Fernand Braudel Center Newsletter No. 41  September 2017

I. Scheduled Events, 2017–2018:

Fernand Braudel Center Symposium
Organized by Dale Tomich, Sven Beckert, Paul Lovejoy, and Michael Zeuske

Slaveries and Capitalism: The Atlantic, Africa, and Beyond
Colloquium in Honor of Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch

Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University
March 23–24, 2018

II. Activities, 2016–2017:

CEMERS Fall Conference
The Pre-Modern Book in a Global Context:
Materiality and Visuality
Binghamton University
October 21–22, 2016
co-sponsored by Fernand Braudel Center
Shifting Class Dynamics in the Semi-Periphery
in two presentations
by Utku Balaban
co-sponsored by Sociology Department
Middle Classes and the Circulation of Capital
in the Capitalist World-Economy
Fernand Braudel Center
October 17, 2016
Industrial Islamism in Turkey:
Faubourgeoisie and Power
Fernand Braudel Center
October 24, 2016

Fernand Braudel Center Colloquium
Organized by Christopher DeCorse
Power, Political Economy and Historical Landscapes
of the Modern World: Interdisciplinary Perspectives
TAU Room, Binghamton University
April 28–29, 2017

Featured Speakers:

Matthew H. Johnson, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, “1492:
A Different Kind of ‘Discovery’”

Guido Pezzarossi, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University,
“Colonial Frictions: Maya Knowledges, Infrastructures, and Emergent Colonial Assemblages
in Highland Guatemala”
Kathryn Sampeck, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Illinois State University, “Early Modern Landscapes of Chocolate: The Case of Tacuscalco”

Andrew Martindale, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, “Stories of the Ghost People: European-Indigenous Contact on the Northwest Coast of North America”

Erik R. Seeman, Professor and Director of Humanities Institute, Department of History, University at Buffalo, “Graveyards as Landscapes of Power in the Early Modern Atlantic World”

Corinne Hofman, Dean, Faculty of Archaeology, Professor of Caribbean archaeology and Director of the Caribbean Research Group, Leiden University, “A Deep History of Indigenous Caribbean Networks: Changing Social, Cultural, Political, and Economical Relationships in a Globalizing World”

Douglas Armstrong, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, “Early Seventeenth-Century Settlement in Barbados and the Shift to Sugar, Slavery, and Capitalism”

Christopher Kurt Waters, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, “The Indefensible: Power Dynamics, Social Relations, and Antigua’s Eighteenth-Century Defense Landscape”

Dale Tomich, Professor, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, “The Space of Time: Mapping the Cuban Sugar Frontier in the Nineteenth Century”

Christopher R. DeCorse, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, “Atlantic Slavery, African Landscapes: Change and Transformation in the Era of the Atlantic World”

Gérard Chouin, Department of History, College of William and Mary, “Crisis and Transformation in the ‘Slave Rivers’ at the Dawn of the Atlantic Trade”

Kenneth Kelly, Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, “Nineteenth-Century Coastal Guinea: Unusual Manifestations of the ‘Illegal’ Slave Trade in a Local System”

Martin S. Shanguhyia, Associate Professor, Department of History, Syracuse University, “Taming Nature: The Political Economy of Wildlife Conservation in Early Colonial East Africa”

Mark Hauser, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, “Huge Oceans, Small Comparisons: Danish Forts and Their Enclaves in the Indian and Atlantic Oceans”
Rahul Oka, Ford Family Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame, “From Peripheral Actors to Global Masters: African and Asian Perspectives on Europeans in the Western Indian Ocean, 1500–1900 CE”

Peter J. Taylor, Professor of Human Geography, Northumbria University, “Closing Remarks”

**III. Review**

XXXVI, 1, 2013

Immanuel Wallerstein, “The Congress of Vienna from 1763 to 1833: Europe and the Americas”

Cheryl Marie Cordeiro, “Navigating the Dual Structure of World History: Sweden’s Trade Relations with China from the Eighteenth Century”

Kristin Plys, “Eurocentrism and the Origins of Capitalism”

Ulrike Schmieder, “Martinique and Cuba Grande: Commonalities and Differences during the Periods of Slavery, Abolition and Post-Emancipation”

XXXVI, 2, 2013

Farshad Araghi & Philip McMichael, “What was Postmodernity? Capitalism and Historical Crises of Modernity in Global Context: A World-Historical Analysis”

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


XXXVI, 3/4, 2013

CENTERS AND PERIPHERIES REVISITED

Klemens Kaps & Andrea Komlosy, “Introduction: Centers and Peripheries Revisited: Polycentric Connections or Entangled Hierarchies?”

Dariusz Adamiczyk, “The Political Economy of the Arab Silver Redistribution Networks in Viking Age Eastern and Central Europe: Polycentric Connections and Entangled Hierarchies”

Manuela Boatačă, “Coloniality of Labor in the Global Periphery: Latin America and Eastern Europe in the World-System”
Klemens Kaps, “Internal Differentiation in a Rising European Semi-periphery: Cameralist Division of Labor and Mercantile Polycentrism: Two Different Models of Political Economy in Eighteenth-century Habsburg Central Europe”

Andrea Komlosy, “China’s Move towards a Global Economic Core in the Twenty-first Century? Prospects, Constraints, Consequences”

XXXVII, 1, 2014

Pedro Antonio Vieira, “‘Brazil’ in the Capitalist World-Economy from 1550 to c. 1800: An Empirical Demonstration through the Sugar Commodity Chain”

PAPERS FROM THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY CONFERENCE (ESSHC), HELD IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Marjolein ’t Hart, “Ideas, Values, and the Institutionalization of Social History: An Introduction”

Huub Sanders, “Finding an Anchorage. Change and Continuity in an Academic Institution: The International Institute of Social History in the Nineteen-Seventies”

Richard E. Lee, “Disciplines and the University, Today and Tomorrow”

XXXVII, 2, 2014

Abikal Borah, “A Region in a Mobile World: Integration of Southeastern Sub-Himalayan Region into the Global Capitalist Economy (1820–1900)”


XXXVII, 3/4, 2014

WORLD-ECOLOGICAL IMAGINATIONS

Jason W. Moore, “Introduction: World-Ecological Imaginations”


George Liodakis, “Transformation and Crisis of World Capitalism: Long-Run Trends and Prospects”


IV. Visiting Research Associates

Hossein Azadi, May 2016–September 2016
Manuel Varo Lopez, September 2014–August 2017
Azat Zana Gundogan, September 2016–September 2021
José Carlos Aragão Silva, March 2017–March 2018
Cristiane Dias Martins da Costa, March 2017–March 2018

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

A) Call for Papers

42nd Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)
Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
April 26–28, 2018

Conference Theme
Business Cycles in the Modern World-System: Past, Present and Future

We invite papers on the following sub themes:
1) business cycles and social movements
2) business cycles and political trends
3) business cycles and commodity chains
4) business cycles and migration
5) business cycles and the web of life

From the sixteenth century until the present day, the capitalist world economy has been characterized by different economic cycles or conjunctures of various duration and intensity. Economic cycles impacting the core, the periphery, and the semi-periphery have regularly played out across a multitude of commodity chains, impacting nation states, corporations, and households. Since the profound social, economic, and political consequences of the Great Recession in 2008–2009 are still unfolding, the 42nd conference of the PEWS section of the American Sociological Association seeks to examine the role and significance of business cycles in the modern world-system by examining the following themes:

1) Business Cycles and Social Movements
These have influenced each other over long periods of time and continue to do so. How have labor movements, anti-systemic movements, and other social movements emerged and operated in times of changing business cycles in the modern world-system? To what degree does the spatial location, or gendered and racialized dimension of social movements in the world economy impact this relationship? What differences can exist between past and present economic cycles and various forms of social movement activity?
2) Business Cycles and Political Trends
These have influenced each other over long periods of time as well. To what degree do changing economic upturns or downturns interact with the emergence and success of various far left, far right, protectionist, or other political constellations in different parts of the world economy? How is public policy impacted by changing economic cycles? Is the political and economic hegemony of the US in the modern world-system fading, and if so, what will replace it by the end of this century? Has excessive financialization of the world economy (the increased size of the FIRE sector) contributed to a political backlash and if so, what are the short- and long-term implications?

3) Business Cycles and Commodity Chains
The interaction between economic conjunctures and commodity chains has been studied for several decades by world-system scholars. How have commodity chains operated throughout the existence of the capitalist world economy and been impacted due to the business cycle? How do transnational companies adopt and adjust to changing business cycles as well as different political pressures? To what extent can we observe a declining rate of profit in specific sectors? Has there been a significant increase in legal monopolies or oligopolies in various countries? In which way are households adjusting to a changing economic situation?

4) Business Cycles and Migration
International as well as domestic and regional migration have usually been impacted by a changing economic context. We invite several case studies as well as comparative research on this topic that focuses on the past, present, and future state of affairs.

5) Business Cycles in the Web of Life
Studies of capital accumulation have often bracketed environmental change. We invite analyses of how capitalist cycles—long, short, and middle-run—shape regional and global environments, and how such transformations constitutive of economic boom and bust. To what extent has commodification and enclosure in recent business cycles distinguished contemporary capitalism, and what are implications of climate change and other vectors of planetary crisis for “business as usual” in the near- and middle-term? Empirical as well as theoretical contributions are welcome. The conference organizers will attempt to provide an equal balance between both.

Fairfield University is located 50 miles north of New York City. For information on how to get there, see the Fairfield University website.

Submissions and Support:
Paper proposals (around 500 words) should be sent to pews2018@gmail.com by October 30, 2017.
B) 41st PEWS Conference

April 28–29, 2017—Texas A&M University
*Migration in the World-System*

Conference Program

**Thursday, April 27**
**Being a Student in the Age of Trump** – conversation between academics, student activists, and students

**Plenary 1**
- **James Fenelon**, Cal State - San Bernardino, “Immigration as Racial Dominance since 1492”
- **Immanuel Wallerstein**, Yale University, “Migration from a World-Systems Perspective”

**Friday, April 28**
**Migration in History**
- **Paul Ciccantell** and **Paul Gellert**, “Migration and Resource Frontiers.”
- **Ganesh Trichur**, “Dynamics of Internal Migration in the US Long Twentieth Century: Regional and World-Systemic Aspects.”

**Violence, Division, Migration**
- **Robert Schaeffer**, “Partition-Induced Migrations: How Migration Has (Re)shaped Social and Political Identities in Divided States.”
- **Leonardo E. Figueroa Helland, Elhom Gosink, Debbie Samaniego, and Felix Mantz**, “They Will Come by the Millions: Colonial Specters, Imperial Nostalgia, and the Structural Violence that Feeds the Global Migrant and Refugee Crisis.”
- **Devparna Roy**, “Destabilizing Received Categories? The Political and Cultural Impact of Migration across Indo-Bangla Borders and the Concept of ‘National Sovereignty’.”
- **Eric Mielants**, “Heritage, Belonging, and Active Citizenship in the United States: A Role Model for the EU?”

**Migration as Exile**
- **Andrej Grubacic**, “Utopias: With and Without Borders.”
- **Michael Stephens**, “Run to the Gully: Structural Escape of Jamaican Queer Communities under the Neoliberal Turn.”
- **Hazal Hurman**, “Criminalization of Juvenile Migrants.”
- **Jason Struna**, “Agentic Domains: Mobility, Creativity, and Property in Comparative World-Systemic Context.”
Gendered Migration


Andrew Pragacz, “Generational Reproduction of Labor Power in World-Ecology: Rethinking the Postwar Baby Boom in the US.”

Saturday, April 29

Background to the Current Migration Crisis


Walden Bello, “Going Home Is Not an Option: Filipino Domestic Workers in the Middle East”

Rogelio Saenz, “Problems of Undocumented Migrants Today”

South-North Migration in the Age of Trump

Nancy Plankey-Videla and migration activists, “Migration to Texas Today”

VI. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship

The 2016–2017 Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Delal Aydin and Ehsan Lor Afshar.

Application for 2018–19:

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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