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## Journal of World-Systems Research: An Official ASA Publication From the Editors of JWSR

As you all probably know, at its January 2008 meeting, the American Sociological Association Council approved a recommendation from the Committee on Publications for formal sponsorship of the *Journal of World Systems Research* (JWSR) by the ASA Section on Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS). JWSR is the second official section journal approved by the ASA. It is an open-access, online journal, with support from the PEWS section. Starting in 2009, all articles published by JWSR are copyrighted by ASA. The journal is located at [www.jwsr.ucr.edu](http://www.jwsr.ucr.edu).

In late 2007, we were chosen by a selection committee comprised of PEWS members to become the new co-editors of JWSR for a period of five years. Both of us have already served the journal in various ways and are honored to serve the journal, its authors, and its growing readership in this new capacity. Tom Hall, Depauw University, serves as the book review editor, and Gregory Fulkerson, State University of New York-Oneonta, is the journal's technical editor. Laura Mckinney, doctoral student at North Carolina State University, serves as the managing editor.

Submissions from a range of orientations are encouraged, with the journal's emphasis placed on the accumulation of knowledge through academic contest across multiple perspectives. We are committed to the journal's longstanding pluralistic stance on methodology and theory, and we are firmly dedicated to increasing the journal's visibility and accessibility in the discipline of sociology as a whole. Submission guidelines are available at [www.jwsr.ucr.edu/submissions.php](http://www.jwsr.ucr.edu/submissions.php).

Over the course of our editorship, we anticipate regular issues consisting of peer-reviewed articles and book reviews as well as multiple thematic special issues (with guest editors). Indeed, topics of past special issues of the journal have included global inequality,  
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## A Few Words From the Chair

Let me begin by thanking our past-chair Jennifer Bair and the entire PEWS council for an outstanding 2008. This year's ASA sessions and the mini-conference co-sponsored with the Environment and Technology and Marxist sections were substantive and well attended. Reviews of these sessions will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. A special thanks to Salvatore Babones for his seemingly tireless contributions and guidance throughout the year, and an enthusiastic welcome to our new secretary-treasurer, Sandra Comstock, who has already made the transition from Salvatore a seamless one.

I would like to provide an update on the upcoming ASA conference in Atlanta. Our sessions are scheduled for the second day of the conference, so there will not be a mini-conference. According to ASA membership guidelines, we are allocated three sessions. Proposals were solicited at the PEWS business meeting and a general call went out to the membership. More than 20 proposals were received, reflecting a wide diversity of interests and perspectives. Unfortunately, we were unable to accommodate many worthwhile proposals.  
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global social change and the environment, and transnational social movements, which were and continue to be highly successful. The most recent special issue of JWSR (guest edited by Jeffrey Kentor, University of Utah, and Timothy Moran, State University of New York-Stony Brook) was published in early 2009, and focuses on existing and emerging methodologies for conducting macro-comparative research. Other special issue themes under consideration deal with transnational networks, global civil society organizations, and evaluating the state of PEWS scholarship as a whole.

With the assistance of ASA, by the end of 2009 we will transfer the journal to the association's server. This has many long-term advantages for JWSR's current and future readership, authors, and editorial teams. Our technical editor, with the suggestions and feedback of the editorial board and associate editors, is redesigning the journal's webpage. Many changes have already been implemented, and we've received helpful feedback from section members. Ultimately, our intention is to design a journal webpage that is easily accessible, navigable, and aesthetically pleasing.

Andrew Jorgenson, University of Utah & Edward L. Kick, North Carolina State University

## **A Few Words From the Chair**

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Here is a summary of proposals selected. Chris Chase-Dunn (UC-Riverside) will be organizing a panel titled, "Global Class Formation in World Historical Perspective." This session will present conceptual and research papers on the changing relationships between the core/periphery hierarchy and the global class structure in the modern world-system. A second session, organized by Jennifer Bair (U of Colorado) and Ho-Fung Hung (Indiana U), is "The Great Crash of 2008: Origins, Dynamics, and Consequences." This panel seeks to analyze the current economic crisis, which started with the financial collapse in the US and rippled through the world economy in late 2008, in a global perspective. "Migration, Development and Globalization" is the topic of the third session, to be organized by Matthew Sanderson (Lehigh U). This session will examine from a comparative perspective the unresolved and persistent questions about the relationship between migration and development, and the impact of globalization on these processes. And thanks to Kirk Lawrence, Chris Dick, and Hiroko Inoue for volunteering to organize next year's roundtables.

We're going to try a new format for the roundtable sessions, in an effort to increase interest and participation within the PEWS community and to attract new participants from the general ASA membership. We have invited those who submitted themes not chosen for a regular session to organize roundtables on their proposed topics. There will also be a general call for other roundtable themes. As always, there will be open tables for unsolicited papers. Details of this new format will be forthcoming shortly on the PEWS listserv.

Let me close by suggesting that the coming year will be one of great opportunities - and challenges - for PEWS. An increasing number of ASA sections now address research areas of interest to our members such as development, inequality, gender, social movements, and the environment (among many others) from international political and/or economic perspectives. This includes a new section-in-formation, Global and Transnational Sociology, offering a home for scholars interested in these topics. The growing awareness and interest in this type of scholarship - a perspective that PEWS has offered to sociological research for so many years - presents a great opportunity to expand our membership and our visibility in the discipline. The challenge will be to clearly define for ourselves the core tenets and contributions of our section and then to articulate these to sociologists (and others) outside PEWS. If we are successful, our membership will grow and we all will greatly benefit from this influx of new scholars and ideas. If not, we may face a growing intellectual isolation.

With this in mind, I would like to like to continue the discussion started at this year's panel on "35 Years Since *The Modern World-System I: The Current Status and Future Prospects of World Systems Analysis*." To start, the Editors of the *Journal of World Systems Research* (JWSR) have agreed to publish a special issue on this topic. Details will be announced shortly. Throughout the year, we will find other forums (such as the PEWS listserv and/or *Footnotes*) to continue this discussion. I welcome your comments on this issue and on how to best facilitate this exchange. Thanks for your continued support of our section.

Jeff Kentor, University of Utah, PEWS President



## Giovanni Arrighi's Histories of the Present<sup>1</sup> For Giovanni Arrighi, 1937-2009

One of the more telling features of the present is the scarcity of analysis able to place today's current socioeconomic crisis in geohistorical perspective. In terms of capitalism over the *longue duree*, no intellectual has developed a more formidable analysis of the present crisis than Giovanni Arrighi, this year's recipient of the PEWS Distinguished Career Award. Arrighi, of course, along with Immanuel Wallerstein and the late Terence Hopkins, was one of the originators and foremost proponents of the world-systems perspective on European capitalism, global income inequalities, and "development". The world-systems perspective itself — challenging as it did the dominance of post-World War II modernization theory — came out of the movements of the 1960s and brought together a fruitful synthesis of Marxism, Third World radicalism, and critical currents in social science, from the work of the French *Annales* school to that of the German historical school.

Arrighi joined the Binghamton faculty in the late 1970s and became an instrumental part of both the graduate program and the related Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems and Civilizations. Here, various collective research working groups brought together faculty and graduate students to work on common research projects. The range and scope of Arrighi's work - from the analysis of Southern Africa to his landmark *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power & the Origins of Our Times* (1994, 2009) to his account of the rise of Chinese-led East Asia, as well as the prospects for the Global South and a new Bandung in *Adam Smith in Beijing: Lineages of a New Asian Age* (2007) — is truly an astonishing achievement.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, as Ravi Sundaram — now director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies in Delhi — noted at a conference honoring and critically discussing Arrighi's lifetime of work in the context of the present crisis in Madrid this May, Arrighi had a generosity of spirit towards his intellectual interlocutors that had few equals. This type of spirited discussion and debate within the framework of mutual solidarity, which Giovanni thrived on, is surely necessary as part of the renewal of progressive forces around the globe. An inspiration to many, it was thus with great sadness that the news of Giovanni's passing this June 18, 2009, after a long battle with cancer, was received by scholars, activists, friends, former students, and associates.

The conference in Madrid, which gathered persons from across the globe — including many of Arrighi's former students and collaborators from the 1960s to the present — was intended to be a sort of reunion and an occasion to discuss the current crisis and Giovanni's work. Unfortunately, at the last minute, due to his illness, Giovanni and his wife and intellectual partner Beverly Silver, were unable to attend. Using modern technology, from a hospital room in the US, Giovanni and Beverly were occasionally able to listen in. Still, it was far from the spirited and heated exchange of views with Giovanni and Beverly that all the participants had very much hoped for. Despite this painful absence the conference — whose participants included Lu Aiguo, Samir Amin, Perry Anderson, Amiya Bagchi, Walden Bello, Robert Brenner, Gillian Hart, Hung Ho-fung, Bill Martin, Emir Sadr, Ravi Palat, John Saul, and a host of others — as Beverly Silver noted, was by all accounts, a great success. Spirited discussions and debates sustained a growing energy for the entire five days, often during marathon sessions. Papers from the conference are to be collected and published in a retrospective volume dealing with Arrighi's work in the next few years.

Arrighi's work represents some of the best and most formidable scholarship in and on the world-system. In future years, Arrighi's ideas and his commitment to a more humane, equal, peaceful and democratic system will certainly continue to inspire innovative scholarship and activism in the service of improving humanity, a cause to which he devoted his bright and shining life. He will be sorely missed by his many students, colleagues, friends and family, but will long live on in our collective memories.

Tom Reifer, University of San Diego



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<sup>1</sup> A shorter version of this abbreviated essay was published in the most recent issue of the *Journal of World-Systems Research*, as part of a symposium on Arrighi's work; a longer version is forthcoming in *New Left Review*.

<sup>2</sup> For a brief sense of the achievement, see my entries on "development" and "world-systems analysis" in the *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology* (2006).



## Awards and Recognitions

### PEWS Book Award:

The Political Economy of the World-System Book Award is given each year in recognition of a monograph that exemplifies outstanding scholarship in global or comparative-international sociology. The winner of the 2009 PEWS Book Award is Nitsan Chorev for “Remaking U.S. Trade Policy: From Protectionism to Globalization.”

Chorev, Nitsan. 2007. *Remaking U.S. Trade Policy: From Protectionism to Globalization*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

In this text, Chorev addresses a question that is central to understanding the recent trajectory of our current world economy: Why did the U.S. embrace free trade? Chorev employs original archival research, interviews and a wide historical lens, to disabuse us of any temptation to see the globalization of free trade as a “natural” or necessary by-product of economic processes. Instead, she problematizes the origins of this trend, focusing our attention on the contentious politics which produced the world’s most ardent advocate of free trade. She contends that transformations in the institutional arrangements which determined U.S. trade policy facilitated this policy shift. Trade policy, she finds, migrated from the highly politicized public forum of congress, to several “quasi-judicial executive agencies” (p. 10) in 1974, to the World Trade Organization with its international level disciplinary authority over U.S. trade policy beginning in 1994. Her analysis reveals how the mostly domestic political struggles instigated by U.S. internationalists to counter protectionists influence produced these institutional transformations. She thereby makes a compelling argument for greater attention to the strategic interests which shape and reshape the institutional framework for policy debates, than has characterized historical institutionalism thus far. As such, her analysis reminds us how domestic social conflicts have shaped the current world economy. This book is bound to anchor how we understand the politics of globalization.

### PEWS Article Award:

The Political Economy of the World-System Article Award is given each year to an article of exceptional scholarship on global, international, or comparative sociology concerned with the relationship between domestic and global social, economic, and political processes. The winner of the 2009 PEWS Article Award is Leslie Gates for “Theorizing Business Power in the Semiperiphery: Mexico 1970-2000”

Gates, Leslie. 2009. “Theorizing Business Power in the Semiperiphery: Mexico 1970-2000” *Theory and Society*. 38:57-95.

This article represents a theoretically ambitious effort to understand the historical conditions under which business power is mobilized in the semiperiphery. Noting that extant theories of business power are based on studies of industrialized countries in the core, Gates aims to expand this literature via an analysis of the role played by the Mexican business sector within the country’s political economy during the last three decades of the twentieth century. Gates identifies three proximate sources of business’ increasing influence: 1) political mobilization by business in the context of economic crisis; 2) reorganization of the state that created new openings for business to exert influence; and, 3) increased economic power of the private sector within a restructuring economy. What makes this such an exemplary piece of world-systems scholarship is the careful way in which the author identifies how Mexico’s position in the world economy created particular opportunities for the outward-oriented segment of the business elite to increase its economic power and political influence. Gates notes that a process of crisis and restructuring benefitted some members of the private sector, while disadvantaging others, thus generating a divided rather than unified business sector, and exacerbating inequalities among Mexican firms. Gates’ articles is an important contribution to the elaboration of a historically contingent theory of state-business relations in the semi- periphery that can help us understand the political events occurring in this important zone of the world-system.”

### PEWS Distinguished Career Award:

This award is given irregularly to recognize a major lifetime contribution to the scholarly concerns of the Political Economy of the World-System section. This year, the PEWS council awarded the prestigious Distinguished Career Award to Giovanni Arrighi, in honor of his lifelong dedication and scholarly contributions to theory and research on the world-system. For more information on Arrighi’s achievements, see the special feature on page 3.

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## Awards and Recognitions

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### IPE Distinguished Senior Scholar Award:

International Political Economy (IPE) section of the International Studies Association honored Christopher Chase-Dunn as Distinguished Senior Scholar for 2009. Chase-Dunn, who is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, spent 25 years in the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University, and since 2000 has been distinguished professor of sociology and founding director of the Institute for Research on World-Systems at the University of California at Riverside. He is the author or editor of 15 books, and has approximately 50 articles to his credit. He is founder of the *Journal of World-Systems Research*, and has held positions on about a dozen other editorial boards. His work focuses on inequality and justice, socio-cultural evolution, world cities and suburbanization, waves of international economic, political and cultural integration and global state formation. Chase-Dunn has served as Chair of the IPE Section from 1984 to 1986. He has also served the ISA, the American Sociological Association, the International Sociological Association, along with other professional organizations in several official capacities.

### ASA Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology:

The ASA honored S.M. Miller for outstanding contributions to sociological practice for 2009. This award recognizes work that has served as a model for others and has significantly advanced the utility of specialty areas in sociology.

### ASA Article Awards:

Ho-fung Hung's article, "Agricultural Revolution and Elite Reproduction in Qing China: The Transition to Capitalism Debate Revisited," published in *American Sociological Review* in 2008, has received multiple ASA awards for 2009. They include the Best Article Award for the Section on Political Sociology, the Best Research Paper Award for the Section on Asia and Asian American, and an Honorable Mention for the Best Article Award for the Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.

### DePauw University Edwin L. Minar Jr. Scholarship Award:

DePauw University honored Thomas D. Hall with the Edwin L. Minar Jr. Scholarship Award for 2009. The Minar Award is presented in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievement and is named in honor of its first recipient, Dr. Minar.

### Conferred Doctoral Degrees

Joshua D. Hendrick received his PhD in Sociology from the University of California Santa Cruz on June 12, 2009. His dissertation is titled: "Globalization and Marketized Islam in Turkey: The Case of the Fethullah Gülen."

## Upcoming Conferences

- **PEWS Spring Conference: Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and Davie, Florida; April 22-24, 2010 (for more information, see the call of papers on page 6)**
- **International Labor Process Conference: Rutgers University in New Jersey; March 15-17, 2010 (for more information, go to <http://www.ilpc.org.uk/>)**
- **United States Social Forum: Detroit; June 22-26, 2010**

"Another World is Possible, Another U.S. is Necessary!" argue organizers and participants in the United States Social Forum (USSF). The 2<sup>nd</sup> USSF will take place from June 22-26, 2010, in Detroit, a city which is seen to symbolize many of the failures of the current system. The USSF is expected to bring as many as 20,000-30,000 activists from around the country who will engage in developing alternatives to the capitalist world economy. An entire day of the Forum is devoted to discussions of ways of responding to the global financial crisis. There are many ways to support the USSF organizing efforts, including by providing financial support and assisting with various working groups. For more information visit: <http://www.ussf2010.org> & Click "Get Involved". A more detailed description of the USSF will be provided in the spring issue of PEWS News.



## Call for Papers

### **Political Economy of the World-System XXXIVth Annual Conference, Land Rights in the World-System; Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton and Davie, Florida; April 22-24, 2010**

At the 7th World Social Forum in Nairobi, Kenya activists from around the world gathered in the interest of global justice. A central theme of this meeting was struggles over land rights, both urban and rural. Joined together under one banner were organizations for urban housing, slum dwellers and farmers rights, and land for pastoralists. Yet in sociology, rural and urban have remained separate sub-disciplines. World-systems thought has approached both urban and rural questions historically and addressed them contemporaneously, yet less often brought urban and rural together in a single meeting. We suggest that the disintegration or at least the large changes in the capitalist world-system requires new ways of thinking about the struggles and demands for land and space and call for papers that qualify under the following sub-themes:

#### Sub-Theme #1: Histories of Land Rights and Ownership

How have historical patterns of land acquisition and urbanization in specific world regions contributed to global inequalities? What are some of the significant struggles over land within and between nations or past empires that have current impact or that inform our contemporary condition? How are important features such as race and gender inscribed into the structure of ownership historically and at the macro-economic level? How do indebtedness and land ownership characterize the expansion of the capitalist world-system?

#### Sub-Theme #2: Urban Livelihoods in the World-systems

When and where have impoverished urban populations been able to claim fairer rents and more public space in relation to global economic shifts and how has this relationship operated? In the global South slums are continuing to expand in size and in number, huge populations that dwell together do not have access to basic resources. How is this an outcome of state-capital relationships, labor and commodities schemes, or trade routes in the world-system? Are opportunities for positive change in urbanization and in the direction of gentrification in core cities presented by the recent real estate crises, global patterns of urban migration, and gendered shifts in the labor market?

#### Sub-Theme #3: Global Depeasantization and the Food Question

Under developmentalism and especially under neoliberalism, a massive number of people who were involved in agriculture with direct access to the production of their means of subsistence were expropriated and displaced. What were the historical processes involved in various forms of peasantization and depeasantization in the postwar period? What are the social and political implications of the global incorporation of formerly self-sufficient agricultural peoples into market relations? What were the processes involved in global commodification of food and global food regimes and with what social and political consequences? What are the future implications of social movements that claim food sovereignty, water rights, and indigenous rights? What are the possible futures of agrarian movements against depeasantization, displacement and food insecurity?

#### Sub-Theme #4: Land Usage in the World-System

Whether it is cash crops, resource extraction, or tourism, intensified land usage has had far reaching negative impacts on both rural and urban populations. To the extent that cash crops and resource extraction have shaped socio-economic relations in the world-system, can the process be altered or reorganized for better environmental use and/or distribution of economic benefit? Many peripheral or semi-peripheral nations dependent on tourism have experienced great changes to their ownership structure and caused population displacement, others have gained some economic benefit from it. What is the systemic impact of tourism, past and present, as a form of land usage in the world-system?

Please submit proposals electronically to both Marina Karides (mkarides@fau.edu) and Farshad Araghi (araghi@fau.edu). Submissions should include a one-page proposal and full contact information for all authors by December 15, 2009. You will be notified by email by February 15, 2010 if your paper has been accepted and will receive details on accommodations and location for the conference.

### **Urban Studies: Call for Submissions from PEWS Members**

*Urban Studies*, an international journal affiliated with Sage Publications, welcomes submissions from PEWS members whose research focuses on cities, urbanization, and urban theory. The journal is very eclectic within the broad area of urban studies and is very open to the kinds of research questions and methodologies that PEWS members are likely to engage. For a description of the manuscript submission policy see <http://www.sagepub.com/journalsProdManSub.nav?prodId=Journal201866>, and for examples of the contents of recent issues, see <http://usj.sagepub.com/content/vol46/issue10/>.



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#### **Theory and Society: Call for Papers on the Current Economic Crisis**

During the past twenty years, economic sociology and the sociology of culture have revitalized the study of economic behavior. Looking at wildly different forms of social life, from organizations to emotions, sociologists consistently draw attention to the social basis of economic behavior. What, then, can sociology tell us about the current economic crisis, financial behavior, and the real political-economic system in which both are rooted? Is there any research that points beyond the usual suspects and common explanations: greedy investment bankers, weak neoliberal regulation, technology-enabled traders? Can sociologists provide better explanations than Gordon Gecko, the villain in Oliver Stone's movie *Wall Street*? Can sociology lead the way to a better economy? *Theory and Society* is looking for articles that bring together politics, economics, and sociology to publish in a symposium on the current economic crisis. True to the journal's founding mission, we want the writers of these articles to make connections between our predilection for theory, and the social rewards our profession bestows on theorists, and our desire for a better society. In the past *T&S* has published excellent articles on the intersection of economy and culture; now we want to push this work to confront "actually existing capitalism" and real social life.

Each manuscript will, as always, be reviewed individually on its own merits. The collection of articles will be published with an introduction by Fred Block, University of California-Davis. Inquiries may be sent to Richard Swedberg, [rs328@cornell.edu](mailto:rs328@cornell.edu), or Sharon Zukin, [szukin@gc.cuny.edu](mailto:szukin@gc.cuny.edu). For information on the journal and manuscript submission, please see our website: <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/sociology/journal/11186>.

#### **Pacific Sociological Association: Call for Papers from PEWS Members**

PEWS now has two sessions at next year's Pacific Sociological Association conference in April: (1) The Social Content of Literature - Looking at the Novel as a source of Post Event Participant Observations, and (2) The Digital Divide: Restriction of Access, Accuracy of Information, Isolated Populations.

Relevant works might investigate aspects of the "virtual library." Digital exclusive data/news/content is gaining in popularity as municipalities, schools, and businesses try to deal with the necessity of providing library/data services, 'in a cost affective way,' to populations. Some have theorized that some populations, those whom already have very limited access to at home computers use as well as accessible/affordable internet service providers, may likely realize ever greater levels of reduced access to information/news/data/literature. It may be that the Virtual Library theme would provide for a linking between these two topics. Associates who are interested in the social content of literature may safely venture into, or included aspects of, the realm of digitized literature. Also, the effects of exclusive digital access on groups inside exclusive/inclusive societies may also be included in such a multi-disciplinarian approach to these session topics. Perhaps interested parties will include shifts (contrasts and comparisons) in behaviors such as the rates of reading literature, culturally-centric literature access/readership, or the post experience effects of literature within isolated populations.

#### **World Society Foundation (WSF) Award of Excellence Program call for Research Papers on World Society 2010: "The Global Economic Crisis: Perceptions and Impacts"**

What began as a financial meltdown in the United States has now become a crisis of the entire world economy. With this call for papers, the WSF encourages researchers to investigate into the social construction of crisis interpretations and/or the effects of the current crisis on perceptions of global social relations. Issues that may be addressed include: crisis representations and interpretations in the mass media or the general population; crisis framing by social movement organizations, business actors, or international organizations; impacts on political mobilization and transnational organizing among civil society organizations; impacts on national and international regulating agencies and mechanisms; effects of the crisis, and policy responses to the crisis, on trust in (international) political institutions; effects of the crisis, and policy responses to the crisis, on perceptions of global and regional governance institutions.

Each paper meeting the typical quality standards of the leading scholarly journals will be honored with \$1,000. The most outstanding papers will be published in a forthcoming volume (12/2011) of *World Society Studies*, the Foundation's edited book series. The authors of the most outstanding papers become candidates for the Foundation's Award of Excellence in World Society Research (2010). The prize money for the Award will be \$10,000 (First Prize) and \$5,000 (Second Prize). The candidates will be invited to a conference to be held at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, on September 10-11, 2010. Interested scholars are kindly invited to submit their paper proposals before December 15, 2009. The deadline for delivering the final papers is May 31, 2010. For more detailed information see website: [www.uzh.ch/wsf/](http://www.uzh.ch/wsf/).



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### Call for Proposals: Handbook of World-Systems Analysis (edited by Salvatore Babones and Christopher Chase-Dunn)

World-systems analysis and research have developed rapidly over the past thirty years. The founding generation of scholars working in the world-systems tradition are now nearing retirement. The students they inspired in the 1970s and 1980s institutionalized the world-systems approach in mainstream professional associations and academic journals. Today's students and junior scholars come to world-systems analysis as a well-established field spanning all of the social sciences. World-systems scholarship, however, is spread across three generations, multiple methodologies, and more than half a dozen academic disciplines. Now is the time to crystallize forty years of progress and lay the groundwork for the continued development of the field.

The Handbook will include up to 50 contributions of roughly 5000 words. Individual contributions should focus on areas of the contributor's own expertise. Each author contributing to the Handbook will be asked to review not just the literature but also the state of human knowledge on the author's particular topic of expertise. The contributors will be asked to summarize the history of research on the topic, what is known on the topic, and what are the major gaps in our knowledge of the topic that should be addressed by future research. Potential contributors are asked to define the scope of the topics they wish to write on in their proposals. Proposals should briefly:

- Argue the scientific merit and/or policy relevance of the topic
- Demonstrate the existence of a vibrant world-systems literature in the topic area
- Demonstrate the competence of the author to contribute to that literature

Please limit proposals to one side of one sheet of paper!

Submit proposals via e-mail to [sbabones@inbox.com](mailto:sbabones@inbox.com), no later than November 1, 2009. Authors will be notified of acceptance and author contracts will be signed in January, 2010. Delivery of full first drafts of all contracted contributions will be required no later than August 31, 2010. All contributing (first) authors will receive a free copy of the Handbook and will retain full copyright of their work.

## Recent Publications

### Books:

Araghi, Farshad. 2009. "The Invisible Hand and the Visible Foot: Peasants, Dispossession and Globalization," in *Peasants and Globalization: Political Economy, Rural Transformation and the Agrarian Question*, edited by A.H. and Cristobal Kay Akram-Lodhi. New York: Routledge Press.

Gangale, Thomas. 2009. *The Development of Outer Space: Sovereignty and Property Rights in International Space Law*. New York: Praeger Press.

Hung, Ho-fung (editor). 2009. *China and the Transformation of Global Capitalism*. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Thomas, Mark P. 2009. *Regulating Flexibility: The Political Economy of Employment Standards*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

### Articles:

Araghi, Farshad. 2009. "Accumulation by Displacement: Ecology, Food, and the Crisis of Reproduction" *Review: A Journal of the Fernand Braudel Center*. Vol 32, No. 1.





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### Articles:

Araghi, Farshad. 2009. "The Political Economy of the Financial Crisis," *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol 43, No 45.

Araghi, Farshad (Co-Editor, with Vaughan Higgins and Mara Miele) 2009. *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. Vol 16, No. 1.

Frezzo, Mark and Farshad Araghi. 2009. "Exorcising the Specter of Development: Human Rights in the 21st Century," *Societies Without Borders: Human Rights and the Social Sciences*. Vol 4, No. 3.

Kollmeyer, Christopher. 2009. "Explaining Deindustrialization: How Affluence, Productivity Growth, and Globalization Diminish Manufacturing Employment." *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol. 114, No. 6, Pgs. 1644-1674.

## Job Announcements

### University of Texas at El Paso

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Texas at El Paso invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Sociology with a specialization in transnational issues beginning Fall 2010. We interpret transnational issues widely; they may include globalization, world systems, migration, borders, and so forth. Applicants whose research interests also include gender, class, health, demography, work, environment, crime, or Latina/o populations are encouraged to apply, if a connection to transnational processes can be articulated effectively. The department is building research capacity and seeks scholars who demonstrate potential for publication and external funding. The department offers an MA in Sociology and potentially an interdisciplinary PhD in transnational studies.

Applicants must be committed to teaching excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The teaching load is 3 courses a semester, with reductions for graduate and large courses and other duties. The successful candidate should be comfortable in a department with faculty from anthropology and geography as well as sociology. Collaborative opportunities exist at nearby schools of medicine and public health, as well as other units within the University, universities in Ciudad Juárez (Mexico), and in the bi-national community at large. The border location offers outstanding opportunities for social science research. A leader in minority education, UTEP has approximately 20,000 students, mostly Latino and many working class. Approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in rapidly expanding graduate programs.

Qualifications Required: Preference will be given to individuals having an earned academic or a professional doctorate. ABDs will be considered but the PhD must be completed by August 2010.

Application Procedure: Send a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, one sample of written work, evidence of teaching proficiency if available, and names of three references. Send applications to Gang Lee, Search Committee Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, UTEP, El Paso, TX 79968. Review of applications will begin November 1, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. All underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. To learn more about the department, UTEP, and El Paso, please see <http://academics.utep.edu/sociology>. The University of Texas at El Paso is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation in employment or the provision of services.



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