I. Fernand Braudel Center Instructional Program

The Fernand Braudel Center will offer a graduate seminar in Historical Social Science, FBC 500, for the fall semester, 2007. This will be the first such offering in the history of the center. The course presents an introduction to historical social science as an approach to understanding the human world independent of disciplinary boundaries within the social sciences and among the sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities. The seminar is composed of modules on time, space, and units of analysis; analytic arenas (economic, political, cultural); value terms (ethical and moral issues, diversity) as integral to analysis; and specific problems of data and methods, with possible solutions.

II. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year was awarded to Sanem Guvenç-Salgirli, graduate student in Sociology, for her project: “Class and Purity in Early Republican Turkey: A Critical Approach to Theories and Practices of Eugenics.”

Below is application information for 2008-2009

Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations
Binghamton University

NESAR AHMAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Syed Nesar Ahmad, a graduate student in sociology at Binghamton University, was killed on September 5, 1986 in the attempted hijacking of Pan Am flight 73 as it stood on the tarmac at Karachi International airport. Nesar was returning from the World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi, India, where he presented a paper on Muslim separatism in India, to the United States to defend his Ph.D. dissertation. He was a student of Immanuel Wallerstein and was affiliated with the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations where he was a member of the Research Working Group on South Asia studying the problem of the partition of British India and the emergence of Pakistan. Wallerstein worked closely with Nesar’s
widow, Fareena Sultan, to have the Ph.D. awarded posthumously and to have the dissertation published by Greenwood Press as *Origins of Muslim Consciousness in India: A World-System Perspective* (1991).

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of Nesar Ahmad’s death, a scholarship has been created by Fareena Sultan and his friends and family. The scholarship, a maximum of $2500, will be awarded once a year to a Binghamton University graduate student affiliated with the Fernand Braudel Center who is using world-systems analysis in the study of the Middle East or South Asia.

For application and information, contact:
http://fbc.binghamton.edu/ahmadscholarshipapplication.pdf

or
Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship
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email: fbcenter@binghamton.edu
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fax: 607-777-4315

**Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2008**

### III. Research Working Groups

A) **Cultural Forms of the World-System**, Richard E. Lee coordinator
This research working group met throughout 2006-2007. It was particularly concerned with conceptualizing a common intellectual question that it has begun to understand in terms of particular articulations of material practices, symbolic systems, and discursive forms widely construed, in the medium term, that have contributed to the reproduction of (or resistance to) the long-term structures of the modern world-system. The group has established an internal division of labor in areas that include literary production, music, film, painting, architecture, and it is now preparing manuscripts to be reviewed by the entire group as the next step on the way to an eventual publication.

B) **The Atlantic Slave-Plantation Complex and the Built Environment: A Multidisciplinary Approach**, Dale Tomich coordinator
The project focuses on the development of an interdisciplinary approach to the study of the built environment, material culture, and social practices in the Atlantic plantation complex. In the last several decades the Atlantic has emerged as the focal point of innovative work in transnational history. Slavery and the slave trade, African diaspora, and plantation economies of the New World are being dramatically reinterpreted through integrated perspectives that unite within a common frame of reference Europe, Africa, and the Americas from the sixteenth through the nineteenth centuries. From such a theoretical perspective, our activities focus on analysis of landscape and built environment, material culture, and social practices in the trans-Atlantic slave-plantation complex. Examination of slave trading stations, plantation houses and buildings, docks, warehouses and their role in shaping the Atlantic system offer a promising and productive horizon for multidisciplinary research combining the insights of history, archeology, anthropology, sociology, geography, art and architectural history, and literature.
IV. Distinguished Lecture

The Third Annual Distinguished Lecture, “Beyond Abyssal Thinking: From Global Lines to Ecologies of Knowledge,” was presented on October 24, 2006 by Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Professor of Sociology, University of Coimbra (Portugal) and Distinguished Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

The Fourth Annual Distinguished Lecture will be presented on October 2, 2007 by David Harvey, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, CUNY, “Uneven Geographical Development,” 5 p.m., Casadesus Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building.

V. ASA Political Economy of the World-System Section Annual Conferences

A) Call for Papers

The XXXII Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) Conference will take place 24-26 April, 2008, at Fairfield University, in Fairfield, CT. The organizers of the PEWS Conference invite papers relating to the theme, “Flows of People and Money across the World-System.”

Keynote Speakers: I. Wallerstein (Yale U.) (April 24, 2008), and Ramón Grosfoguel (UC Berkeley) (April 25, 2008).

A focus on the migration of people attempts to address the migration literature and invites people who study the multiple experiences of migrants across different zones of the world-system to enter into a dialogue with world-systems analysis. The central goal of this conference is to create multiple spaces for conversations about the movement of people across the world-system and, in symbiosis, the money flows that create the structural conditions in which the migration process occurs. The four sub-themes to be addressed in four different panels are: flows of people; flows of money; the incorporation of immigrants and immigrant experiences; and the intersection between migration studies and studies of global finance.

The Conference organizers invite abstracts on these four sub-themes as part of the overall theme elaborated above. Paper topics could include any of the following:

1. Flows of people
   - What are the past and current dynamics of mass migration?
   - How are different regions dealing with various migration pressures?
   - What are the current theoretical and methodological issues that allow those in the field of migration studies to understand present dynamics in the world-system?
   - To what extent do past migration flows explain current trends?

2. Flows of money
   - What is the significance of remittances of various migrants from the core to the periphery?
   - What are the consequences of Foreign Direct Investment and Portfolio Investment in the Triad as well as in the Periphery?
- What are the implications of the recent deregulations of financial markets across the world-system, and the link with migration flows in the world-system?
- What are the challenges related to the Dollarization in parts of the Periphery, the emergence of the Euro, financial speculation in World Cities, or the future of Petrodollars?
- What relationships exist between the liquidity roles of banks, financial fragility and economic growth in the long run?
- How will foreign capital penetration impact future standards of living in the periphery?
- What is the relation between foreign direct investments and mass migration in the world system?
- How does NAFTA create a context for differential treatment of skilled migrants, goods and flows of money on the one hand and unskilled migrants on the other hand?

3. The Incorporation of Immigrants
We invite papers in this section pertaining to the following topics:
- human smuggling & trafficking;
- the differential incorporation of migrants;
- racism and discrimination towards immigrants;
- the gendered dimension of migration;
- migrant laborers and state practices;
- public policies and asylum seekers;
- unions and immigrants;
- the future of dual citizenship; and
- the transformation of immigrants into ethnic minorities.

4. The intersection of migration studies and studies of global finance
The last panel will attempt to reflect upon the intersections of broadly conceived migration studies and the analysis of financial flows. Theoretical and methodological reflections as well as case-studies in which both topics are addressed (e.g. the Argentine crisis of 2002; the significance of remittances) are welcome, including papers that invite reflection upon past and present challenges to the world-system perspective, most notably in how to successfully incorporate migration studies and the analysis of financial flows into the evolving paradigm.

Please send your 2-3 page proposals (abstracts) or entire paper as an electronic attachment to: pew2008@yahoo.com

Alternatively, you can contact the Conference Organizers by mail:
Dr. Terry-Ann Jones & Dr. Eric Mielants
Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Donnarumma Hall 212
Fairfield University
1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824, USA

The deadline to submit proposals is December 31, 2007. Participants whose papers have been accepted will be provided with free lodging and free meals for the duration of the conference, which is free and open to the public. Tenured and tenure-track participants are encouraged to seek funding from their home institutions for transportation to the conference in Fairfield, CT.
B) 31st PEWS Conference

“Asia and the World System”
10-12 May, 2007, at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York

Welcome: Eve W. Stoddard, St. Lawrence University

Introduction: President Daniel Sullivan, St. Lawrence University
Keynote Address: Immanuel Wallerstein
“The Politics of Geopolitics: The Case of Northeast Asia”

Panel 1. Geopolitics and New Developmental Visions
Panel Moderator: Abye Assefa, St. Lawrence University
“Asia, Eurasia, Eurasianism” Boris Stremlin, Wright State University
“The Roles of Central Asia Middlemen and Marcher States in Afroeurasian World-System Synchrony”
Christopher Chase Dunn, UC Riverside, and Thomas D. Hall, DePauw University
“A New Old Construction of Asia: Geo-Economic Cooperation with Russia, a Way out for China?” John Gulick, Akita International University, Japan

Introduction: Erin McCarthy
Plenary Speaker: Elizabeth Perry, Henry Rosovsky Professor of Government Harvard University
“Chinese Conceptions of ‘Rights’: From Mencius to Mao—and Now”

Panel 2. Women, Migrants, Diasporas, and Class Struggles
Panel Moderator, Florence Molk, St. Lawrence University
“Land Rights Protests in Mainland China: A Preliminary Analysis of Their Meanings and Political Significance” Yin-wah Chu, University of Hong Kong
“China, Asia and Labor Standards after the MFA” Robert J. S. Ross, Clark University
“Trade Globalization, Internal Migration, and Regional Income Inequality in China: A Longitudinal Study” Xi Zhang, University of Pittsburgh
“Dictatorship and Development in Asia: Its Impact on the Workers of the World” Robert K. Schaeffer, Kansas State University

Panel 3. Culture, Science, Religion and Ideological Formations and Transformations in Asia
Panel Moderator, Karl Schonberg, St. Lawrence University
“Confucianism, Imperial State, and the Intellectual Class” Miin-wen Shih
“Utopystics and the Asiatic Modes of Liberation: Gurdjieffian Contributions Toward the Sociological Imaginations of Inner and Global World-Systems” Mohammad H. Tamdgidi, UMass Boston
“Communalism, Communal Violence and Nationalist Discourse in Contemporary India” Nadeem Hasnain, Fulbright Scholar, St. Lawrence University and University of Lucknow, India
“East Asia and the Future of the Emancipatory Project” Steve Sherman

Introduction: Ganesh Trichur, St. Lawrence University
Plenary Speaker: Dorothy Solinger, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Irvine, and Senior Adjunct Research Scholar at the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University
"Globalization and Labor's Losses: Insights from China, France, and Mexico"
Panel 4. Asian Environments and Historical Trajectories
Panel Moderator, John Collins, St. Lawrence University
“The Structural Analysis of India and the Modern World System from the Sixteenth to the Twenty-first Centuries” Sanjay Prasad, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and Director, Ministry of Defence, India (on leave)
“[Re]envisioning the Braudelian Super-World-Economy” Monazir Khan, Binghamton University
“Cooperation Among Riparian States in the Greater Mekong Subregion: Past and Future” Han Honguyn, Zhejiang University, and Sitanon Jesdpipat, WWF Greater Mekong Programme, Bangkok
“Aquaculture Commodity Chains and Threats to Food Security and Survival of Philippine Fishing Households” Wilma A. Dunaway, Virginia Tech, and M. Cecilia Macabuac, Xavier University, Philippines

Concluding Remarks: Ganesh Trichur

VI. Review

XXX, 1, 2007
Boaventura de Sousa Santos, “Beyond Abyssal Thinking: From Global Lines to Ecologies of Knowledges”

XXX, 2, 2007

REMEMBERING STEPHEN G. BUNKER (1944-2006)
Denis O’Hearn, “Bringing the Human Back into the Material: Embodied Perception in Stephen Bunker’s Political Economy”

XXX, 3, 2007
Richard E. Lee, “Legitimating Hierarchy and Constructing Consensus, or the ‘Cultural’ Aspect of the Modern World-System: The Morant Bay Uprising, the Irish Rebellion, and English Franchise Reform”
Blaise Farina, “A Portrait of World Historical Production and World Historical Waste after 1945”

VII. Visiting Research Associates and Visitors
Fernando Correo Prado (June 2007), graduate student, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico
Zeynep Arikanli (March-June 2007), research assistant, Galatasaray Univ., Istanbul, Turkey
Cedric Beidatsch (June 2007), School of Humanities, Univ. of Western Australia
Aida Lerman Alperstein (May 2007), Dpt. de Produccion Economica, Univ. Autonoma Metropolitana,
Xochimilco, Mexico
Jee Mansoo (October 2006), Director, Beijing Office, Korea Inst. of International Economic Policy
Chang Jung-a (October 2006), Dean, Dept. of Chinese Language and Cultural Studies, Univ. of Incheon, South
Korea

VIII. Public Lectures

Susan Strehle, Binghamton University, “Unsettling Home and Homeland: Reading Global Women Writers,”
February 6, 2007

Radhika Mongia, UC-Santa Cruz and York University, “Colonial Genealogies of the Modern State: On
Sovereignty, Security, Mobility” March 29, 2007

Olivia Gomes da Cunha, Federal University and National Museum Graduate Program in Social Anthropology,
Rio de Janeiro, Visiting Assoc. Professor of History, New York University, “Learning to Serve: Domesticity in

Reinhard Bernbeck, Binghamton University, “Towards a History of Network Empires: Assyria and the United
States,” April 18, 2007

IX. Harpur College Workshops

A) Built Environments of Atlantic Slavery

April 27-28, 2007
Fernand Braudel Center, Academic A Room 330, Binghamton University
Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, Maxwell School for Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse
University and the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations,
Binghamton University

Friday April 27

Welcome: Richard E. Lee, Director, Fernand Braudel Center

Dale Tomich, Fernand Braudel Center, “Built Environments, Material Cultural and the Historical Formation of
the Spaces of Atlantic Slavery: A Conversation across Disciplines”

Panel 1. Conceptualizing the Plantation

Theresa Singleton, Anthropology, Syracuse Univ., “Plantation Buildings and Layout at Cuban Coffee
Plantations”
Charles Burroughs, Art History and Art, Case Western Reserve Univ., “From Body to Archipelago: Conceptualizing the Plantation World”

Panel 2. Social and Material Environments of Work and Leisure


Kenneth Kelly, Univ. of South Carolina, “Working Space: Archaeological Perspectives on Plantation Villages in the French West Indies”

B) Utopistics


Jamie McCallum, CUNY Graduate Center and Left Forum, “For Knowledge and Power: Radical Paradigms of American Worker Education,” May 4, 2007

C) Global Race, Crime and Social Justice


Kelvin Santiago, Binghamton University, “Global-Racial Regimes of the British and U.S. Belle Epoques,” April 24, 2007