I. Research Working Groups

We now distinguish between "Research Working Groups" (RWGs) and "Collegia." RWGs are what we call groups engaged in collective research. They have an intellectual problem they have defined and a research strategy they have mapped out. The members assign each other research tasks and meet regularly to review problems and progress. Often they seek outside funds to pursue this research, but seldom without having first passed through an unfunded period in which they did considerable preliminary work. We currently have seven such groups. Collegia are groups which have a common area of concern and meet regularly to discuss it. They may wish to continue in this fashion indefinitely, or they may arrive at a point when they are ready to transform themselves into an RWG. They normally do not apply for research grants, but may well apply for smaller sums, for example to convene a colloquium. We presently have five such groups.

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

The application to NSF was successful. We received a grant of $55,236 for a 15-month project on "commodity chains in the world-economy prior to 1800." The group is studying two "chains" in the European world-economy, one leading up to naval construction and one to the production of wheat flour, over the period 1590-1790. The object is to ascertain the geographic spread of such chains, the relations of production located at the various links of the chain, and the degree to which the structure of the chains was reconstructed as a result of cyclical movements in the world-economy.

In addition, two issues of the Newsletter on Long Waves have been published jointly with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. This had been decided upon at the International Round Table on Long Waves which we sponsored in the spring of 1983. It seems to have gotten wide circulation, as we have had a number of requests to be added to the mailing list.

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

This project which seeks to analyze the links between changing household structures and shifting patterns of the world-economy--by comparing developments in various economic subregions of the United States, Mexico, and southern Africa over 100 years of time--has continued very actively. Three members of the team went "to the field" this year--to Mexico, South Africa, and Puerto Rico. We should be able to complete this project in the coming year.
Three papers of the group were presented this past year at meetings and are available upon request:


- 45th International Congress of Americanists, Bogotá, July 1-7, 1985: Joan Smith, "Households, Economies and the Social Environment"

c) World Labor

The group has developed a research project for the next few years. It intends to study the world-wide pattern of forms of labor protest over the past 100 years. To create data on these protests, it intends to do content analysis of certain world-coverage newspapers. The hypotheses revolve around two distinctions: one between what the group calls "political labor movements" (groups which believe that the acquisition of state power by "labor" is a crucial middle-term objective) and "social labor movements" (groups which proceed otherwise); and one between "marketplace bargaining power" (ability to deny labor-power to employers) and "workplace bargaining power" (ability to disrupt production at the workplace). The group intends to investigate whether shifts in the kinds of bargaining power of labor leads to shifts in the form of protest movements.

The group participated in the IIInd International Forum on the History of the Labor Movement and the Working Class at UNESCO in Paris, June 26-28, 1985. Immanuel Wallerstein, a member of the coordinating committee of the Forum, co-chaired Section IV: "Cyclical Processes in the World-Economy and Their Impact on Workers' Movements." Three papers were given at various sections of the Forum and are available upon request:

- Giovanni Arrighi and Beverly Silver, "Labor and Long Waves"

- Jamie F. Dangler, "Cottage Industries and Putting-Out System: Old and New Forms"

- Joan Smith, "Woman and the Recomposition of the Labor Force"

A volume edited by Melvyn Dubofsky, Technological Change and Workers' Movements, has now appeared in our Sage series. This volume is one of the outcomes of our binational colloquia held under the aegis of the American Council of Learned Societies - U.S.S.R. Academy of Social Sciences Binational Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences. Under this same aegis, we hosted the visit in November 1984 of Timur Timofeev, Director of the Institute of International Labour Studies (Moscow). Immanuel Wallerstein participated with Timofeev in a public presentation on world labor and social change sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. that same month.
d) **Semiperipheral States of the World-Economy**

The work of the predecessor Mediterranean group has now appeared in our Sage series: Giovanni Arrighi, ed., Semi peripheral Development: The Politics of Southern Europe in the Twentieth Century.

The group's current research is virtually complete. It is a comparative study of the determinants of state policy in a series of semiperipheral states. The group has been investigating the degree to which such policy choices are similar despite different ideological languages, and the degree to which such policies have in fact resulted in significant changes in the position in the world-economy of the countries concerned. A book should now result.

The group has prepared a new project in which it intends to investigate the degree to which there is empirical evidence for the existence and persistence of a trimodal world economic system, as opposed to a tendency for the "semiperipheral" stratum to disappear over time either because of further polarization or further convergence of the world economic band.

e) **Concepticon of the Historical Social Sciences**

The pilot project has come to an interim halt, but it is not yet completed.

f) **Southern Africa and the World-Economy**

The present project, on the trend towards creating a southern African subregion in the world-economy, will be completed in the coming year. The group received a supplementary grant of $11,585 from the Ford Foundation to enable us to continue work.

The group is now preparing a joint project with the Centro de Estudos Africanos, Maputo. The object would be to assess the limits and possibilities for the major "political actors" operating in the southern African region (governments, liberation movements, "oppositions" within the independent African states, world powers) to affect political and economic outcomes in the next 15 years. It would look at the region as a whole, and in the context of long-term structural trends in the world-economy and the region.

g) **The Ottoman Empire and the World-Economy**

The group has begun work on transformations in the eastern Mediterranean, 1840-1920, in zones that were part of or had recently broken away from the Ottoman Empire. The data concerns economic changes in a number of port cities which specialized in export-import operations. The group is looking at the rise of new mercantile groups and the political impact brought about by the integration into the world-economy.

On Nov. 9-10, 1984, the group sponsored (in conjunction with the South West Asia and North Africa program) a colloquium on "The Ottoman Empire and World Capitalism." Attendance was large. Papers given by Center members
included: Immanuel Wallerstein, "Introductory Remarks on the Ottoman Empire and World Capitalism"; Resat Kasaba, "Was There a Compradore Bourgeoisie in Mid-Nineteenth Century Western Anatolia?"; Faruk Tabak, "Local Merchants in Peripheral Areas of the Empire"; Çağlar Keyder, "The Genesis of Bureaucratic Reformism". Çağlar Keyder is editing a book for our Sage series, from the papers prepared for the conference.

The group received two small grants from the Institute of Turkish Studies, one for $500 to aid library collections, and one for $2000 for a mini-seminar on The Ottoman Empire, to be held during the coming year.

II. Collegia

Four collegia have met regularly and will continue their work as collegia during the coming year.

a) Women, Culture, and Society
b) Latin America
c) Methods of World-Systems Analysis
d) The Interstate System

The South Asia group is transforming itself into a Research Working Group. It has been drafting a long paper on the research issues concerning the relationship of the Indian subcontinent to the world-economy from 1600-1950.

The group is organizing two sessions at the 14th Annual Conference on South Asia, Nov. 1-3, 1985. In the first panel entitled "The Incorporation and Peripheralization of South Asia, 1600-1950," the group will present the above paper. It will be discussed by Professors Nicholas Dirks (Cal. Tech.), Robert Frykenberg (Wisconsin), and David Ludden (Pennsylvania). The group is also organizing a second panel on "South Asia in the Modern World-System: Some Responses":

CHAIR: Prof. Robert Frykenburg (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

PAPERS:

David Rudner (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia)
"Indigenous Banking Practices and the Finance of Intra-Asian Trade, 1500-1900"

Gyan Prakash (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia)
"Reorganization of Production Relations in South Asia: Changing Forms of Bonded Labour in South Bihar, 1300-1930"

Iftikhar Ahmad (State University of New York at Binghamton)
"The Colonial State in South Asia: An Analysis of State Formation and Policies in Colonial Sind"

DISCUSSANTS: The South Asia Research Working Group at the Fernand Braudel Center, SUNY-Binghamton
The Director was invited to attend the International Seminar on the Indian Ocean organized by the United Nations University in New Delhi, Feb. 20-23, 1985. He gave a paper entitled "The Incorporation of the Indian Subcontinent into the Capitalist World-Economy" (available upon request). The South Asia RWG will remain in contact with the network of research centers working on the Indian Ocean area which was established during this meeting.

III. Other Conferences and Colloquia

a) VIIth International Colloquium on the World-Economy, Dakar, May 20-22, 1985

These colloquia are co-sponsored annually by the Center, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, and the Starnberger Institut zur Erforschung Globaler Strukturen, Entwicklungen und Krisen. The local co-sponsor this year was the Forum du Tiers-Monde (Africa office). The theme was "Theory and Practice of National Development in the Third World Since 1945."

The sessions were as follows:

I: The Ideology of Development (particularly in the light of African experience)
- papers by Fayaçal Yachir (Forum du Tiers-Monde) and by Zen Tadesse (Forum du Tiers-Monde)

II: The Interplay of Class Struggle and National Liberation in the Third World
- papers by G. Arrighi, T.K. Hopkins & I. Wallerstein (FBC), and by Peter Anyang Nyong'o (Addis Ababa Univ.)

III: East-West Conflict in the Light of Development Needs of the Third World
- papers by F. Fröbel, J. Heinrichs & O. Kreye (Starnberger Institut) and by Samir Amin (Forum du Tiers-Monde)

IV: The Role of States in National Development
- papers by Michel Beaud (MSH) and by Aníbal Quijano (Centro de Investigaciones Sociales, Univ. San Marcos, Lima)

V: International Institutions and Development
- papers by Herb Addo (Institute of International Relations, Univ. of the West Indies, Trinidad) and by Marc Nerfin (IFDA, Geneva)

The Center paper by Arrighi, Hopkins & Wallerstein entitled "The Liberation of Class Struggle?" is available upon request.
b) U.S. - French colloquia

The Center is organizing in cooperation with the network of Paris university research centers called GEMDEV (GIS Economie mondiale, Tiers-Monde, Développement) the first of a series of colloquia, to be held at Binghamton, Nov. 7-9, 1985 on the theme, "The Present Downturn of the World-Economy Compared to Previous Downturns." The organizer on the French side is Michel Beaud, the coordinator of GEMDEV.

c) Other UNU colloquia

The Center continues to participate in the UNU-New Social Thought project. For their Symposium No. 1, held in Colchester (UK), Nov. 5-7, 1984, on "World Crisis or World Transformation?" the Director wrote a paper entitled "Typology of Crises in the World-System" (available upon request).

The UNU Seminars on Regional Peace and Security held a meeting in Schlaining Castle (Austria), May 2-4, 1985 on "Europe's Role in Other Regions' Peace and Security." The Director gave a paper entitled "European Unity and Its Implications for the Interstate System."

d) Political Economy of the World-Systems Conferences

The IXth was held in New Orleans from Mar. 28-30, 1985 on the theme "Crises in the Caribbean Basin: Past and Present." Dale Tomich gave a paper on "White Days, Black Days: The Working Day and the Crisis of Caribbean Slavery." The Xth Conference will be held at San Francisco State Univ. on Mar. 6-8, 1986 on the theme "Rethinking the Nineteenth Century: Contradictions and Movements." The organizer is Prof. Francisco O. Ramírez of the Dept. of Sociology.

e) Other colloquia attended

The Director gave papers at the following two colloquia, both available upon request:

- "Modelling Complex Systems," sponsored by the Ilya Prigogine Center for Studies in Statistical Mechanics, Univ. of Texas, Austin, Mar. 10-13: paper on "Historical Systems as Complex Systems"

- International Seminar, Istituto Ernesto Ragioneri, June 6-7, 1985, on "Areas, Regions, States: The Spatial Coordinates of Contemporary History (19th-20th Centuries)" paper on "The Space-Time of Economic Change"

IV. Publications

a) Studies in Modern Capitalism series, Cambridge Univ. Press

Michel Morineau, Ces incroyables gazettes et fabuleux métaux: les retours des trésors américains, d'après les gazettes hollandais (16e-18e siècles)

Antoni Maczak, Henryk Samsonowicz & Peter Burke, eds., East-Central Europe in Transition: From the Fourteenth to the Seventeenth Century

Lucette Valensi, Tunisian Peasants in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries
b) *Explorations in the World-Economy* series, Sage Publications

Melvyn Dubofsky, ed., *Technological Change and Workers' Movements*  
(content listed in Newsletter No. 8)

Giovanni Arrighi, ed., *Semiperipheral Development: The Politics of Southern Europe in the Twentieth Century*

*Introduction by G. Arrighi*

**Part I: The Formation of the Southern European Semiperiphery**

The Relevance of the Concept of Semiperiphery to the Analysis of Southern Europe, by I. Wallerstein (SUNY-Binghamton)

Nation-States and Interregional Disparities of Development, by M. Aymard (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris)

Problems of Southern European Economic Development (1918-38), by G. Ranki (Indiana University and Hungarian Acad. of Sci.)

Incorporation is Peripheralization: Contradictions of Southern Europe's Economic Development, by K. Papadantonakis (Essex Community College)

Core Demand for Labor from Southern Europe: The Case of Switzerland, by J. Casparis (SUNY-Binghamton)

**Part II: The Post-War Transition**

The American Recovery of Southern Europe: Aid and Hegemony, by C. Keyder (SUNY-Binghamton)

Democracy From Above: Limits to Change in Southern Europe, by J.R. Logan (SUNY-Albany)

Semiperiphery and Core in the European Context: Reflections on the Postwar Italian Experience, by P. Lange (Duke University)

The Crisis of the Late 1960's in Italy and France and the Transition to Mature Capitalism, by S. Tarrow (Cornell University)

Fascism to Democratic Socialism: Logic and Limits of a Transition, by G. Arrighi (SUNY-Binghamton)
c) **Review. The contents of Volume VIII are as follows:**

### VIII, 1, Summer 1984

**Samir Amin**  
Income Distribution in the Capitalist System

**Chibuzo Nnate Nwoke**  
World Mining Rent: An Extension of Marx's Theories

**Alvin Y. So**  
The Process of Incorporation into the Capitalist World-System: The Case of China in the Nineteenth Century

**Sharon Stichter**  
The Impact of the Depression on Workers' Movements in East and Central Africa, 1936

**Terry Boswell & Diane Mitsch Bush**  
Labor Force Composition and Union Organizing in the Arizona Copper Industry: A Comment on Jiménez

### VIII, 2, Fall 1984

**Immanuel Wallerstein**  
Introduction

**Aquino de Bragança & Bridget O'Laughlin**  
The Work of Ruth First in the Centre of African Studies: The Development Course

**John S. Saul**  
Development Studies for Social Change in Southern Africa

**Bernard Magubane**  
The Mounting Class and National Struggles in South Africa

**Harold Wolpe**  
Strategic Issues in the Struggle for National Liberation in South Africa

**Jeanne Marie Penvenne**  
Labor Struggles at the Port of Lourenço Marques, 1900-1933

### VIII, 3, Winter 1985

**Dorothy Dee Vellenga**  
Women, Households, and Food Commodity Chains in Southern Ghana: Contradictions Between the Search for Profit and the Struggle for Survival

**Serge-Christophe Kolm**  
Pétrole: Le tentacule caché

**Ferenc Feher**  
The French Revolution: Between Class Identity and Universalist Illusions
FROM OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO MODERN STATE

Murat Cizakça
Incorporation of the Middle East into the European World-Economy

Korkut Boratav, A. Gündüz Ökçün, Sevket Pamuk
Ottoman Wages and the World-Economy, 1839-1913

Faruk Birtek
The Rise and Fall of Etatism in Turkey, 1932-1950: The Uncertain Road in the Restructuring of a Semiperipheral Economy

VIII, 4, Spring 1985

Quantitative Studies of the World-System

Christopher Chase-Dunn
Introduction

Charles C. Ragin
Knowledge and Interests in the Study of the Modern World-System

Pat McGowan
Pitfalls and Promise in the Quantitative Study of the World-System: A Reanalysis of Bergesen and Schoenberg's "Long Waves" of Colonialism

Albert Bergesen
How to Model the Cyclical Dynamics of the World-System: A Reply to Pat McGowan

Ronald Schoenberg
Statistical Models Must Be Appropriate: A Reply to Pat McGowan

Roger J. Nemeth & David A. Smith
International Trade and World-System Structure: A Multiple Network Analysis

Kathryn B. Ward
The Social Consequences of the World Economic System: The Economic Status of Women and Fertility

Albert Bergesen & Chintamani Sahoo
Evidence of the Decline of American Hegemony in World Production
d) Other. The Center continues to edit material for Sviluppo, a research journal in Italian. The Center has printed three brochures: Activities (as of Fall 1984), Contents of Review (Volumes I-VIII), and Publications List. All are available upon request.

V. Visiting Research Associates

New visitors last year were Tjorborn Knutsen who was here in the fall of 1984, and Dag Tangen (Norwegian School of Management, Bekkestua) who stayed the year.

VI. Campus Events

a) Public Lectures

Sept. 17, 1984: Peter Murray, Sociology, Trinity College, Dublin, "Dublin: Dependent Development in the Nineteenth Century."


Nov. 15, 1984: Fikile Bam, lawyer and former political prisoner, "Apartheid and the Struggle for Freedom in South Africa," co-sponsored by BSU and LASU.

Nov. 20, 1984: Paul Kurian, Exec. Director, Center for Education and Communication, New Delhi, "Communalism and the Current Situation in India," co-sponsored by ISA, SGSO, HCSO, and PSGSO.


Jan. 22, 1985: Ralph Heyndels, Director, Centre de Sociologie de la Littérature, Univ. Libre de Bruxelles, "What is Ideology?" co-sponsored by Comparative Literature and Romance Languages.


Feb. 24, 1985: Elomba Braith, Patrice Lumumba Coalition, & Michael Bar-Am, ex-Israeli soldier, "Open Discussion on Palestine and Israel," co-sponsored by Palestine Solidarity Committee, LASC, SWANA, CSA, PRSP, MSA, BSU, and LASU.


Apr. 9, 1985: Peter J. Taylor, editor, Political Geography Quarterly, Univ. of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, "The Poverty of Socialist Practice."

Apr. 12, 1985: Robert Mendoza, Third World Witness for Peace, "Native People of the Americas: Revolution or Counter-Revolution?" co-sponsored by SGSO, ISA, and LASC.


Apr. 29, 1985: Teodor Shanin, chair, Sociology, Univ. of Manchester, "The Late Marx and the Russian Revolution," co-sponsored by History, Sociology, and SGSO.

b) Monthly Seminar


Dec. 4, 1984: Agnes Heller & Ferenc Feher, La Trobe Univ., Australia, "Are There Prospects for Change in the U.S.S.R. and Eastern Europe?"


The papers of the Monthly Seminar may be purchased for $5.00.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Our new telephone number is (607) 777-4924.