Fernand Braudel Center Newsletter No. 39  
September 2015

I. Scheduled Events, 2015–2016:

**Art History Department**  
*Lecture in Honor of Barbara Abou-el-Haj*  
October 8, 2015  
Featured Speaker: Professor Jerrilynn Dodds, Sarah Lawrence College

**Fernand Braudel Center Symposium**  
Organized by Luiza Franco Moreira  
*World Literature and Film*  
Engineering and Science 2008, Binghamton University  
April 8–9, 2016

**Fernand Braudel Center**  
*Christopher Schmidt-Nowara Conference*  
Organized by Dale Tomich  
*The Second Slavery and Beyond: Local Histories, Atlantic History, World History*  
Fernand Braudel Center, AA-330 at Binghamton University
II. Activities, 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

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, Institute 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”

Department of Sociology Conference
From The Long Twentieth Century to the Twenty-First
Fine Arts 258
October 11–12, 2014

Featured Speakers:

Scott Albrecht, University of Maryland – College Park
Alvin Almendrala Camba, graduate student, Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University
Ana Maria Candela, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
Carlos Eduardo Martins, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
Luis Garrido Soto, graduate student, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile
Marilyn Greil-Brisk, Université de Neuchatel
Working Conference
Coerced Labor Forms since the Long Nineteenth Century
Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Featured Speakers:

Fernando Picó, Professor Emeritus, Universidad de Puerto Rico – Río Piedras
Reynaldo Ortiz-Minaya, graduate student, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University
Joseph C. Dorsey, Professor of History and African American Studies, Purdue University
Kelvin Santiago-Valles, Professor of Sociology, Binghamton University
Geetisha Dasgupta, graduate student, Fernand Braudel Center and Department of Sociology
Mahua Sarkar, Professor of Sociology, Binghamton University

co-sponsored by the departments of Sociology and Human Development, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program; the Office of the Dean, Harpur College; with the Caribbean Studies Association and the Fernand Braudel Center

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

Featured Speakers:

Fouad Makki, Assistant Professor, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University,
“The Spatio-Temporality of Uneven and Combined Development”

Philip McMichael, Professor and Chair, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, “Value Theory and Food Regime Temporalities”

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, “Rethinking Formal Subsumption and Its Temporalities”

Dale Tomich, Professor of Sociology and History, Binghamton University, Deputy Director of
the Fernand Braudel Center, “Marx, Braudel, and Historical Temporalities”

Public Lectures

Chris Butler (Griffith Law School, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia), “The Politics of Inhabitance and the Possibility of Spatial Justice,” The Harpur College Dean’s Speaker Series in Visual Culture, presented by the Art History Department, Binghamton University; co-sponsored with the Convocations Committee, departments of Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, the Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Law (PPL), and the Fernand Braudel Center, April 29, 2015

III. Review

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Jonas Van Vossole, “Global Climate Governance: A Legitimation Crisis: Capitalism, Power, and Alienation from Marxist and Polanyian Perspectives”

POLITICS OF THE VISUAL

Richard Steven Street, “Photographer-Historian (and Vice Versa): Migrant Madonna to Jesus Christ: Photographing Rainbows in Fungicidal Mists while Writing a Tome”

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In Memory of Barbara L. Solow (1923–2014)

Dale Tomich, “Preface”

Colin Palmer, “Capitalism and Slavery and the Politics of History”

David Beck Ryden, “Eric Williams’ Three Faces of West India Decline”

Anthony E. Kaye, “Nationalism and Abolitionist Politics in Great Britain and the United States”

William Darity, Jr. “Disposal of an Old Orthodoxy: Reading Eric Williams’ Dissertation”

IV. Visiting Research Associates

Josip Faricic, November 2014
Kristijan Juran, November 2014
Lena Mirosevic, November 2014
V. ASA Political Economy of the World-System Section Annual Conferences

A) Call for Papers

40th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS)
University of Maryland, College Park, MD, USA
April 8–9, 2016

Conference Theme
Global Commodity Chains, Social Inequalities and Social Movements:
The Past and Present of World-Systems Research

The 40th Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System will provide a unique opportunity to take stock of enduring theoretical and empirical contributions of this perspective, and to identify promising directions for future inquiry and discussion. To this end, we look for contributions offering analytical syntheses of major fields of inquiry (e.g., the spatial and temporal boundaries of global commodity chains; the construction and challenge of various dimensions of social inequality; systemic and anti-systemic social movements). We also welcome empirical studies providing fresh insights and perspectives on these fields and key substantive premises of world-systems research, regardless of whether the aim is to endorse, challenge or reformulate.

1. The Problem of Scope and Methodologies
World-system scholars problematize the notion of unit of analysis in ways that often are ignored elsewhere in the social sciences. Moreover, world-system scholars emphasize the importance of critically assessing the types of evidence and methodologies that are most adequate to apprehend the world as a whole, over time, as the relevant unit of analysis. We want to take stock of those areas in which world-system scholars in the past 40 years have promoted methodological innovation and/or generated useful global data, and to identify questions that demand additional methodological and empirical attention going forward.

2. Global Commodity Chains
One of the most productive areas for world-systems analysis has been the study of global commodity chains (GCCs). Much of this research has focused on how the growth of GCCs has entailed spatial and temporal inequalities in the distribution of the costs and rewards of production, distribution, and consumption. At times, GCCs appear to give rise to relatively stable hierarchies, but on occasion they also seem to become axes of contestation and transformation. We invite papers that assess these tensions by focusing on the past, present, and future of GCCs.

3. Social Inequalities
World-systems analyses have been recasting the study of between- and within-nation country inequality as constituent aspects of a single field of inquiry: the study of inequality and social
stratification as processes that always have been global in their very essence (that is, not simply the interaction of otherwise “autonomous” processes involving, for example, “national wage stratification” on one dimension, “gender” in another, “race” in a third, “global inequality” on a fourth, and so on). Global social stratification pivots around institutional arrangements that render distributional outcomes as simultaneously “national,” “gendered,” “racialized,” and “global” processes. We invite papers focusing on the processes that produce, reproduce, challenge and/or undermine the various forms of inequality that have been part and parcel of the modern world-system.

4. Social Movements: Systemic and Anti-systemic
Social movements lead us to periodically reevaluate the boundaries between the “systemic” and “anti-systemic.” In this regard, we are interested in critically exploring the ways in which the enduring legacy of Karl Polanyi’s concept of the “double movement” unintentionally may have served to bias world-systems research toward reading all forms of resistance to markets as “anti-systemic,” and movements relying on market mechanisms as “systemic.” In fact, a world-historical approach calls for greater sensitivity to the manifold ways in which such boundaries change over time and space. We welcome all paper proposals that reassess the meaning of “systemic” and “anti-systemic” in past and present social movements.

Submissions and Support:
Paper proposals (around 500 words) should be sent by September 30, 2015 to [PEWS-2016@umd.edu]. Please include institutional affiliations and contact information for all authors. We will respond to all submissions by October 16, 2015. Conference participants presenting papers will be provided lodging and meals during their stay. Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited book. Please direct your questions to [PEWS-2016@umd.edu]. A Facebook page [facebook.com/pews2016] will offer important updates, schedules, and an opportunity to communicate with other conference participants.

Conference organization:
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B) 39th PEWS Conference
March 19–21, 2015—Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Global Inequalities: Hegemonic Shifts and Regional Differentiations
Conference Program

Thursday, March 19, 2015
1. Semiperipheries in the World-System
   Chair: Salvatore Babones, University of Sydney
   David A. Smith, University of California – Irvine

**Hartmut Elsenhans**, University of Leipzig
“World-systems Theory, the Semiperiphery, and the Concept of Economic Growth”

**Antonio Gelis-Filho**, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Sao Paulo
“The Development of the Semiperipheral Abandonat and the Unmaking of the Capitalist Geoculture”

2. **Global Stratification and the State**

**Juho Korhonen**, Brown University
“Statehood at the End of the Rainbow? Agonistics of Potentiality in the World-System”

**Andras Toth**, Budapest
“Reconsidering Economic Nationalism as Ideology of Self-Peripherisation: Economic Nationalism as the Key Factor on the Road towards Personal Rule, Oligarchic Regime, and State Intervention”

**Zenonas Norkus**, Vilnius University
“Long Waves and Changes in the Structure of the Capitalist World-System”

**Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz; Scott Albrecht**, University of Maryland
“Renewing World-Systems Analysis: Mapping Global Social Stratification”

3. **Prospects for the West**

Chair: **Andrea Komlosy**, University of Vienna, Austria

**Salvatore Babones**, University of Sydney
“From Capitalism to Empire: The Political Economy of the Third Millenium”

**Dmitry Ivanov**, State University, St. Petersburg:
“New Configurations of Inequality and Flow-structures of Glam-Capitalism”

**Leonardo E. Figueroa Helland; Tim Lindgren**, Westminster College, Salt Lake City
“Who goes around Comes around: From the Coloniality of Power to the Crisis of Civilization”

4. **Coloniality of Power and the Imperial Difference**

Chair: **Madina Tlostanova**, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow

**Katharina Bodirisky**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

**Agnes Gagyi**, George Mason University
“‘Democracy’ as Coloniality of Power in Eastern Europe: Movements for ‘Democracy’ in Late Socialist and Contemporary Hungary as Transnational Constructs”

**Klemens Kaps**, Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain
“Orientalism as Part of the World-System’s Geoculture in the 18th Century? Political Discourse, Geopolitical Interests and the Cameralist Division of Labour in the Habsburg Monarchy (1713–1815)”

**Tomasz Zarycki**, University of Warsaw

“The Central and Eastern European Intelligentsia as the Benefactor and Coproducer of the Imperial Difference in the Region”

Evening Program

**Special Event**

Chair: **Hans-Heinrich Nolte**, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany

**Jens Binner**, Buchenwald Memorial Foundation: Presentation of the Association for the History of the World-System (VGWS) and of its journal: Zeitschrift für Weltgeschichte

**Manuela Boatcă**, Free University of Berlin: Book presentation: *Global Inequalities beyond Occidentalism*, Ashgate 2015

**Keynote**

**Immanuel Wallerstein**, Yale University

“Structural Crisis of the World-System: Prospects for the World Left”

**Friday, March 20, 2015**

**5. Migration and Inequalities in the Longue Durée**

Chair: **Anja Weiss**, University of Duisburg-Essen

**Ramón Grosfoguel**, University of California – Berkeley; **Eric Mielants**, Fairfield University, CT

“Racialisation, Immigration, and Identity Formation in Europe and the US in the *Longue Durée*”

**Luigi Ferrara**, **Salvatore Villani**, University of Naples Federico II

“Migration, Economic Inequality and Redistribution: The Italian Case”

**Márton Hunyadi**, Budapest

“Postcolonial and Post-socialist Migration in the European Union”

**Christian Lekon**, European University of Lefke

“The Hadhrami Migration in the Indian Ocean Rim, 1844–1984: A Case of Periphery-Periphery Relations?”

**6. Development(s) on and from Europe’s Eastern Periphery**

Chair: **Klemens Kaps**, Pablo de Olavide University, Seville, Spain

**Dariusz Adamczyk**, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany


**Tamás Geröcz**, **András Pinkacz**, Budapest

“Debt-ridden Development on Europe’s Eastern Periphery”

**József Böröcz**, Rutgers University

“Emergence of the Post-Socialist Migrant”

**Boris Stremlin**, Stony Brook University
“Globalizing Waves and Russian Systemic Formation: Trajectories for the 21st Century”

7. The West as Center
Chair: Karin Fischer, Johannes Kepler University, Linz, Austria
Bharat Singh, New Delhi
“Political Economy of Humanitarian Intervention: Recent Development of Imperialist Intervention in Libya”
Lucian Dumitrescu, Miriam Cihodariu, University of Bucharest
“The Re-Orientalization of Romania: Political Practices of Inscribing Romania’s ‘Eastness’”
Vilna Bashi Treitler, Baruch College, City University of New York
“Finding White Supremacy in Immigration Studies”

Keynote
Madina Tlostanova, Moscow University
“Global Coloniality, External Imperial Difference and the Dispersal of the Post-Socialist ‘Problem People’”

Saturday, March 21, 2015
8. Counter-Hegemonic Movements across the World-System
Chair: Julia Roth, Bielefeld University
Abigail Perez Aguilera, Arizona State University
“Epistemic Dominance and Resource Extraction in the Semiperipheries”
Stanislav Holubec, Friedrich Schiller University – Jena
“Are Central and Eastern Europe Lost for Antisystemic Movements Forever?”
Mehmet Baki Deniz, Leslie Gates, Binghamton University
“The Case for Business Politics in World-Systems Analysis”

9. Hegemonic Shifts away from the West
Chair: Dariusz Adamiczyk, Warsaw
Andrea Komlosy, University of Vienna, Austria; Harvard University
“Prospects of Decline and Hegemonic Shift for the ‘West’”
Roberto José Ortiz, Binghamton University:
“Petrodollar Illusions and the End of Developmentalism: Latin America and the USSR during the Semiperipheral Belle Èpoque, c. 1970 –1989”
Stefan Schmalz, Friedrich Schiller University – Jena
“The Failure of an Imperial Project? A World-System Perspective on the Eurozone Crisis”
Rodrigo Luiz Medeiros da Silva, Maria Jose Haro, Federal University of Latin American Integration, Brazil

10. Revisiting the BRICS
Chair: **Daniela Danna**, University of Milan  
**Lindsay Marie Jacobs**, Ghent University, Belgium  
**Pedro Vieira**, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil  
“Hegemonic Decline and Economic Crisis: Rise of the BRICS?” (Paper written in cooperation with Helton Ouriques, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil and Rosangela de Lima Vieira, São Paulo State University – Marilia, Brazil)  
**Emine Tahsin**, Istanbul University  
“A Comparative Study of Emerging Global Powers: Brazil and Turkey”

**Keynote**  
**Hans-Heinrich Nolte**, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany  
“The Role of Religions in the Political Economy of the World-System”

**VI. Nesar Ahmad Memorial Scholarship**

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

Application for 2016–17 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, 2016