I. Research Working Groups

a. Comparative Hegemonies

This is one of two RWG's which together constitute the work under the MacArthur grant (see Newsletter 13) on "Hegemony and Rivalry in the World-System: Trends and Prospective Consequences of Geopolitical Realignments, 1500-2025."

Starting with the assumption that there have been three instances of a hegemony within the capitalist world-economy (the UP in part of the seventeenth century, the UK in part of the nineteenth, and the US in part of the twentieth), the focus of the research is on structural/institutional change that has been associated with the transition from one hegemony to the next. The three principal structures/institutions that will be analyzed are high finance; productive enterprise/interenterprise system; structures of everyday life.

b. Trajectory of the World-System

This is the second RWG established under the MacArthur grant. It is analyzing the historical trajectory from 1945-90 of a series of "vectors" of the world-system such as: geopolitical structuring; security; geography of world capital; state cohesion; work situation of world labor force; antisystemic movements; gender equality and household structures; science and knowledge as ideological cement of system; religious theology, institutions, and movements; food, nutrition, and agriculture; structure of "peasantries"; economic development of the periphery. The list is incomplete. For each of the vectors there will an attempt to project plausible developments for the period 1990-2025.

The group then intends to put together the vectors; analyze the degree to which their trajectories are reinforcing or undermining the stability of the world-system; assess the overall trajectory from 1945-1990; and project plausible (possible alternate) scenarios for the period 1990-2025.

c. Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in the Capitalist World-Economy

This group is continuing its work as described in Newsletter 14: the analysis of how gender, race, and ethnicity were constructed in the course of the incorporation of various areas into the capitalist world-economy.
Southern Africa and the World-Economy

The joint project with the Centro de Estudos Africanos (Maputo) has been completed. It will be published circa November 1991 as Sergio Vieira, William G. Martin, and Immanuel Wallerstein, coordinators, How Fast the Wind? Southern Africa, 1975-2000. The publisher is Africa World Press. It is expected we will arrange co-publication in both Zimbabwe and South Africa. The book will be translated into Portuguese and published in Lisbon in 1992. Two international colloquia on the themes treated in the book are being planned for 1992: one in Maputo, Mozambique and one in Lisbon.

The group is completing this year its other manuscript which treats the creation of a southern African "region" in the period 1900-1970.

e. World Labor

The World Labor Group has completed the first stage of a massive compilation of data on labor unrest from 1870 to the present based on newspaper reports from the New York Times and The London Times. The first results from analyses of the data by the members of the group will be published as a special issue of Review in 1992. Chapters in the special issue will include: (1) discussion of the conceptualization and measurement issues involved in the project; (2) reliability studies which compare time series derived from our data with already existing primary and secondary sources for selected countries (the US, Italy, Germany, Argentina, Poland, South Africa, Egypt); (3) data on labor unrest from 1906 to the present for the world-economy as a whole and broken down both by region and by core, semiperiphery, and periphery; and (4) assessments of our data in light of hypotheses about labor unrest and cycles of world hegemony as well as labor unrest and core-periphery relations.

Preliminary versions of these chapters have been presented at several conferences during the past year including the Socialist Scholars Conference in Sydney, Australia (September 1990), the Collective Action Events and Cycles of Protest Research Workshop, Cornell University (October 1990), and the 1991 American Sociological Association and American Political Science Association Annual Meetings.

f. Commodity Chains

The group expects to complete its manuscript this year on the shifting structures of commodity chains of shipbuilding and wheat flour in the European world-economy from 1590-1790.

II. Conferences sponsored by the Fernand Braudel Center

a. XI International Colloquium on the World-Economy

This colloquium, co-sponsored as always by the Starnberger Institut, and the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, took place in Starnberg (Germany) from June 28-30. The theme was "1989: The End of an Era?" The program was as follows: 
The Future of Geopolitical Alignments  
Theotonio dos Santos (Univ. Brasilia)  
Discussant: Abdellatif Benachenhou (UNESCO)

The Future of National Development  
Samir Amin (Forum du Tiers-Monde, Dakar)  
Discussant: Heinz-Rudolf Sonntag (CENDES, Caracas)

The Future of Antisystemic Movements  
Giovanni Arrighi, Terence K. Hopkins, & Immanuel Wallerstein (Fernand Braudel Center)  
Discussant: Silviu Brucan (Bucharest)

The Future of Socialism  
Perry Anderson (UCLA)  
Discussant: Tamás Szentes (Budapest Univ. of Economics)

The Future of the World Capitalist System as a Whole  
Folker Fröbel, Jürgen Heinrichs, & Otto Kreye (Starnberger Institut)  
Discussant: Amiya K. Bagchi (Center for Study of Social Sciences, Calcutta)

In addition, other participants were Elmar Altvater (Berlin), Karl-Heinz Domdey (Berlin), Andre Gunder Frank (Amsterdam), Alain Joxe (Paris), Caglar Keyder (Istanbul), Margit Köppen (Frankfurt), Peter Lock (Berlin), William Martin (Urbana), Kinhide Mushakoji (Yokohama), Pu Shan (Beijing), and Birgit Sommer (Osnabrück).

The paper by Arrighi, Hopkins, and Wallerstein is available upon request.

b. IVth Biennial Conference on the Ottoman Empire and the World-Economy

Jointly sponsored with the Southwest Asian & North African Studies Program (SWANA) of SUNY-Binghamton, and the Institute of Turkish Studies, this conference took place in Binghamton on Nov. 16-17, 1990. About 50 persons attended. The theme was "Manufacturing in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey, 1500-1980." The program was given in Bulletin No. 14. The papers are being prepared for publication.

c. "Evolution of Western Societies and the World-System, 19th-21st Centuries"

A series of three conferences jointly sponsored with IMEMO (Moscow) and the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme is planned. The first of these, dealing with the period "1914-Today" was held in Paris, Jan. 10-12, 1991. The program was:

Session I: Overall Transformations and Main Trends of the Period

Vladimir Andreff: "Les multinationales de 1914 à nos jours: De l'émergence à la banalisation"  
Giovanni Arrighi: "The Long Twentieth Century: A Preliminary Sketch"  
Victor I. Kouznetsov: "Evolution des droits de propriété et des relations économiques depuis 1914"
Session II: Structures of accumulation/modes of regulation/long cycles

David M. Gordon: "Winning the Battle for Global Hegemony on the Home Front: The Role of New Production Relations in the Emergence of Postwar U.S. International Dominance"


Andrei V. Poletayev: "How Many Kondratiev Cycles Were There in the Twentieth Century?"

Session III: Patterns of Hegemony in the World-System

Bruce Cumings: "Archaeology, Descent, Emergence: Japan in American Hegemony, 1900 to Present"

V.L. Mal'kov: "The 'Russian Question' in the Context of Pax Americana"

Albert Broder: "Finances, crédits bancaires, industrie et technique, 1918-1939: Une comparaison franco-allemande"

Session IV: Structures of Knowledge: Representations and New Paradigms

Alain Lipietz: "Paradigmatic Shift: Labour Movement and the 'Great Transformation'"


Monna Ranneva

Session V: Patterns of Social Movements

Ivan Szelenyi: "Ideologies of the Third Way: Eastern Europe on the European Semiperiphery"

Irina M. Saval'eva: "Evolution of Social Movements in the Twentieth Century"

Zsuzsa Hegedus: "Les mouvements sociaux de l'Après-Guerre, sont-ils si différents à l'Est et à l'Ouest?"

The papers of Giovanni Arrighi and Immanuel Wallerstein are available upon request.

d. Humanistic Dilemmas: Translation in the Humanities and Social Sciences

This conference is co-sponsored by the Center for Research in Translation (CRIT) of SUNY-Binghamton, and will take place in Binghamton, Sept. 26-28, 1991, with assistance from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program is as follows:

I. Theoretical Issues

Eugene A. Nida (United Bible Societies), "Translation: Possible and Impossible"

Lawrence Venuti (Temple University), "Translation as a Social Practice; or, The Violence of Translation"

Sian Reynolds (University of Stirling), "A Problem of the Longue Durée: Twenty Years of Translating Braudel"

Immanuel Wallerstein (SUNY-Binghamton), "Scholarly Concepts: Translation or Interpretation?"
II. The Freud Controversy

Margareta Bowen (Georgetown University), "Sigmund Freud as Translator"
Michèle Pollak-Cornillot (Université de Paris-Nord), "Freud as Translator: Suggestions for Translating Freud?"
Darius Gray Ornston Jr. (Greenville Hospital System and Medical University of South Carolina), "The Recognition of Strachey's Freud"
Colette Chiland (Centre Alfred Binet and Université de Paris IV-René Descartes), "We Want to Read Freud in French"
Rosemary Arrojo (Universidade Estadual de Campinas), "Laplanche Translates the Father of Psychoanalysis: The Main Scenes of a Family Romance"

III. Translation of Canonical Texts

Guenther Roth (Columbia University), "Translating Max Weber: Muffled Voice and Deaf Ears"
Anne D. Cordero (George Mason University), "Gender Terminology in De Beauvoir and Her Translators"
Michael Goldfield (Cornell University), "Mistranslations and Misinterpretations of Marx's Kapital"
Douglas Kibbee and Robert Jones (University of Illinois-Urbana), "Durkheim in Translation, Durkheim and Translation"

IV. The Challenges of Official Equivalencies

José Lambert (Katholieke Universiteit-Leuven and Georg-August Universität-Göttingen), "Societies, Language Policies, and Translation Strategies"
Christina Schäffner (Saxon Academy of Sciences), "Equivalence Problems in CSCE-documents"
Sue Ellen Wright (Kent State University) "Terminology Management: Applications to the Humanities and Social Sciences"
To be announced. Representative from the United Nations Discussant: Pierre-Etienne Laporte, Conseil de la Langue, Cité de Québec

V: Roundtable and Debate

III. Other Conferences

a. XVth Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) Conference

The Conference was held on Mar. 28-30, 1991 in Honolulu on the theme "Pacific-Asia and the Future of the World-System." It was organized by Prof. Ravi Palat, formerly Research Projects Administrator of the Fernand Braudel Center. Papers by Center Associates included:

Giovanni Arrighi, Satoshi Ikeda, and Alex Irwan, "The Rise of East Asia: One Miracle or Many?" (available upon request)
Iftikar Ahmad, "Antisystemic Movements in the Periphery: Trends and Trajectories in South Asia"

A volume is in preparation and will be published by Greenwood Press.
b. Association of Asian Studies, 43rd Annual Meeting

Kenneth Barr and Suraj Kumar, Research Associates of the Center, organized a panel on "Historical Writing and Representations of India." They each offered a paper which is available upon request:

Kenneth Barr, "The Formation of Historical Discourse on the English East India Company"
Suraj Kumar, "The Return of the Native: Indian Ocean Studies and New Historical Studies"

c. XVIth PEWS Conference

The conference will be held at Duke University on April 16-18, 1992. The theme is "Commodity Chains and Global Capitalism." The organizers plan panels on the following subthemes:

(a) The Geography of Commodity Chains. Spatial patterns of local, national, regional, and global production and distribution networks in global capitalism.

(b) Families, Social Networks, and Non-wage-labor Components of Commodity Chains. Changes in the social embeddedness of markets and firms.

(c) Fordism and Flexible Specialization Reconsidered: Patterns of Concentration and Dispersion in Global Commodity Chains. Differences between global mass production structures and flexible networks of buyers, suppliers, and subcontractors.

(d) State Policies and Global Commodity Chains. The impact of state policies and political institutions on transnational production networks and economic organizations.

(e) Race, Gender, and Ethnicity Patterns of Global Commodity Chains. The significance of race, gender, and ethnicity among workers and entrepreneurs in the global manufacturing system.

(f) Reorganizing Commodity Chains: The Impact of Long Cycles. The long-term cyclical swings in the location of production processes between core, semiperipheral, and peripheral areas of the world-economy.

Those wishing to offer papers should send a detailed abstract by December 1, 1991 to both co-organizers of this conference:

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d. Papers delivered at other conferences

The following papers were delivered by Center members at other conferences and are available upon request:


IV. Colloquia

The Center has again sponsored colloquia on campus.

a. "The 1990's: What May We Expect?"

Sept. 17: Brian van Arkadie (Economic Research Bureau, Univ. of Dar es Salaam), "Any Hope for Economic Improvement in the Third World?"

Oct. 8: Andrei Fursov (INION, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences), "Will the Soviet Union Stay a Union, and If So, How?"

Oct. 29: Philip McMichael (School of Agriculture, Cornell Univ.), "Class Diets and Trajectories in World Agriculture: Food For Thought"

Nov. 26: Peter Taylor (Univ. of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.), "What Prospects, Europe, After 1992?"

Feb. 11: Shafqat Khan (Vice-President, major New York bank), "The Future of World Banking"

Apr. 22: Farshad Araghi (Postdoctoral fellow, Fernand Braudel Center), "The Future of Iran"

b. "Culture and the World-System"

This colloquium was co-sponsored by the Office of the Albert Schweitzer Chair. It was co-chaired by Anthony King and Ali A. Mazrui. The theme for the year was "Unequal Cultural Exchange: Education and Knowledge."
Sept. 13: Panel Discussion: Linda Biemer (SEHD), Carole Davies (Women's Studies), Ali Mazrui (Schweitzer Chair), Immanuel Wallerstein (Fernand Braude Center), Discussant: Stephen David Ross ( Philosophy), "Eurocentricism in Education, Knowledge and Information: Can it be Helped?"

Oct. 4: Martin Bernal (Author of Black Athena, Political Science, Cornell Univ.), "Ancient Greece and Modern Racism: Western Self-Images"


Nov. 15: A Conversation with President Lois B. DeFleur, "Diversity and the Challenge of Cultural Balance"

Feb. 7: Nkiru Nzegwu (Art and Art History, Philosophy, SUNY-Binghamton), "Visual Metaphors: Art in Oral Tradition"

Feb. 28: Jeffner Allen (Philosophy, SUNY-Binghamton), and students from "Colonization and Decolonization" graduate class, Roundtable Discussion: "Colonization and Decolonization in the US Today: Some Pedagogical Implications"

Mar. 21: Maureen Turim (Cinema, SUNY-Binghamton), "Contesting Voices in the Chinese Cinema"

Apr. 11: Sandra Cypess (Romance Languages and Literatures, SUNY-Binghamton), "La Malinche and the Conquest: Issues of Gender, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in Mexico"

c. "What Next in Southern Africa"

This was a special program presented in the framework of the Forum sponsored by the Collegiate Masters and OCC. Participants were Kavazueva Nguruka, Jose Mota Lopes, Emmett Schaefer, Darryl C. Thomas, and Immanuel Wallerstein.

V. Publications

a. Review

The contents of Vol. XIV, 1991, were as follows:

XIV, 1, Winter 1991

José Carlos Escudero The Logic of the Biosphere, The Logic of Capitalism--Nutrition in Latin America
ANTHROPOLOGY: PARADISE LOST?

Michel-Rolph Trouillot
Anthropology as Metaphor: The Savage's Legacy and the Postmodern World

Anjan Ghosh
The Stricture of Structure, or the Appropriation of Anthropological Theory

DEVELOPMENTALIST THEORY BEFORE 1945
(Part II)

Bipan Chandra
Colonial India: British versus Indian Views of Development

XIV, 2, Spring 1991

Ganeshwar Chand
The United States and the Origins of the Trusteeship System

LONG WAVES: THEORY AND DATA

Louis Fontvieille
The Theory of Long-Term Fluctuations: Dialectical and Historical Analysis

David M. Gordon
Inside and Outside the Long Swing: The Endogeneity/Exogeneity Debate and the Social Structures of Accumulation Approach

Arnulf Grübler & Nebojša Naklićenović
Long Waves, Technology Diffusion, and Substitution

XIV, 3, Summer 1991

Samir Amin
The Ancient World-Systems versus the Modern Capitalist World-System

Peter J. Taylor
Political Geography Within World-Systems Analysis

Lanny Thompson
The Structures and Vicissitudes of Reproduction: Households in Mexico, 1876-1970

Jon Davies
Letter from Tyneside, in the Semiperiphery of the Semi-core: A U.K. Experience
DEVELOPMENTALIST THEORY BEFORE 1945
(Part III)

Dieter Senghaas
Friedrich List and the Basic Problems of Modern Development

Bolivar Echeverría
Modernidad y capitalismo: Quince tesis

Robert A. Denemark
The State in Zambia and Chile: The Role of Linkage to the World-Economy

Dave Broad
Global Economic Restructuring and the (Re)Casualization of Work in the Center: With Canadian Illustrations

b. Studies in Modern Capitalism

This series, a joint enterprise with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, and published by Cambridge Univ. Press, has produced two volumes in 1991:

Stuart Woolf, ed., Domestic Strategies: Work and Family in France and Italy, 1600-1800

Immanuel Wallerstein, Geopolitics and Geoculture: Essays on the Changing World-System

c. Other publications

(1) The proceedings of the IIInd Biennial Conference on the Ottoman Empire and the World-Economy has been published by SUNY Press in 1991. It is titled Landholding and Commercial Agriculture in the Middle East, and is edited by Caglar Keyder and Faruk Tabak.

(2) The proceedings of the Third Annual Symposium which was sponsored by the Dept. of Art and Art History of SUNY-Binghamton in association with the Fernand Braudel Center in April 1989 has been published as Anthony D. King, ed., Culture, Globalization and the World-System. Distribution in North America is by MRTS, SUNY-Binghamton, and outside North America by Macmillan.

(3) The proceedings of the international conference the Center co-sponsored in 1986 (see Bulletin No. 10, 4-6) have been published as Sugata Bose, ed., South Asia and World Capitalism, New Delhi: Oxford Univ. Press, 1990.
VI. Visiting Research Associates


Sept.-Oct. 1990: Andrei Fursov, INION, Head of Dept. of Asian & African Countries, Moscow State Univ., funded in part by Soros Foundation

Sept.-Oct. 1990: Leo Poncelet, anthropologist, Quebec

Sept.-Dec. 1990: Liisa Laakso, Institute of Development Studies, Univ. of Helsinki

Oct.-Nov. 1990: Daniele Checchi, Dept. of Economics, Univ. degli Studi di Brescia

Nov.-Dec. 1990: Stelio Caravella, General Manager, PROGINT, Rome, Italy

Nov.-Dec. 1990: Peter Taylor, Dept. of Geography, Univ. of Newcastle upon Tyne

Mar.-May 1991: Eric Vanhaute, Fulbright Scholar, Dept. of Contemporary History, Univ. of Ghent

VII. Public Speakers

Sept. 14, 1990 - Mario Murteira, Centro de Estudos Africanos, Lisbon, "Current Changes in Portuguese-Speaking Africa"

Sept. 19, 1990 - Sadok Boubaker, Univ. de Tunis, "Colonies de traite de ble en Tunisie et relations avec les pays europeens, 17e-18e siecles"

Sept. 25, 1990 - Robert Brenner, Center for Comparative History and Social Theory, UCLA, "Regulation Theory, Regimes of Accumulation and the Current Crisis," co-sponsored with SGSU, HGSO, Sociology, History

Sept. 26, 1990 - Robert Brenner, Center for Comparative History and Social Theory, UCLA, "The Transition to Capitalism and Bourgeois Revolution: The English Revolution as a Case-Study," co-sponsored with SGSU, HGSO, Sociology, History

Oct. 16, 1990 - Andrei Fursov, Dept. of Asian and African Countries, INION, USSR Academy of Sciences, "Dynamics of Russian History, 10th-20th Centuries: The Relations of State and Class"

Oct. 23, 1990 - Andrei Fursov, Dept. of Asian and African Countries, INION, USSR Academy of Sciences, "Can We Still Use Marx's Ideas in a Post-Marxist Age?"

Oct. 26, 1990 - Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Centro de Estudos Sociais, Univ. de Coimbra, "Portugal: Semiperipheral Fordism"
Nov. 5, 1990 - Cedric Robinson, Univ. of California at Santa Barbara, "Oliver Cox and Western Historiography," co-sponsored with Dept. of Afro-American and African Studies, Afro-American GSU, Office of the Albert Schweitzer Chair

Nov. 6, 1990 - Daniele Checchi, Economics, Univ. degli Studi di Brescia, "Financial Liberalization and Income Distribution: U.K., Japan, and Australia"

Nov. 26, 1990 - Paul Stirling, Prof. Emeritus, Univ. of Kent, "Migration, Village Transformation, and National Integration: The Case of Turkey," co-sponsored with Sociology Dept., Anthropology Dept., SWANA

Dec. 5, 1990 - Jacek Kochanowicz, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and Dept. of Economics, Warsaw Univ., "Modernization from Above: Russia, Turkey, and Others"

Dec. 6, 1990 - Peter J. Taylor, Geography, Univ. of Newcastle upon Tyne, "The English and Their Englishness: 'A curiously mysterious, elusive, and little understood people'"

Mar. 11, 1991 - Neville Alexander, South African political activist, author, "The Gulf Crisis and South Africa: The Present State and Future of Political Struggle in South Africa," co-sponsored with Black Student Union, Sociology Dept., Inst. of Multi-Culturalism and International Labor, Office of the Albert Schweitzer Chair


VIII. Announcements of Colloquia


For all those on our mailing list for the Newsletter, we are making a special offer for new subscriptions as of Vol. XV, 1992. We are starting the volume with a special issue on "The New Science" and the Historical Sciences." The annual rate for individuals is $28. We are also offering a three-year subscription for $75. For each year's subscription, you may receive one of our prior special issues, from a list that follows.

In addition, we have a special subscription rate for subscribers from Asia (but not Japan), Africa, Latin America, and east-central Europe of $10 per year. For any new subscriber from these areas who purchases a three-years subscription at $30, they may obtain as a bonus three past special issues.

The list of special issues is:

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VII, 2, Fall 1983: The Household and the Large-Scale Agricultural Unit
VIII, 4, Spring 1985: Quantitative Studies of the World-System
X, 1, Summer 1986: Anniversary Issue: The Work of the Fernand Braudel Center
X, 5/6 (Supplement), Summer/Fall 1987: Incorporation into the World-Economy: How the World-System Expands
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