Fernand Braudel Center Newsletter No. 35  September 2011

I. Upcoming Events, 2011-2012:

Conference: Gendered Commodity Chains: Bringing Household and Women into Global Chain Analysis

Co-Sponsored by
Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University
School of Public & International Affairs, Virginia Tech
October 14-15, 2011

FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2011

Opening Remarks Richard E. Lee (Director, Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University)

9:30 -10:30 Plenary 1: Wilma A. Dunaway (Virginia Tech)
“Globalizing Semiproletarianization: Removing the Gendered Cloak of Invisibility from Commodity Chain Analysis”

11:00 - 12:30 Session 1: Revisiting and (Re)conceptualizing Women’s Devalued Labors
Session Presider: Carmen Bain (Iowa State University)

Priti Ramamurthy (University of Washington)
Donald A. Clelland (University of Tennessee Emeritus)
“Unpaid Labor as Dark Value in Global Commodity Chains”
Dave Broad (University of Regina, CA)
“Conceptualizing Women's Work: Households, Casual Labour, and the Informal Economy”

1:45 Welcome Remarks: Peter Magrath
President, Binghamton University
Session 2: The Feminization of Global Production: Linkages between Waged Work, Subcontracting, Informal Sector and Households
Session Presider: Nicola Yeates

Robert J. S. Ross (Clark University)
“In Chains at the Bottom of the Pyramid: The Informal Economy and Sweated Labor in Global Apparel Production”

Saniye Dedeoglu (University of Mugla, Turkey)
“Women’s Work, Households and Global Industrial Production in Istanbul: The Case of Garment Industry in Turkey”

M. Cecilia Macabuac-Ferrolin (Mindanao State University, Philippines)
“Commodity Chained Fishing Households: Peasant Subsidization of Exports in a Philippine Seafood Extractive Enclave”

SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2011


Session 3: Reconceptualizing Transnational Laborers as Commodities in Global Chains
Session Presider: Tom Hall (DePauw University Emeritus)

Nicola Yeates (Open University, UK)
“Bringing in Gendered Transnational Laborers and Households into Commodity Chain Analysis: Theorising Global Care Chains”

Nadezda Shapkina (Kansas State University)
“Global Commodity Chains in the New Global Sex Trade”

Ruth Pearson (University of Leeds, UK)

Session 4: Worker Resistance, Labor Organizing and Labor Standards within Commodity Chains
Session Presider: Robert J. S. Ross (Clark University)

Marina Prieto-Carron (University of Portsmouth, UK)
“Social Reproduction and Labour Rights: Women Workers and Organizing Strategies in Nicaragua within Global Production Networks”

Carmen Bain (Iowa State University)
“Constructing Gendered Fields of Visibility: Retailer Standards for Labor in the Chilean Export Fresh Fruit Sector”

Session 5: Collective Discussion:
Strategies for Bringing Women & Households into Commodity Chain Research
Session Presider: Wilma A. Dunaway (Virginia Tech)

II. Activities, 2010-2011
Public Lectures


Fernand Braudel Center co-sponsored the Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, “The Annual CEMERS Workshop Lecture Series.”

III. Review

XXXII, 1, 2009

Political Economic Perspectives on the World Food Crisis
Philip McMichael, Special Editor

Raj Patel & Philip McMichael, “A Political Economy of the Food Riot”
Shalmali Guttal, “New and Old Faces of Hunger: Cambodia, Timor Leste, and Food Crises”
Farshad Araghi, “Accumulation by Displacement: Global Enclosures, Food Crisis, and the Ecological Contradictions of Capitalism”

XXXII, 2, 2009

Commemorating the Longue Durée

Note from the Editor
Fernand Braudel, “History and the Social Sciences: The longue durée”

XXXII, 3, 2009
Huei-Ying Kuo, “Agency amid Incorporation: Chinese Business Networks in Hong Kong and Singapore and the Colonial Origins of the Resurgence of East Asia, 1800-1940”
Eric Wilson, “Making the World Safe for Holland: De Indis of Hugo Grotius and International Law as Geoculture”
Geoffrey C. Gunn, “Timor-Leste (Former Portuguese East Timor): From Colonial Anthropology to an Anthropology of Colonialism”

XXXII, 4, 2009
Enrico Dal Lago, “‘Second Slavery,’ ‘Second Serfdom,’ and Beyond: The ‘Atlantic Plantation System’ and the Eastern and Southern ‘European Landed Estate System’ in Comparative Perspective, 1800-60”
Staughton Lynd, “Toward Another World”

IV. Visiting Research Associates

Carmen Domenech Santos, Sept. 2010-Dec. 2010, Inst. de Filosofía del CCHS-CSIC, Madrid, Spain
Alessandro Cozzutto, Sept.-June 2011, Political Studies, University of Turin, Turin, Italy
Jan Swianiewicz, Feb. 2011, Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland

V. FBC Co-sponsored Conferences

With Art History, co-sponsored the interdisciplinary conference, “Crossing the Boundaries: Conflict,” held April 15-16th, 2011.

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

A) Call for Papers

The ASA’s PEWS Section has issued a call for submissions for its 2012 conference:

Call for papers
Labor, Democracy and Global Capital
XXXVI Annual Conference on The Political Economy of the World System
Crisis and stagnation, growth and industrialization; upward mobility among the hierarchy of nations and growing inequality within nations: all these are part of the world scene. In the core nations of the world system laborers and the labor movement were able to attain a modicum of social inclusion during the middle of the 20th Century. Can this be regained or duplicated on a world scale? In the course of the 19th and Twentieth Centuries, again among the rich countries, many previously excluded or marginalized groups obtained both the formal franchise and the promise of social inclusion. Under the institutional conditions of global capitalism can democratic aspirations once again be realized? This conference will focus on Labor and Democracy for the coming era.

1. The Race to the Bottom: Labor, Environmental and Social standards in the global market. What is the evidence for geographical/political shift of investments from higher wage/ social standards jurisdictions to lower ones? What are the consequences? What should be done?

2. The Fate of the “Welfare State.” In the Era of Neoliberalism and Globalised Capital can high wage, high benefit social regimes survive? Long term trends seem to indicate rising inequality and erosion of social benefits even among the more generous of the welfare capitalist nations. Is this temporary or reversible? Can workers in peripheral social formations enjoy the fruits of growth under conditions of neoliberal competition? What can be learned from the Chinese case?

3. Democracy for Whom? Global Governance and International Financial Institutions (IFIs). The World Bank, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund have been subject to long term criticism as agents for the rich in the rich countries. But now they claim to have reformed. Have they changed, and if so how? Are the IFIs a skeleton of world governance? If so, are the Enlightenment ideals of republican and democratic government relevant to the global future? If not, how are they to be governed and by whom?

4. Formal/ informal: globalization, gender, and livelihood strategies. The flows of people from countryside to city or from poor or crisis regions to richer or growing regions highlight the challenges individuals, families, and communities face as they are incorporated into the global wage worker economy. How are formal and informal economies being (re)integrated in Northern and Southern contexts through migrations and livelihood strategies among the poor and disenfranchised? How are marginalized or subordinated groups, such as workers, women, and migrants, experiencing the global market and how are the forces of global capitalism supporting or neglecting these groups in new (or old) ways?

Submissions should be sent to pewsconference36@clarku.edu. Abstracts of 250 words on the general theme or on one of the specific subthemes, including full
contact information for all authors should be sent by December 23, 2011. Accepted will be considered for a planned edited volume. Send other inquiries to Robert J.S. Ross (rjsross@clarku.edu). The Conference will be hosted at historic Clark University in Worcester, MA.

B) 35th PEWS Conference

National Borders in the 21st Century: Political Economy of the World-System
XXXVth Annual Conference
April 28-30, 2011 Stony Brook University, SUNY
Conference Program
Stony Brook University

Opening Remarks and Introduction: Timothy P. Moran, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Keynote Address: Immanuel Wallerstein, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University
“Borders, Borders Everywhere, and Not a Drop to Drink”
Reception to follow.

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National Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion
Chair: Wolf Schäfer, Stony Brook University, SUNY
John Torpey, CUNY Graduate Center “The Rise of States and the Regulation of Movement”
David Abraham, University of Miami School of Law “Immigration and Social Solidarity in a Time of Crisis: Europe and the US in the New Century”
Jose Itzigsohn, Brown University “The Shifting Boundaries of Belonging and Citizenship: Migration and Political Rights”

Civil Society and Transnational Social Movements
Chair: Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz, University of Maryland
Jackie Smith, University of Notre Dame “Social Movements and Hegemonic Decline: From Transnational Organizing to the WSF Process”
Diana Baldermann, Stony Brook University, SUNY “Nation-States, Civil Society, and Cross-Border Activism: A Fight Against Pulp Mills on the Border of Argentina and Uruguay”

Immigration Debates in the Rich World
Chair: Gallya Lahav, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Mónica Verea, Center for Research on North America, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México “Anti-Immigrant Attitudes: A Growing Resentment During the First Decade of the 21st Century”
Eric Mielants and Terry-Ann Jones, Fairfield University “Political Extremism and Manifestations of Xenophobia in Core Zones”

National and Postnational Human Rights
Chair: Diane Barthel-Bouchier, Stony Brook University, SUNY
David Jacobson, University of South Florida & Exeter Center of Ethno-Political Studies, University of Exeter “How Postnational Citizenship Resolves Problems it Did Not Create, and Creates Problems it Cannot Resolve: The Paradoxes of Human Rights in Europe and Beyond”
Daniel Levy, Stony Brook University, SUNY “The State of/and Human Rights”

Nation States and National Citizenship
Chair: Michael Schwartz, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Louis Esparza, California State – Los Angeles “Human Rights and Dependency Networks in Bogota”
Hwaji Shin, University of San Francisco “Globalization and Citizenship in 21st Century Japan”
Aaron Major, University at Albany – SUNY “Transnational State Formation and the Politics of Austerity”

The World-Economy and the World Environment
Chair: Arnout van de Rijt, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Andrew Jorgenson, University of Utah “Globalization, the Sociology of Ecologically Unequal Exchange, and Carbon Dioxide Emissions, 1960-2005”
John Shandra, Stony Brook University, SUNY “The International Finance Corporation and Forest Loss: A Cross-National Analysis”

Illicit Flows and Borderlands
Chair: Paul Gootenberg, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Antonio Brussi, Universidade de Brasília “The Golden, the Gilded and the ‘Pyritic’ Ages of World Capitalism: Businesses Practices and Illicitness as Structures”
Mélissa Gauthier, Binghamton University, SUNY “Illicit Cross-Border Flows in the Mexican Northern Borderlands”
Thomas D. Hall, DePauw University “Comparison of Two Southwestern Frontiers and Borderlands: Lessons from Ancient to Modern Borders”

Closing Remarks & Adjourn
Timothy P. Moran, Stony Brook University, SUNY
Department of Sociology, Department of History
Office of the Provost
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center
Faculty in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

VII. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship

The Nesar Ahmad Scholarship was not awarded in 2011. Application for 2012-13 below:

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
Fernand Braudel Center
Binghamton University
Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2012