Fernand Braudel Center Newsletter No. 36

September 2012

I. Upcoming Events, 2012-2013:


October 19-20, 2012

ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN CHENANGO CHAMPLAIN COLLEGIATE CENTER, ROOM 114, A&B

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

Session I—9:15-10:45 A.M.

Environment, development


Welcoming Remarks—11:00-11:15 A.M.

Session II—11:15 A.M.-12:15 A.M.
Dale Tomich (Binghamton University), “Plantation Places: A Visual History of the Second Slavery in Cuba, Brazil, and the U.S. South”

Session III—2:15-4:00 P.M.

Revisiting theories of development

Andrew Schrank (University of New Mexico), “Toward a New Economic Sociology of Development”

Edvige Bilotti (Università di Roma, la Sapienza), “From Keynesian Consensus to Washington Non-Consensus: The Development Debate in Long-Term Perspective”

Denis O’Hearn (Binghamton University), “Old Wine in New Bottles? A Lifetime of Development Theorists and What They Can Still Tell Us”

Open Session—4:15-5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Session IV—9:15-10:45 A.M.

Interregional linkages and development


Session V—11:00-12:30 P.M.

Case studies and the conceptualization of development

Nitsan Chorev (Brown University), “On Social Development and Economic Growth: The Case of Indian Pharmaceuticals in Kenya”

Samuel Cohn (Texas A&M University), “The Importance of Palliative Development to World Systems Theory: Inconvenient Empirical Realities in Brazil”

Session VI—2:00-3:30 P.M.
Food, land, development

Phil McMichael (Cornell University), “Reframing Development via the Twenty-First Century Agrarian Question”

Fouad Makki (Cornell University), “World Historical Development as Uneven and Combined Process”

Open Session—3:30-4:30 P.M.

II. Activities, 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

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

Wilma A. Dunaway (Virginia Tech)
“Globalizing Semiproletarianization: Removing the Gendered Cloak of Invisibility from Commodity Chain Analysis”

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”

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”


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)

Public Lectures

John Strachan (Prof. of History, Lancaster University, UK), “Fernand Braudel’s Imperial Unconscious,” September 21, 2011

Fernand Braudel Center co-sponsored with the Center for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Samantha Kelly (Assoc. Prof. Dept. of History, Rutgers University), “Beyond Prester John: Ethiopia and Europe in the Late Middle Ages,” March 13, 2012

Fernand Braudel Center presented a screening of the film: “Caribbean Journey: Conversations with Sidney Mintz,” April 27, 2012

III. Review

XXXIII, 1, 2010

Immanuel Wallerstein - Vitorino Magalhães Godinho (1918-2011)

Jason Moore - Madeira, Sugar, and the Conquest of Nature in the "First" Sixteenth Century, Part II: From Regional Crisis to Commodity Frontier, 1506-1530

Phillip A. Hough - Hegemonic Projects and the Social Reproduction of the Peasantry: Fedecafé, Fedegán and the FARC in Comparative Historical Perspective

Klas Rönnbäck - Consumers and Slavery: Diversified Markets for Plantation Produce and the Survival of Slavery in the Nineteenth Century

XXXIII, 2/3, 2010

Philip McMichael, Special Editor

Philip McMichael – Introduction

Fred Magdoff – Multiple Crises as Symptoms of an Unsustainable System

Tony Weis – The Ecological Hoofprint and the Population Bomb of Reverse Protein Factories

John Wilkinson – Water and Land in Latin America – Global Strategies and Policies

David Pimentel – Biofuels versus Food Resources and the Environment

Richard York and Brett Clark – Nothing New Under the Sun? The Old False Promise of New Technology

Jason Moore – Cheap Food & Bad Money: Food, Frontiers and Financialization in the Rise and Demise of Neoliberalism
XXXIII, 4, 2010

Immanuel Wallerstein – Anouar Abdel-Malek (1924-2012)

Edvige Bilotti – Models of Economic Development from a World-Systems Perspective: Moving Beyond Universalism

Alf Hornborg – Toward a Truly Global Environmental History: A Review Article

Carlos Antonio Aguirre Rojas – Latin America’s Antisystemic Movements and Its Struggle for the Land in the Twenty-first Century

IV. Visiting Research Associates

Andrzej Nowak, Oct. 2011-Nov. 2011
Diana C. Gildea, Mar. 2012-Mar. 2017
Irvan Mukul, July 2012-Apr. 2013
Ivo Hristov, 9/20-10/20/12

V. FBC Co-sponsored Conferences

2nd Slaveries and the Atlantization of the Americas
University of Cologne / Universität zu Köln
July 12-14, 2012 / Seminarraum 010 / Philospticum

Sponsored by Department of Iberian and Latin American History, Universität zu Köln and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, Bonn), the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems and Civilizations (Binghamton University, New York) and the Society for Continental American and Caribbean Studies, Vienna

Program for the Colloquium
Thursday July 12
Opening of the Colloquium
Friday July 13
Introductory Words:
Dale Tomich (Binghamton University, USA)
Michael Zeuske (University of Cologne, Germany)
Catherine Coquery-Vidrovitch (University Paris Diderot Paris7, France):
“African slaves and Atlantic metissage. A periodization 1400-1880”
Robin Blackburn (University of Essex, UK)
“Profitable but Challenged: the Economics and Morality of the New World Slave Systems”
Dale Tomich (Binghamton University, USA):
“Commodity Frontiers and the Crisis of Colonial Slavery 1783-1866”.
Enrico Dallago (National University of Ireland, Galway):
“The End of the ‘Second Slavery’ in the Confederate South and the ‘Great Brigandage’ in Southern Italy: Some Comparative Suggestions”.
Presentation of the film: “Caribbean Journey: Conversations with Sidney Mintz”
opening remarks by Dale Tomich

Saturday July 14
Rafael de Bivar Marquese (Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil):
“Capitalism, Slavery, and the Brazilian Coffee Economy in the Long Nineteenth Century (“Capitalismo, escravidão e economia cafeeira do Brasil no longo século XIX”)”.
Reinaldo Funes (Fundación Antonio Núñez Jiménez, Cuba):
“Cuba, 19th Century”.
Luiza Franco Moreira (Binghamton University, USA):
“The aftermath of abolition: Distortions of the Historical Record in Machado de Assis: "Counselor Aires’ Memorial””.
Wazir Mohamed (Indiana University East, USA):
“Peasant or Proletarian: Emancipation and the struggle for Freedom in British Guiana in the shadow of the Second Slavery”.
Christian Cwik (University of Cologne, Germany):
“The end of the British Atlantic slave trade or the beginning of the big slave robbery, 1808-1850”.
Michael Zeuske (University of Cologne, Germany): “Conclusion: 2nd Slaveries and Atlantization”.
Closing

VI. ASA Political Economy of the World-System Section Annual Conferences
A) Call for Papers
2013 Annual Meeting of the Political Economy of World-Systems Section of the American Sociological Association and the World Society Foundation Award of Excellence Program for Research Papers on World Society

April 11-13, 2013

In 2013, the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association (PEWS) and the World Society Foundation have joined forces to sponsor a conference at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). This will be the 37th Annual Spring Conference of PEWS and the 4th World Society Foundation Award Program for Research Papers. Local organization will be undertaken by the Institute for Research on World-Systems (IROWS) at UCR. The conference will be held April 11-13, 2013.

Conference and Papers Theme:
“Structures of the World Political Economy and Future Global Conflict and Cooperation”

Some see recent developments in the world political economy as fundamental departures from the structures of the past while for others these recent changes are similar to those that have occurred in earlier centuries. The international division of labor in the world economy seems to be in a constant state of flux, and the most recent wave of financialization has sent the global economy into a crisis. Rising food prices and high unemployment have contributed to an increase in anti-authoritarian movements in the Middle East and elsewhere, while many developed countries are facing unsustainable levels of sovereign debt and pressures for greater austerity.

What are the implications of these developments for the future of global conflict and cooperation? Western powers are engaged in several wars in the Middle East. The “rogue” states of Iran and North Korea command a great deal of international attention. Moreover, a handful of semiperipheral countries including China, South Korea, Brazil and Russia continue to vie for a more prominent place on the world stage. There are struggles within international organizations between the old world powers and those that are rising. Thus, the world-system seems to be evolving toward an increasingly multi-polar political structure in which the ability of the U.S. to generate hegemonic consensus and order has declined.

With this call for papers, the World Society Foundation and the ASA PEWS Section encourage researchers to investigate the evolution of the world economic structure in the 21st century, contending scenarios for the future of global conflict and cooperation and particularly the relationship between the two. Issues that may be addressed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Qualitative, quantitative or historical studies of important changes to the structure and/or the logic of the world political economy, including the rise and fall of leading sectors and their changing geographical distribution;
Empirically informed considerations of theoretical concepts including the core/periphery hierarchy, the semiperiphery, North/South relations and global class formation;

- The role of firms and supra-national organizations in the evolution of the world political economy and/or conflict and cooperation;
- Empirical considerations of the rise of new blocks or international coalitions and the rise of important contending national powers;
- The future of global governance and global state formation in world historical perspective;
- Coalition-formation among contemporary antisystemic social movements and potential coalitions with progressive regimes in the Global South in world historical perspective.

Two Submission Paths:

1: The World Society Foundation Route:

Scholars interested in having their papers considered for the World Society Foundation Award of Excellence Program for Research Papers on World Society are invited to submit paper proposals before May 31, 2012. These abstracts should indicate clearly which sub-theme the applicant intends to address, as well as the following.

- Title of the paper
- Abstract of no more than 500 words (longer abstracts will be disqualified)
- Name of the author(s), present address (including e-mail address), and name of the institution to which the author is affiliated.

The Organizing Committee of the Conference and the World Society Foundation’s Board will evaluate these proposals and ask successful applicants to elaborate their proposals into full papers (25-30 pages, but no more than 8000 words) in English. Notification of acceptance or refusal of abstracts will be given before June 30, 2012. We strongly encourage authors to discuss the implications of their findings for future global social integration and for existing theoretical perspectives on global social change. The deadline for delivering full papers is November 30, 2012. The authors of the most outstanding papers will be invited to the conference and they become candidates for the Foundation’s 2013 Award of Excellence in World Society Research. Notification of selected papers will be given by January 15, 2013. The Award, with a prize of US$ 10,000 (First Prize) and US$ 5,000 (Second Prize) will be presented at the Riverside conference. The World Society Foundation’s Board of Members and the Organizing Committee of the Conference will act as the jury for this evaluation.

The World Society Foundation will give highest priority to papers that combine a general theoretical discussion with new empirical findings. These findings may be based on comparative research as well as single-case studies, and on qualitative as well as quantitative research methods. In any case, paper proposals should give a very clear indication of the research methods, data sources and analytical tools that will be used. Please note that the Foundation is seeking original contributions. Papers that have already been published or submitted for publication will not be accepted.

Abstract proposals and full papers must be sent by e-mail to Nelda Thomas
2: The PEWS Route:

Those who prefer to submit their proposals in the traditional PEWS manner must send an abstract by November 30, 2012. These abstracts should indicate clearly which sub-theme the applicant intends to address, as well as the following.

- Title of the paper
- Abstract of no more than 500 words (longer abstracts will be disqualified)
- Name of the author(s), present address (including e-mail address), and name of the institution to which the author is affiliated (if applicable)

Abstract proposals and full papers must be sent by e-mail to Nelda Thomas nelda.thomas@ucr.edu at IROWS with “PEWS submission” in the subject line. Submissions by postal mail will be disqualified.

The Organizing Committee will make their choices by January 15, 2013. Those selected will receive local housing and meals.

Publications
There will be two publications coming out of this conference. One, selected by the WSF's board, will be in a volume of World Society Studies, the WSF's edited book series. A second, selected by the PEWS Organizing Committee, will appear in the PEWS series, published by Paradigm.

Travel grants: The World Society Foundation sponsors a small number of travel grants covering airfare and accommodation (in full or in part) for students and participants from Africa, Asia, Latin-America and Eastern Europe (International Sociological Association country categories B and C). Travel grants will be allocated on the basis of a competitive assessment of papers submitted. The Organizing Committee of the Conference and the World Society Foundation's Board will act as the jury for this evaluation. Deadline for submission of papers for travel grants is November 30, 2012. Applicants receiving travel grants will be notified by January 15, 2013.

Organizing Committee: Christopher Chase-Dunn (UCR), Matthew Mahutga (UCR), David A. Smith (University of California-Irvine ), Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel), Immanuel Wallerstein (Yale).

For more information on the World Society Foundation and its activities, please check out our web site: http://www.worldsociety.ch/ The PEWS web site is at http://www2.asanet.org/sectionpews/index.html
B) 36th PEWS Conference

Labor, Democracy and Global Capitalism

Clark University
Worcester, Massachusetts
April 20-22, 2012

Welcome:
Davis Baird, Clark University Provost

Keynote Presentation:
Immanuel Wallerstein: “Labor versus Capital?”

Friday, April 20th

Panel 1: A Race to the Bottom
Chair: David Smith

Christina Lucier (Boston College) and Brian Gareau (Boston College)
“From Waste to Resources, or Old Wine in New Bottles? Interrogating ‘Race to the
Bottom’ in the Hazardous Waste Industry”

Kathleen Schwartzman (University of Arizona) “What will be the Fate of Mexico, a Nation
Dependent upon a Declining Hegemon?”

Ian Robinson (University of Michigan)
“Is Any Country in the Global South Undercutting Mexican Wages?”

Nicole Aschoff (Boston University)
“Autoworkers North and South: Restructuring in the Global Auto Industry and its
Consequences”

Panel 2: Power Leverage and Finance
Chair: Kathleen Schwartzman

Paul Ciccantell (Western Michigan University), David Smith (University of California,
Irivine) and Elizabeth Sowers (University of California, Irvine)
“Are Transport and Raw Materials Still Vulnerable Nodes in Capitalist Commodity Chains?”

Wai Kit Choi (California State University, Los Angeles) and David Smith (University of California, Irvine)

Jayson Funke (Clark University)
“Financial Inclusion? The International Finance Corporation and Financial Institution Building”

Kyle Arnone (University of California, Los Angeles)
“Financialization and Labor Organizing in the Commercial Real Estate Industry”

Saturday, April 21st

Panel 3: Production, Reproduction, Well-Being
Chair: Tom Hall

Maria Cecilia Macabuac-Ferolin (Mindanao State University, Philippines) and Wilma A. Dunaway (Virginia Tech)
“Debt Bondage and Gender Inequalities in Philippine Fishery Exporting”

Rebekah Burroway (Stony Brook University)
“Democracy and Child Health in Developing Countries”

Shelley Feldman (Cornell University)
“The Intersection of Reproduction and Production”

Panel 4: Worker Rights and Their Extensions
Chair: Ian Robinson

Laura Raynolds (Colorado State University)
“Fair Flowers: Fair Trade Certification, Labor Organization & Worker Rights in Ecuador”

Matthew Williams (Boston College)
“Private Regulatory Systems, Workers' Rights, and Democracy”

Ganesh Trichur (Hunter College)
“The Occupy Wall Street (OWS) Movement and the Global Crisis”

Panel 5: Survival and Resistance
Chair: Wilma A. Dunaway

Tom Hall (DePauw University)
“What Might We Learn from Indigenous Communities and their Resistances to Globalization?”

Christine Monnier (College of DuPage) and Joy Inouye (College of DuPage)
“Repertoires of Survival and Resistance to Marginalization in the Global Context”

Glen David Kuecker (DePauw University)
“Exploring the Meanings of Resistance in the Era of World-System Collapse”

Levon Chorbajian (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)
“A Post-Soviet Economy: Armenia in the Age of Viper Capitalism”

Panel 6: Labor Movements, Democracy and Inequality
Chair: Levon Chorbajian

Scott Albrecht (University of Maryland) and Roberto Korzeniewicz (University of Maryland)
“Contemporary Patterns of Migration in the World-System”

Michael Zweig (Stony Brook University)

Scott Albrecht (University of Maryland)
“Economic Inequality, the Fourth Regime and the American Welfare State”

Panel 7: Social Movements and Protest Waves
Chair: Shelley Feldman

Robert Schaefer (Kansas State University) and Frank Weyher (Kansas State University)
“The Rising Tide: Social Change and Social Movements in the Modern World-System”

Chungse Jung (Binghamton University)
“Strange Parallels: World-Historical Dynamics and Protest Waves in the Global Semiperiphery, 1875-2008”

Jon Shefner (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), George Pasdirtz (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Aaron Rowland (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
“From the Imposition of Austerity to Protest in the Streets: Long-Term Hardships, the Moral Economy, and Mobilization”

Beverly Silver (Johns Hopkins University)
“Revisiting Forces of Labor”

The host committee gratefully acknowledges the following co-sponsors: The Department of Geography, the Department of Political Science, the Department of Sociology, Human Geography, the International Studies Stream, the Mosakowski Institute for Public Enterprise, the Provost’s Office, and the Women’s and Gender Studies program.

VII. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship

The Nesar Ahmad Scholarship was awarded to Anders Bjornborg. Application for 2013-14 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
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Deadline for completed applications is February 1, 2013