own research. The first two publications are 1) a collection of essays by Terence Hopkins, Immanuel Wallerstein, and colleagues, entitled World-Systems Analysis: Theory and Methodology, and 2) the edited papers of the first U.S. - U.S.S.R. world labor colloquium, Labor in the World Social Structure.
c) Review

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V. Visiting Research Associates

Luca Meldolesi (Economics, Univ. of Rome) and Nicoletta Stame (Italian sociologist) spent two months with us in September-October 1981.

VI. Public Lectures

Oct. 15, 1981 - Luca Meldolesi, "Crisis of Marxism"
Oct. 24, 1981 - co-sponsored with Art Gallery Symposium called "Image War"
Oct. 29, 1981 - Luca Meldolesi, "Class and Dependence: The Merging of Two Lines of Thought"
Nov. 2, 1981 - Martin Legassick, "South Africa: An Impending Revolution?"
Nov. 10, 1981 - Joan Smith, Robert Melville, Paul Mc Gouldrick, "Forum: Economics of Women's Employment" co-sponsored with Economics and Women's Studies
Feb. 4, 1981 - Ruth First, "Current Research of Centro de Estudos Africanos, Univ. Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique"
Mar. 1, 1982 - Bereket Habte Sellassie, "Eritrea: The Unfinished Revolution"
Mar. 10, 1982 - Jane Kaplan, "Sexism and Sexology: Homosexuality in the Nineteenth Century" (co-spons. with History and Women Studies)
Mar. 23, 1982 - Øyvind Østerud, "Historical Development and Relative Backwardness"
Mar. 24, 1982 - Thomas Kuczynski, "Some Considerations on an Escalation Model of Capitalist Development (Kondratieff Cycles)"
Apr. 1, 1982 - Hugo Radice, "Capitalist Strategy for Reestablishing Accumulation in Great Britain and Elsewhere"
Apr. 5, 1982 - Alice Thorner, "Working Class Women in Indian Slums" (co-sponsored with History and Women's Studies)
Apr. 22, 1982 - George Lamming, "Literature, Culture, and Politics in the Caribbean" (co-sponsored with African and Afro-American Studies)

VII. Monthly Seminars

Nov. 4, 1981 - John Roemer, Univ. of California, Davis, "New Directions in the Marxian Theory of Exploitation and Class"
Dec. 9, 1981 - Dale Tomich, SUNY-Binghamton, "The Crisis of Sugar Production and the Dissolution of Slavery in Nineteenth Century Martinique"; and Marta Petrusewicz, Harvard Univ., "Rise, Consolidation, and Fall of the Latifundium System in the 19th Century Southern Italy"
Mar. 3, 1982 - Gyorgy Ranki, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, "Development and Underdevelopment in Nineteenth-Century Europe: The Case of the European Periphery"
Apr. 14, 1982 - Kazimierz Frieske, Polish Academy of Sciences, "The Polish Crisis: U.S. Analyst Perspective vs. Polish Perspective" (no text available)

The Collected Papers are available at $4.00.

VIII. Delegations

The Center hosted a visiting delegation from the University of Luanda on May 5, 1982. It comprised the Rector, Dr. João Filipe Martins, and four other senior officials.

IX. Dissertation Grants

Resat Kasaba, research assistant at the Center and graduate student in sociology, has received a dissertation grant from NSF to do field work on his thesis: "The Peripheralization of the Ottoman Empire/Turkey, 1840-1918."
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