Fernand Braudel Center Newsletter No. 38  
September 2014

I. Scheduled Events, 2014–2015:

Fernand Braudel Center Lecture Series: 
Crises and Transitions in the Capitalist World-Economy 
Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University 
Academic A Building 330

Fernand Braudel Center Lecture Series: 
Crises and Transitions in the Capitalist World-Economy 

Untangling the Crisis in the Humanities: A Binghamton Prophet 
Rajagopalan Radhakrishnan

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 
Fernand Braudel Center 
Academic A, Room 330

Transitions in Global Labor History, 1250-2010: Entanglements, Synchronicities and Combinations on a Local and Global Scale 
Andrea Komlosy

Friday, November 14, 2014 
1:30 p.m. 
Fernand Braudel Center 
Academic A, Room 330
Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Rajagopalan Radhakrishnan, Chancellor’s Professor of English and Comparative Literature at University of California–Irvine, “Untangling the Crisis in the Humanities: A Binghamton Prophet”

Friday, November 14, 2014

Andrea Komlosy, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Vienna, Austria; Schumpeter Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University “Transitions in Global Labor History, 1250–2010: Entanglements, Synchronicities, and Combinations on a Local and Global Scale”

Fernand Braudel Center Workshop
Capitalism and Temporality: Theories and Histories
Friday, April 24, 2015

Featured Speakers:

Massimiliano Tomba, Advanced Research Collaborative Fellow, The CUNY Graduate Center, 2014–2015; Senior Researcher, Political Philosophy, Department of Political and Juridical Sciences and International Studies, University of Padua, Italy

Fouad Makki, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Philip McMichael, Professor and Chair, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Dale Tomich, Professor of Sociology and History, Binghamton University, Deputy Director of the Fernand Braudel Center

Fernand Braudel Center Seminar Series
Spring 2015

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II. Activities, 2013–2014:

Fernand Braudel Center Colloquium
Making Possible Futures in Research: Working across the Disciplines
Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University
Events Center TAU Clubroom
October 18–19, 2013

Friday, October 18, 2013

8:45 A.M.  Introductions: Richard E. Lee (Binghamton University)
           Director, Fernand Braudel Center

9:00 A.M.  Robert Frodeman (University of North Texas)
           “The End of Disciplinarity”

10:00 A.M. Dale Tomich (Binghamton University)
           Management on Nineteenth-Century Slave Plantations”

11:00 A.M. Olivia Maria Gomes da Cunha (Museu Nacional,
           Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)
           “(Re)creating Spaces and Times: The Cottica Ndyuka in Moengo”

2:00 P.M.  Welcome Remarks: Anne E. McCall (Binghamton University)
           Dean, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences

2:15 P.M.  David M. Hassenzahl (Chatham University)
           “Green Babel, Green Babble: How to Bridge Disciplines and Worldviews to
           Improve Environmental Decision Making.”

3:15 P.M.  Richard C. Smardon (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry)
           “Building Interdisciplinary Research Networks within the SUNY System: Some
           Lessons Learned?”
Saturday, October 19, 2013

10:00 A.M.  Susan Strehle (Binghamton University)  “Making (Im)Possible Futures: Contemporary Historical Fiction and the Shaping of the West”

11:00 A.M.  Donald E. Pease, Jr. (Dartmouth College)  “How Futurities Entered the Field of American Studies”

1:30 P.M.  Ryan Mead (Binghamton University)  “On Being a Student across the Disciplines: Visual Culture and the Transition to Capitalism”

2:15 P.M.  Richard E. Lee (Binghamton University)  “Crossing Disciplinary Borders and the Making of Scholarly Authority”

3:00 P.M.  Round Table: Disciplines and the Future of the Institutions

Fernand Braudel Center Seminar Series 2013–2014
Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University
Academic A Building 330

Luiza Franco Moreira (Professor and Chair of Comparative Literature, Binghamton University), “Conjectural Front: Brazilian Writers on the Left and the Estado Novo,” April 4, 2014

Fernand Braudel Center Conference
Rediscovering Eric Williams: The Intellectual History of Capitalism and Slavery
Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University
co-sponsored by The Office of the Dean, Graduate School; the Office of the Dean, Harpur College; with the departments of Anthropology, History, and Sociology
Fine Arts 258
March 14, 2014

SESSION 1: 1:00 P.M.
William A. Darity (Duke University) “Eric Williams: From the Dissertation to Capitalism and Slavery”


SESSION 2: 3:00 P.M.
David B. Ryden (University of Houston–Downtown) “Eric Williams and His Three Faces of Planter Decline”

Anthony E. Kaye (Pennsylvania State University) “In the Workshop of Eric Williams: The Economic Aspect of British Abolition and the Politics of Slavery in the United States”

Fernand Braudel Center Conference
Exilic Spaces and the World-Economy: Territorial and Structural Escape
Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University
Organized by Denis O’Hearn
co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean, Harpur College,
as part of the Dean’s Speaker Series
Academic A 330
April 25, 2014

10:00–10:30 A.M. Coffee and Greetings

SESSION 1: 10:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. EXILIC SPACES IN THE PAST
Andrej Grubacic (California Institute of Integral Studies) “Cossacks in Space: The Exiles of Don Region (16th to 19th century)”

Walden Bello (University of the Philippines–Diliman) “Filipino Exile Politics in the United States and Europe during the Marcos Dictatorship, 1972–1986”

SESSION 2: 1:30–3:30 P.M. CONTEMPORARY EXILIC SPACES
Obika Gray (University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire) “Vulgar Politics in the Caribbean: Exilic Space, Fugitive Communities and the Struggle for Power in Jamaica”

Richard Pithouse (Rhodes University, South Africa) “The Shack Settlement in Durban: Between Exile & Insurgency”

3:30–4:00 P.M. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Public Lectures

Eric Dursteler (Associate Professor of History, Brigham Young University), “The Sultan’s Whore: Slavery and Sexual Peril in the Early Modern Mediterranean,” co-sponsored with CEMERS, September 25, 2013

Andrej Grubacic (Associate Professor and Department Chair of Anthropology and Social Change, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco), “Different Forms of Exit from Capitalism: Cossacks and Zapatistas,” Harpur College Dean’s Speaker Series, September 27, 2013
Lindsay Jacobs (Ph.D. Candidate, Ghent University, Belgium), “The Structural Evolution of the World-System: Can Political Prominence Contribute to Upward Mobility?” November 8, 2013

Matthew H. Edney (Osher Professor in the History of Cartography, University of Southern Maine and Director, History of Cartography Project, University of Wisconsin–Madison), “The Map Is More Interesting than the Territory: Rethinking the Nature and History of Cartographic Representation,” co-sponsored with Harpur College Dean’s Speaker Series in Visual Culture, April 2, 2014

Raymond B. Craib (Associate Professor of History, Cornell University), “Anarcho-Capitalist Archipelagoes: Ocean, Island, and Beach,” Harpur College Dean’s Speaker Series, April 9, 2014

III. Review

XXXIV, 1/2, 2011

Dale Tomich, Flávio dos Santos Gomes, Olivia Gomes da Cunha—Presentation

Sidney W. Mintz—Plantations and the Rise of a World Food Economy: Some Preliminary Ideas

Dale Tomich—Rethinking the Plantation: Concepts and Histories

Rômulo Andrade—African and Creole Slaves: From the Diversified Agriculture of Southern Rio de Janeiro to the Coffee Cultivation of Minas Gerais, 1802–1885

Olivia Gomes da Cunha—Somewhere Close to Nashville: Plantation Cartographies

Christine Rufino Dabat—Sugar Cane “Plantations” in Pernambuco: From “Natural Vocation” to Ethanol Production

Luis Nicolau Parés—Creolization and Creole Population in Plantations of the Bahian Recôncavo

Maria Helena P.T. Machado—Slavery and Social Movements in Nineteenth-Century Brazil: Slave Strategies and Abolition in São Paulo

Tania Andrade Lima—Keeping a Tight Lid: The Architecture and Landscape Design of Coffee Plantations in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Maria Dulce Gaspar—Material Culture, Daily Life, and Archaeological Possibilities in the Plantation Borders of the Guanabara Bay Region

XXXIV, 3, 2011

Special Issue: “The Resiliency of the Nation-State in Scholarship and in Fact”
Special Editors: Denis O’Hearn and Thomas M. Wilson
Denis O’Hearn & Thomas M. Wilson—Introduction: “Globalization” and the Nation-State in the Modern World-System

Richard Lachmann—Nationalism in a Post-Hegemonic Era

Nitsan Chorev, Tatiana Andia Rey & David Ciplet—The State of States in International Organizations: From the WHO to the Global Fund

David Nugent—On the Study of Social Optics: Foucault, Counter-Surveillance, and the Political Underground in Northern Peru

XXXIV, 4, 2011

Giralda Seyferth—The Slave Plantation and Foreign Colonization in Imperial Brazil

Section: Perspectives on Sidney Mintz

Olivia Gomes da Cunha—Multiple Effects: On Themes, Relations, and Caribbean Compositions

Sidney W. Mintz—Caribbean History, Caribbean Labor

Reflections and Considerations

Michael Zeuske—Sidney Mintz: Work, Creolization, Atlanticization

José A. Piqueras—The Red Thread

Jane Collins—Narratives of Skill and Meaning within “Menial” Work

Christine Rufino Dabat—Work, between Pride and Exploitation

IV. Visiting Research Associates

Bilge Ferat-O’Hearn, January 2012–January 2014
Diana Gildea, March 2012–March 2015

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

A) Call for Papers
Conference Theme
Global Inequalities: Hegemonic Shifts and Regional Differentiations

During its 500-year history, the modern world-system has seen several shifts in hegemony. Since the decline of the U.S. in the 1970s, however, no single core power has attained a hegemonic position, such that the twenty-first-century world-system, while not dominated by one hegemon, has continued to move toward increasing polarization. As income inequalities have become more pronounced in core countries, especially the former hegemons, the U.S. and the UK, but also Germany, global inequalities emerged as a “new” topic of social scientific scholarship. Framing the discussion of global inequalities as a new phenomenon, however, helped ignore the fact that a constant move toward polarization has been characteristic of the modern world-system throughout its history. At the same time, the rise of new states (most notably, the BRICS) and the relative economic growth of particular regions (especially East Asia) have prompted speculations about the next hegemon that largely disregard both the longue durée of hegemonic shifts and the constraints that regional differentiations place on the concentration of capital and geopolitical power in one location. The conference therefore intends to revisit the question of global inequalities in light of world-systems, global history, and postcolonial perspectives on the evolutionary potential of semiperipheries, the longue durée of the coloniality of power within and beyond the ex-colonized peripheries, and global social mobility.

1. Reconsidering Semiperipheries: Evolutionary, Episystemic, or Antisystemic Potential?
The decline of U.S. hegemonic power gave rise to regional bloc building, increasing inequalities on a regional scale. “Inner peripheries” of economic unions play an increasing role in the peripheralization of new regions (the European South, the Arab world)? In spite of the ongoing military supremacy of the United States and NATO, the dynamic of growth has been shifting to the Global South. Are the BRICS the new semiperipheries? Will they achieve core status? If so, is a new hegemonic shift to be expected from them? How will the old cores adapt to such a challenge?

2. Latin America and Eastern Europe Facing the East Asian Challenge
On the one hand, Latin America and Eastern Europe have served as the “first large-scale laboratories of underdevelopment” (H. Szlajfer) from the sixteenth century onwards. On the other hand, Latin America and the Caribbean have long been the prime examples of “persistent inequality,” frequently traced back to colonial rule, while Eastern Europe’s inequality rates have risen considerably since the 1990s. With the collapse of state socialism, the Eastern European and the former Soviet states have gone from being part of a solid semiperiphery to experiencing a high degree of fragmentation and differentiation. Piecemeal integration into the European Union for some states has been accompanied by their “Third Worldization” (A. G. Frank) of others. In contrast, East Asia counts as a model for “growth with equity.” How are such regional differentiations helpful in understanding overall system dynamics of inequality (re)production? Are these neat patterns blurred by the relative decline in inequality and poverty in parts of Latin America and Eastern Europe in the past few years?
3. Coloniality of Power and the Imperial Difference
Inequalities of race, ethnicity, gender, epistemic status, and economic position put in place during colonial rule have largely translated into enduring inequalities in postcolonial times. While the corresponding term, “coloniality of power” (A. Quijano) has been coined in relation to colonized regions, especially Latin America, its workings are harder to pinpoint in the absence of former colonial rule in other parts of the world. Can we therefore speak of the “racialization” of Eastern Europe along the lines of a system-wide coloniality of power? Is “imperial difference” (W. Mignolo) in those regions never colonized by the Western core the counterpart of “colonial differences” put in place by European colonialism? How do these different positions in the power hierarchies of the world-system translate into opportunities and disadvantages today?

4. Migration and global social mobility
In mass-media discourse and popular perception, rising inequality in core regions is often linked to the increasing inflow of low-skilled immigrants from non-core regions and routinely prompts anti-immigrant sentiment and policies in response. Recent scholarship on migration and global inequalities (Therborn, Korzeniewicz/Moran) has instead shown how late nineteenth-century mass migration across national borders led to significant convergence of wage rates between core and semiperipheral countries—mainly Europe and its settler colonies in North America, Australia, and New Zealand—but also tended to intensify competition for land and jobs within receiving countries in the Americas. Ever since, the maintenance of relatively low inequality in the core has been contingent upon controlling the inflow of immigrants from peripheral regions through strict immigration policies, border-control regimes, and forced repatriations, thereby helping (re-)produce high inequality between countries. Does migration to wealthy regions represent an effective means of global social mobility and redistribution? If so, what are the main constraints on transnational migration as a form of social mobility? How does the reversal of the century-old trend of migration from the core to the periphery relate to new patterns of inequality in the world-system?

Conference organization:
Manuela Boatcă, Freie Universitität Berlin, Germany
Andrea Komlosy, University of Vienna, Austria
Hans-Heinrich Nolte, Hannover University, Germany

Paper proposals (around 500 words) should be sent by November 15, 2014 to pews2015@yahoo.de

B) 38th PEWS Conference

April 10–12, 2014—University of Pittsburgh
Social Movements and World-System Transformation:
Political Economy of the World-System
Conference Program

Thursday April 10, 2014
Keynote 1: Immanuel Wallerstein, Senior Research Scholar, Yale University
“Dilemmas of Alter-Movements”
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning 324
Friday April 11, 2014

Plenary Session: Epistemologies & Resistance
Chair: Jules Lobel, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Discussant: Michael Goodhart, University of Pittsburgh Department of Political Science
Janet Conway, Brock University
“The Study of Social Movements in the Modern-Colonial World System”
Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina–Charlotte
“Other Sovereignties in Israel/Palestine Epistemology & Resistance”
Wesley Hiers, University of Pittsburgh
“Interrogating Empire and Ethnocracy: Thinking with and beyond Regimes of ‘Foreign’ and ‘Domestic’ Domination on the Pathway to a More Ecumenical Theory of Rule”
Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 5th Ave.

Plenary Session: Theorizing and Analyzing World-System Transformation
Chair: Jeff Shook, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
Discussant: Roger Rouse, University of Pittsburgh Global Studies Center
Gregory Williams, University of Connecticut
“Will We Know It When We See It? Tips for Recognizing New World-Systems”
Chungse Jung, Binghamton University
“Revisiting Antisystemic Movements: Toward a Theoretical Affinity between Protest Waves and Antisystemic Movements”
Asafa Jalata, University of Tennessee, “Reimagining Social Movements in Perspective of Egalitarian Democracy”

Rights Discourses & Ontologies of Resistance
Facilitator: Jules Lobel, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Group A
Hallie Boas, University of Texas–Austin
Dulce Abigail Perez Aguilera, Arizona State University
“Mining Companies, Forced Disappearances and State-Sponsored Violence: A Case Study on Developmentalism, Neocolonialism and Indigenous Cosmopolitics”
Leonardo E. Figueroa Helland and Pratik Raghu, Westminster College
“Indigeneity vs. ‘Civilization’: Indigenous Alternatives to the Planetary Rift in the World-System Ecology”

Group B
Charmain Levy, Université du Québec en Outaouais
“Engendering Urban Social Movements and Public Housing Policy in Brazil”
Alpkan Birelma, Bogazici University, Istanbul
“A Labor Victory from a Deserted Land: A Mobilization in the Turkish Garment Sector”

Gabriel Chouhy, University of Pittsburgh, and Sebastian Aguiar, Universidad de la República-Uruguay
“A Peripheral Democracy Challenges the Transnational Drug Policy Paradigm: Leftwing Politics, Social Movements and Marijuana Legalization in Uruguay”

Keynote 2: Sylvia Walby, Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University, UNESCO Chair in Gender Research Group
“Feminism as Counter-Hegemonic”
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Cathedral of Learning, Room G24

Saturday April 12, 2014

Plenary Session: Contemporary Anti-Austerity Protests and Emerging Subjectivities
Chair: Mohammed Bamyeh, University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology
Discussant: Patrick Manning, University of Pittsburgh Department of History
Lauren Langman, Loyola University–Chicago & Valentine Moghadam, Northeastern University
“Democratization and Social Mobilization: Tahrir Square to OWS Revisited”

Dylan Taylor, University of Auckland
“Overcoming the Crisis of Democracy: Lessons from Occupy”

Rafal Soborski
“Ideological Imbalance Post the Credit Crunch: Neoliberalism versus the Politics of Resistance”
Location: Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 5th Ave.

Mentor Session:
Hatem Hassan, University of Pittsburgh
“The Extraordinary Politics of Ordinary People: Spontaneous Neighborhood Groups in Revolutionary Cairo”

Marie Skoczylas, University of Pittsburgh
“Antisystemic Movements and Conflicting Cultures of Resistance: The Case of Occupy Pittsburgh”

Plenary Session: Practices and Challenges in Contemporary Organizing Across Diversity
Chair: Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum, University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology
Discussant: John Markoff, University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology
Jacqui Patterson, NAACP and Women of Color United
“A Report from the Multiple Fronts of Struggle for Climate, Race & Gender Justice”

Patrick Manning, University of Pittsburgh
“Linking Social Movement Networks, 1989 to 1992: Southeast Asia, Africa and South America”

Manisha Desai, University of Connecticut
“Exploring the Persistence of Gendered Geographies of Global Justice”
Lee Cormie, University of Toronto
“Religious Others and Global Social Justice Movements”
**Mentor Session:**

**Jane Walsh**, University of Pittsburgh  
“Navigating Multilingualism: How the Fair Food Movement Uses Language Difference to Facilitate Mobilization”

**Hillary Lazar**, University of Pittsburgh  
“At the Heart of the Revolution: Political Love as Paradigm Shift in Transnational Activism”

**Mobilizing Antisystemic Logics**  
Facilitator: **Jackie Smith**, University of Pittsburgh Department of Sociology

**Group A**  
Rapporteur: **Juho Korhonen**, Brown University  
“Utopistics of the Post-Soviet Periphery”

**Kia Hall**, American University  
“Honduras’ Garifuna Ereba Makers: Gender, Ethnoracial Identity and Family in the State”

**Ravi Raman**, Govt. of India/ Planning Commission  
“How do Peripheries within Peripheries Reshape Politics and World Hierarchies? Narrating Kerala Exceptionalism”

**Group B**  
Rapporteur: **Aide Esu**, Università di Cagliari  
“Global Online Movements, the Case of Adbuster and Avaaz”

**Todd Wolfson**, Rutgers University and **Peter Funke**, University of South Florida  
“Nomadic Political Logic: Contemporary Social Movements and the Contemporary Logic of Resistance”

**Brittany Duncan**, University of Pittsburgh  
“Hegemony and Resistance in Global Agri-Food Politics”

**VI. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship**

The 2014–2015 Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Babyrani Yumnam.

Application for 2015–16 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 $4000, 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
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Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2015