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PEWS NEWS

Newsletter of the ASA's Political Economy of the World-System Section

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Dear PEWS members,

I'm honored to write to you as the new Chair of PEWS. We live in an unprecedented time. The cascading and interlinked crises we find ourselves in at the beginning of 2023 are so great that even the elites at the World Economic Forum have to admit that we are now entering an era of "polycrisis." At the same time, we have witnessed a worldwide explosion of social protests, unfolding with an intensity and scope that has been rare in the history of the capitalist world-system.

Now, more than ever, understanding political economy of the world system is in urgent need for making sense of the nature, patterns, and dynamics at play that underlie the intertwined global crises and the worldwide social protests we are experiencing. In light of this, the PEWS section will organize two open sessions on global crises and resistance and referred roundtables at the 2023 ASA meeting. Please consider submitting a paper to one of the two PEWS paper sessions and/or our refereed roundtables. The deadline to submit is Wednesday, February 22, 2023. The preparation for the Annual Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Conference is also underway—a PEWS tradition since 1978. A call for conference proposals is included in this issue of PEWS News.

The PEWS-sponsored conference on the legacies of Immanuel Wallerstein last August was a huge success. We include the essay by Kathy Wallerstein (her speech/tribute delivered at the conference) in this issue of PEWS News, in honoring the legacy of Immanuel Wallerstein.

I am happy to report that our section continues to work on promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. We are doing this through implementing the section's programming and nominations committees, and by actively recruiting a diverse leadership slate to run for office. The Anti-Oppression Committee has developed a set of best practices to guide the section's decision-making, as specified in the "PEWS Anti-Oppression Statement." This year, the committee under the leadership of Kristen Shorette (chair), Kristin Plys, and Randa Serhan will bestow its bi-annual Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague.

We also hope that through our mentoring program, led by the Teaching and Mentoring Committee, we continue to support our early-career colleagues and graduate students especially underrepresented scholars. But we should do more across the section, and I look forward to your ideas and help with this goal.

The calls for nominations for the 2023 PEWS Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award, the:

Distinguished Article Award, the Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award, and Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are open. The Deadline is March 1, 2023. Please do consider nominating a colleague or yourself. Please also watch for the upcoming 2023 ASA elections from April 18, 2023 to May 23, 2023. This is an opportunity for you to elect new PEWS officers and council members. Please vote and make your voice heard!

I am very grateful to the PEWS-NEWS editor Jason Muller for his time and efforts in producing our newsletter and to Nayla Huq for stepping up to serve as the section's webmaster and social media coordinator.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed and continues to dedicate time to support the vibrancy of our section. I believe that our section can play an important role in providing ways for us to connect with one another, share insights, and exchange ideas as a community.

Thank you for being a PEWS member. I look forward to working with you.

In solidarity,

Lu Zhang

Temple University

PEWS Chair, 2022-23

THE WINNERS OF THE 2022 PEWS ASA AWARDS WERE THE FOLLOWING

Distinguished Article Award

Andy Scott Chang, Singapore Management University, “Selling a resume and buying a job: Stratification of gender and occupation by states and brokers in international migration from Indonesia.” *Social Problems*, Vol. 68(4): 903-924. 2021.

Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award

Ashok Kumar, *Monopsony Capitalism: Power and Production in the Twilight of the Sweatshop Age*, Cambridge University Press. 2020.

Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award

John Peter Antonacci, SUNY Binghamton, “Periodizing the Capitalocene as Polemocene.” *Journal of World-Systems Research*, Vol. 27(2): 439-467. 2021.

PEWS Distinguished Teaching Award

Jason C. Mueller, UC Irvine / Kennesaw State University.

Below, two of our 2022 ASA award winners participate in a brief Q&A on their research, discussing the world-systemic relevance of their work:

Q&A #1, WITH ANDY SCOTT CHANG

- **Question#1: How did a world-systemic perspective inform this specific article?**

I was inspired by the world-systems perspective to theorize international migration as an occupationally stratified world-system. The notion that semiperipheral societies aspire to the core status of advanced industrialized economies, and sometimes manage to move up their structural locations in the world-system, informed my views. In migration studies, we tend to think of labor migrants in terms of their relations with single host societies, to their communities of origin, or to both. Through comparing migration streams involving domestic workers and factory operators from Indonesia, however, I realized that we cannot understand the different logics governing these two groups of migrants without extending the unit of analysis to a supranational field, one in which social actors in multiple nation-states jockey for power.

- **Question #2: Do you have any new/forthcoming research you'd like PEWS to know about?**

I am working on a paper and on my book project. Based on a recently concluded ethnography project in Singapore and previous fieldwork in Indonesia, the paper explores how private employment agencies construct an international labor supply. My book manuscript, tentatively entitled *The Making of Global Care Workers: The Social Organization of Labor Migration in Indonesia*, is an ethnography of global migration governance focusing on South-South labor flows. The manuscript explores how state and labor market intermediaries manufacture a pool of ideal workers, one that has catapulted the archipelago into the world's largest labor supplier in home care.

Q&A #2, WITH ASHOK KUMAR

- **Question #1: How does a world-systemic perspective inform this book?**

Monopsony Capitalism builds upon the “commodity chains” framework, originally coined by Terence Hopkins and Immanuel Wallerstein in the 1970s, to identify a universal logic that governs competition and reshapes the global commodity chain based upon the differential degrees of monopsony power. That is, the unequal power dynamic prevailing in sectors with many suppliers in the global periphery and few buyers within the global core. Analysis of historical and everyday struggles of workers in the United States, China, Honduras, and India, is a means to theorize the political economy of the world system. One in which a universal logic results in supplier-end firm consolidation and greater market spatial inflexibility that determines the disruptive power of workers.

- **Question #2: Do you have any new/forthcoming research you’d like PEWS to know about?**

I’m currently working on a historical analysis of capitalist crises and the production of difference. I look at how the form a crisis takes (be it labour shortage crises, credit/debt crises, or crises of overaccumulation) informs the methods by which capital produces various forms of difference in order to ‘police its crisis’. The periods will include the United States (1914, 1929, 1973), Britain (1950s, 1970s), Weimar (1923), Ireland (1980s), India (1989), Asia Financial Crisis (1997), and the Global Financial Crisis (2008). The research is still very much in a developmental stage.

ASA 2023 CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

FINAL CALL, DUE SOON! -- February 22, 2023, by 11:59pm EST.

The PEWS section will host two paper sessions, plus refereed roundtables.

Please consider submitting your papers to the PEWS paper sessions and/or refereed roundtables.

PEWS Paper Session: Crisis, What Crisis? Dynamics of Global Crisis in the 21st Century

Co-Organizers: Sahan Savas Karatasli (sskarata@uncg.edu), UNC Greensboro; Sefika Kumral (s_kumral@uncg.edu), UNC Greensboro

Since the turn of the 21st century, there is growing awareness that our world is experiencing interlinked crises at social, economic, political and environmental spheres. In critical sociological studies, it has almost become impossible to talk about ecology, geopolitics, finance, reproduction or health without referring to the term “crisis.” Yet, there is no consensus on the exact nature of these crises or why we have been experiencing different forms of crises around the world in great synchrony. Some scholars tend to view these crises as different manifestations of the crisis of neoliberalism. For some scholars, these simultaneous crises are linked to the crisis of the U.S. world hegemony and the post-1945 world order as a whole. For others, they are symptoms of the crisis (and demise) of the capitalist world-economy as a whole. This panel aims to investigate the nature of crises we have been experiencing, their causes and consequences from a global and macro-historical perspective.

PEWS Paper Session: Global Resistance, Systemic Crises, and Alternatives Beyond Historical Capitalism

Co-organizers: Ricardo Jacobs, Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (rejacobs@ucsb.edu); Beverly Silver, Sociology Department and Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University (silver@jhu.edu)

In the first decades of the twenty-first century, there has been a worldwide explosion of social protest, unfolding with an intensity and scope that has been rare in the history of the capitalist world-system. Such periods have been intertwined with periods of deep system-level crises of capitalism. In the present period (as in past analogous periods), we witness an array of movements, ranging from ones that are predominantly exclusionary (including genocidal) to ones that are pointing (explicitly or implicitly) towards alternatives paths out of the deepening crisis and toward a more just and equitable post-capitalist world system. Papers in this session will focus on social protest from below as a lens through which to understand the multiple crises of global capitalism and vice-versa. We welcome papers that link concrete local struggles

to world-systemic dynamics; that place the current global wave in historical perspective; and that analyze the ways in which current resistance from below may signal the interstitial emergence of routes out of the deepening global crisis and alternatives beyond capitalism.

PEWS Refereed Roundtables Organizer: Jeremy Levine (jeremy.levine@stonybrook.edu), Stony Brook University

The Refereed Roundtables will include front-line empirical research offering new and refreshing ideas about our world-systems using global, political, and economic theoretical perspectives. As our world continues to become more interconnected and many of the remaining challenges call for solutions that require nation-states and people to work together, research and dialogue from different areas of expertise within the field of Sociology is essential. Abstracts and paper submissions received online will cover a variety of themes, including Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Gender Inequality, Racial Inequality and Justice, Stratification, Labor Rights and Migration, Refugees, Human Rights, Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Nationalism, Populism, Mass Media and Social Media, and more.

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**ASA 2023 PEWS AWARD NOMINATIONS
FINAL CALL, DUE SOON! -- March 1, 2023**

The PEWS Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Please consider nominating a colleague or self-nominating for the PEWS Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. This biennial award is given to a member of PEWS who is an outstanding advocate for issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates a sustained commitment to dismantling institutional barriers within universities and other institutions of scholarly exchange (ex. Conferences) that limit the educational and professional attainment of underrepresented students and faculty, including those in the Global South.

The nomination materials should include:

1. A letter of nomination detailing the nominee's specific efforts to dismantle institutional barriers facing underrepresented scholars through their service, research, and teaching.
2. 1 – 2 letters of support detailing the nominee's outstanding contributions and commitment to the advancement of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Other evidence can be submitted but is not required.
3. A current CV for the nominee.

Please send these materials electronically to the Award Committee. Nominations are due by March 1, 2023. The nominee must be a current member of the PEWS section at the time of nomination. Self-nominations are encouraged. The Award is open to graduate students, tenure-track, tenured, and contingent faculty. For further information, please contact Kristen Shorette at Kristen.Shorette@stonybrook.edu.

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The PEWS Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award

Nominations are invited for the PEWS Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award. The award honors the life and legacies of Immanuel Wallerstein and shall be for the best book or books published with copyright date falling in the two calendar years prior to the year of the award (2021 or 2022). Nominations for the PEWS Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award should include a brief statement of how the book is relevant to the political economy of the world-system, and the nominator must make arrangements for copies of the book to be sent to all members of the book award committee. Both electronic nomination letters for the book award, and hard copies of the nominated book, should be sent to the entire committee. Nominations are due by March 1, 2023. The author(s) of the book (at least one author of a co-authored work) must be current members of the PEWS section at the time of nomination. Authors are invited to self-nominate for the award. Nominations by Black, ethnic minority, female and early career researchers are particularly encouraged. For further information, including committee members' mailing address, please contact Vilna Bashi Treitler at vilna.bashi@northwestern.edu

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The PEWS Distinguished Article Award

Nominations are invited for the PEWS Distinguished Article Award. To be eligible, papers must be published with copyright date falling in the two calendar years prior to the year of the award (2021 or 2022). Nominations should include a brief statement of how the article is relevant to the political economy of the world-system, and the nominator must make arrangements for copies of the article to be sent via email to all members of the article awards committee. Nominations are due by March 1, 2023. The author(s) of the nominated article (at least one author of a co-authored work) must be a current members of the PEWS section at the time of nomination. Authors are invited to self-nominate for the award. For further information, please contact Lu Zhang at lu.zhang1@temple.edu

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The PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Graduate Student Paper Award

This annual award is given to the best graduate student paper in the political economy of the world-system. Persons who were graduate students at any time during calendar year 2021 or 2022 are invited to submit published or unpublished papers for this award. To be eligible, papers must be either single authored or co-authored by two or more graduate students. Papers co-authored by a faculty member and a student are not eligible. Please note that each author may have only one paper nominated. Nominations should include a brief statement of how the paper is relevant to the political economy of the world-system, and the nominator must make arrangements for copies of the paper to be sent via email to all members of the paper awards committee. Nominations are due by March 1, 2023. The author(s) of the nominated paper (at least one author of a co-authored work) must be a current members of the PEWS section at the time of nomination. Authors are invited to self-nominate for the award. For further information, please contact Lu Zhang at lu.zhang1@temple.edu

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Relaunching Annual Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Conferences

Call for Conference Proposals

Beginning in 1978, the Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Conferences have been held annually in the spring, with an edited book being published from the conference papers. To date, there have been a total of forty-four (44) PEWS conferences, with the 44th Annual conference being held online over a semester-long period in Fall 2021 (due to COVID). The edited volume from the 44th Annual conference (World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture) was published by Routledge in December 2022, making it a good moment to plan for the future of the PEWS Annual Conferences.

The annual PEWS conferences have provided an opportunity to take stock of new theoretical and empirical contributions from a world-systems perspective, and to identify promising directions for future debate and research. The meetings have provided an opportunity to share contributions offering analytical syntheses of major fields of inquiry and empirical studies providing fresh insights and perspectives on key areas of world-systems research, regardless of whether the aim is to endorse, challenge or reformulate.

As we move forward with the Spring Annual PEWS meetings, we propose combining two formats that would alternate in odd/even years.

In even years (starting in 2024), the PEWS Annual Meeting would follow something similar to the historical format, starting with an open call for conference proposals from interested individuals/institutions located in the US and internationally. Once the conference organizers/sites are chosen, an open call for conference papers would go out. The conference itself would be held in April, with conference organizers raising money to cover at least hotel and meal expenses for participants. Papers presented would be revised for a book volume edited by the conference organizer(s) and published in Routledge's PEWS Annual Book series.

In odd years (starting in 2023) smaller 'research working group' style workshops will be held. These workshops would result in the production of edited volumes for the Routledge PEWS annual book series. To start (for 2023 and 2025), the 'odd year' workshops will be organized by a team of PEWS scholars located in the Washington DC-Baltimore area (extending up to Philadelphia and down to Charlottesville and Greensboro), taking advantage of the concentration of PEWS expertise and resources in this corridor. After 2025, with lessons learned, the location and teams will be broadened. More information about a possible 2023 workshop will be announced in March 2023.

Call for Conference Proposals (even years): We encourage PEWS scholars to submit a proposal to hold a conference at your institution. With this initial call, we are particularly interested in receiving proposals for conferences to be held in April 2024 and/or April 2026. Proposals should be a maximum of one-page and include a title for the conference, one or two paragraphs on the conference theme(s) and relevance for PEWS scholarship, the location of the conference, plan to raise funds to support expenses (e.g., two-nights hotel for participants and conference meals), and your contact information.

This is a standing call for future conferences, but it would be especially **helpful to receive a first round of proposals by April 15, 2023**, so as to allow enough lead time for organizing a conference in April 2024.

Please send conference proposals (and/or questions) to **Patricio Korzeniewicz** (korzen@umd.edu) and **Beverly Silver** (silver@jhu.edu).

Announcing:

Event: “Turbulent times: living through pandemics, conflicts, and climate crises”

A graduate student colloquium

Date: Friday, March 24, 2023

Place: Stony Brook University (Stony Brook, NY)

The Stony Brook Sociology Graduate Student Forum and the Stony Brook Sociology Graduate Student Colloquia Organizing Committee announces our Spring graduate student colloquium: “Turbulent times: living through pandemics, conflicts, and climate crises” to take place on March 24, 2023, in person at Stony Brook University. This colloquium will feature a keynote address by Assistant Professor Danielle Falzon (Rutgers University, Department of Sociology) and graduate student academic research and artistic pieces from all social science disciplines on the various crises that characterize our current social context. These include climate change, pandemics, social and political unrest, war, and economic tensions that affect the way we live, emote, organize, survive, and resist in the past, present, and future contexts.

UPDATES:

Political Economy of the World-System Interuniversity Consortium (PEWS-IC)

<https://irows.ucr.edu/pewsic/pews-ic.pdf>

PEWS-IC is a scholarly consortium dedicated to research and education that applies and develops the world-system perspective on political economy, global inequality, emerging global culture, and transnational and interpolity relations. **The main goals** of the PEWS-IC are to facilitate cross-institutional, multi-disciplinary and international collaboration on curricular, training, and research projects informed by world-system analyses and to make it easier for scholars who do not have like-minded local colleagues to work with others on these projects. PEWS-IC seeks to include relevant graduate programs, research institutions and individual scholars from around the world.^[1]

Activities and projects of the PEWS-IC will include:

1. a *web site to facilitate communication and collaboration* among world-system scholars; the web site would allow for both the posting of announcements and the development of forums for discussion on themes of interest to those active in PEWS-IC;
2. organizing and updating a world-system archive (through possible use and revision of the World-System Archive (<http://wsarch.ucr.edu>) and/or the World Historical Dataverse (<http://www.dataverse.pitt.edu/>) to contain working papers, data sets, links to relevant other archives and publications and links to other relevant archives;
3. *curriculum development* including (a) “boot camps” for graduate students and junior faculty (intensive seminars to deepen knowledge of world-system research and perspectives); (b) real-time and/or online PEWS-IC courses; (c) courses certified by PEWS-IC that students may list on vitae as evidence of attained skills in world-system scholarship and research. These would be stand-alone courses or online sections of existing courses at participating institutions.
4. Organize and convene events that facilitate and support creative exchange and mutual learning across the diverse participants in this network, with the aim of advancing innovative scholarship and praxis using and developing the world-systems perspective.
5. Foster collaborations among scholars, policy practitioners and activists that advance what Immanuel Wallerstein referred to as the "spirit of Porto Alegre" by helping to apply lessons from world-systems analysis to contemporary politics and to advance transformative agendas that respond to the demands of the 21st century systemic crisis.
6. Raise funds for support of the activities of the consortium, the section, the open access *Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR)* and financial support for, and collaboration with, junior faculty from underfunded universities in countries badly disadvantaged by global inequalities.

PEWS-IC will operate as a subcommittee under the umbrella of the American Sociological Association's Political Economy of the World-System Section. PEWS-IC will enhance the PEWS section's international

visibility and outreach capacity and help the PEWS Section broaden its interaction networks to include participants from different academic disciplines and from outside of the United States.^[2]

PEWS-IC will generate special issues and other content related to cutting-edge themes in the field for publication in the *Journal of World-Systems Research* (JWSR), and will otherwise encourage its network of participants to submit their work to the journal. This relationship will help disseminate PEWS-IC research to the JWSR's growing global audience of readers and help ensure greater sustainability and resources for the journal's operation.

PEWS-IC will also establish collaborative alliances with other academic and professional organizations with overlapping interests such as the Global Studies Consortium (<https://globalstudiesconsortium.org/about/>); the World Society Foundation (<https://www.worldsociety.ch>) and relevant sections of the International Studies Association, the International Sociological Association and other sections of the American Sociological Association.

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If you wish to be added to this list of potential collaborators, or if you can think of others who should be on the list please contact Chris Chase-Dunn <chriscd@ucr.edu>

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Footnotes from PEWS-IC Note:

^[1] The passing of Immanuel Wallerstein in 2019 and the closing of the Fernand Braudel Center at Binghamton University were events that have propelled those of us who see the scientific and political importance of the world-system perspective to undertake the formation of the PEWS-IC. The world-system perspective is delineated in the mission statement of the Political Economy of the World-System section of the American Sociological Association: The Section on Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) brings together scholars committed to the critical study of the capitalist world-economy and other historical social systems. The PEWS Section seeks to foster an intellectual tradition that finds its roots in the anti-imperialist and anti-capitalist analyses forged during struggles for decolonization by scholars in the Global South. With a focus on world-systemic dynamics, PEWS members are united using political economy as an analytical frame, while exploring the intersection of political economic change with race, gender, class, imperialism, neo-colonialism, and the environment. This Section maintains the PEWS legacy as a radical critique of disciplinary boundaries and thus embraces diverse disciplinary, epistemological, theoretical, and methodological approaches. We seek to provide a forum for intellectual exchange and debate among kindred sociologists, scholars in the humanities, activist-practitioners, and teachers in both the Global North and the Global South. We welcome members with wide-ranging substantive interests in world historical perspectives and are strongly committed to promoting a diverse membership.

^[2] Participation in the activities of PEWS-IC will not require membership in the American Sociological Association. PEWS-IC will benefit from the long-term institutional stability of the PEWS section including an already established website that will serve as the initial platform for the PEWS-IC website. This structure will enable scholars from a wide array of countries and disciplines to participate in collaborative projects and dialogues.



Journal of World-Systems Research

Be sure to check out the latest issue of the **Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR)**.

Vol. 28 No. 2 (2022) – Special Issue:

Anti-State and Anti-Systemic – Exilic Spaces and Societies in Movement in the World-System

Special Issue guest editors: Spencer Louis Potiker and Yousuf Al-Bulushi

- Available at the *JWSR* website → [HERE](#)

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Anarchist and Anarchistic Anti-Systemic Movements in World-Systems Perspective: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Non-State Spaces - Spencer Louis Potiker, Dana M. Williams, Jake Alimahomed-Wilson

Maroon Movements Against Empire: The Long Haitian Revolution, Sixteenth-Nineteenth Centuries-
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Critical World-Systems Analysis: Thoughts on Organizing Against Antiblackness Across Global-Local Boundaries - Marilyn Grell-Brisk

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Review Of: Oil Crisis in Iran: From Nationalism to Coup d'état - Val Moghadam

RECENT PEWS MEMBER SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW BOOKS

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NEW ACADEMIC ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

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On August 10, 2022, in Los Angeles, CA, the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section of the American Sociological Association (ASA) hosted a conference titled:

Immanuel Wallerstein: Celebrating his Life and Legacies

As the title suggests, this conference was a tribute to the illustrious life and career of one of the world's leading world-systemic thinkers, Immanuel Wallerstein (1930-2019). Below you will find an essay by Kathy Wallerstein, the daughter of Immanuel Wallerstein, delivered as the closing remarks of this conference. We thank Kathy for allowing us to share her remarks on the incredible life and legacy of Immanuel. If you wish to reach out to Kathy, she can be reached at: kwallerstein@gmail.com.

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Closing remarks delivered by Kathy Wallerstein for:

Immanuel Wallerstein: Celebrating his Life and Legacies, Aug. 10, 2022

Thank you very much to the PEWS committee for organizing this. It's extremely moving to be here, and to hear all your very fine presentations. It's incredible to see so many faces from my past, and to meet people I've only known online or met in passing. It's also very special for me to have my daughter Layla here, to witness all of this. She is very much her grandfather's grandchild, a real intellectual, politically engaged and astute. I'm sure I'm embarrassing her, but I just wanted to say that Immanuel is alive and well through his flesh and blood, just as he is through all of you—your scholarship, your teaching, and your building of new theories and new analyses that will take us into the rest of century armed with the analytical tools we need to understand and impact the world that future generations will live in.

On the 31st of this month, in 21 days, it will be three years since my father's passing. What a three years it's been in the world. I often wonder, as many of you surely do, what he would say. What would his commentaries address? What would he say if pressed to guess what is going to happen next? He was hard to pin down to anything but broad, open answers, but the predictions he did make have certainly all come to pass. I do believe we are in a civil war in this country. And the world has entered a period of utter chaos, inconceivable suffering, and structural breakdown. We could all use his guidance now.

I also wanted to say that it is just over 8 months since my mother Beatrice passed. She really suffered without him, and it broke my heart every day. He was her rock, and she was his, imperfect as their relationship was, selfish and stubborn as they each could be. They loved each other profoundly and were, particularly in later years, an inseparable team. I know that many of us wish they could have been

more separable—but that decision was theirs to make and I came to understand the ways in which they really needed each other. So, I want to invoke my mother here, too. She was always there with him, and she should be present now.

I wanted to start by sharing just a few more personal and anecdotal words about my father. The thing to know about Immanuel Wallerstein was that he really loved life. He found joy in the everyday. He laughed easily, and loudly. He adored children, and had a very goofy side. He loved art, and loved beauty, and took me to endless museums growing up for which I'm eternally grateful. He loved cities and walking out the door and being in the middle of life.

He couldn't sing in key for the life of him but refused to acknowledge that he was tone deaf. He never learned to ride a bike or ski because why, he reasoned, go downhill at an increasing speed for no logical purpose. In 1932, at 18 months, with wild curly blond hair, he was mistaken for the Lindberg baby who had just been abducted. His brother Bob, 10 years his elder, was pushing him along in a carriage when stopped by the police. My father had a fabulous collection of ties, and didn't really care if they matched his shirt and jacket, though he would always insist that they did. He was stubborn as hell and was always sure that he was right, even when he was clearly wrong. Like every human alive he was complicated; he made a lot of mistakes as a father, as a husband, and I'm sure as a friend. But he had a bright light and a love of this world that is rare. He grew up in the Bronx in the 30s and 40s, his parents Polish immigrants who had met and married in Berlin, where his brother Bob was born 10 years before him, and from where two half-sisters later escaped Hitler on the kindertransport and a half-brother was sent to perish in Auschwitz. His father Lazar was a rabbi who became a doctor. His mother Sally was an artist who made abstract works, and desperately wanted her two boys to be in the arts as well. As soon as they turned 10 she made each choose a discipline. Robert (born Solomon)—who later became a famous psychiatrist—chose painting.

My father pursued acting, traveling the off-broadway circuit in the 1940s, and attending the professional children's school in New York. Perhaps in naming her son Immanuel, with an I, though, Sally knew that he was destined for more than the stage. The family was very conscious of both left politics and world affairs, and my father started on his political trajectory at a young age. As a teenager he was a leader in socialist youth groups; in 1947, at the age of 16, he entered Columbia University; in the early 50s, while serving in the Korean war (in a non-combat role in Panama) he represented the US at the

International Youth Congresses in West Africa; then returned to Columbia to receive his Masters in 54 and PhD in 59. The rest you know.

Now, I really struggled with what to say today, at this conference in honor of my father, beyond the personal. In what capacity are you all hoping that I will speak? What do I want to offer you all on this day? I'm not a world-systems scholar, and have read some but by no means all of my father's works. Of course I'm versed in Wallersteinian thought by virtue of talking with him for 50 years. That's not nothing. But I'm not a social scientist. I don't measure or quantify. Charts confuse me rather than make things clearer, and Kondratieff cycles have to be re-explained to me every few years. *My* academic work is in rhetoric, aesthetics, and critical theory. I do close textual readings. My references are Deleuze, Foucault, Butler, but also Marx. But there is something we all share, or something else besides Marx and Wallerstein. In whatever ways which we each situate and pursue our scholarship, from whatever disciplinary orientation, we do so with the conviction that shedding light on the world we live in and the one we've inherited is the work of making the world a better place. And we do so within communities of scholars and intellectuals, of activists and others. We create times and places of convergence and centers for shared research and ideas. And it is these communities of thought and spaces of gathering that I wish to talk about here, in honor of my father. For in addition to being a very great scholar, professor, and political activist, he was also the creator of spaces and networks, of worlds within worlds that he built and sustained with many of his colleagues and students, including a number of you. I want to say a few words about this because in many ways this is what influenced me most profoundly. Indeed, my immersion in these spaces of shared research and gatherings set me on a lifelong path of building and sustaining centers, spaces, and networks of my own.

Growing up, I navigated between two centers that fostered the most vibrant of communities of thought – The Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations, in Binghamton, and the Maison des sciences de l'homme in Paris. And a shout out here to Donna Devoist, who I know is watching this on youtube, for being so central in shaping the FBC community. You were a real co-creator, Donna. [Thank you too to Resat, Beverly, Roberto Patricio, and Ravi for your memories of the FBC which were wonderful to hear and brought back a lot of great memories, even though I was young at the time. The working groups, the arguments, the *collective* work, the relative equality of students and professors, the international nature of the center, the enduring friendships—what a magical time and place]. So, growing up in the FBC and in the MSH, punctuated by yearly seminars in Prato, and by conferences and gatherings around the world at once academic, political, and

social, I grew to understand how these centers and spaces of shared research anchored not only scholarship, but friendships, collaborations, and membership across a geographically and culturally heterogeneous, global network of left intellectuals. These worlds that crossed geographical and cultural boundaries, that rewrote maps and opened borders to an international community of scholars, imperfect but beautiful worlds simultaneous in time and space to other worlds yet often, wonderfully, invisible to them—this impacted me greatly.

Intellectual work is also the work of friendship and affection. My father and Giovanni didn't always agree, but they were intensely important to each other on a personal as well as intellectual level. My father and Terence Hopkins loved each other profoundly—and I know that's not a word that people usually use about friendships between men, but they should—and that love was part of the work they put out into the world together. When Terry died, I was overwhelmed with the words that others put to their friendship, and to their collaboration as scholars, teachers, and mentors, which was so grand because of their intimate understanding of and respect for each other. Braudel and my father shared an incredible few decades of collaborative work and friendship. Maurice Aymard has written beautifully on this in a special issue of *Socio*, the journal of the MSH, dedicated to my father.

Intellectual work, of the kind that we all engage in, I am also trying to emphasize, is the work of creating worlds within worlds—ecosystems with their own mores, their own aesthetics, their own social structures. Political gatherings such as the World Social Forum, in which my father was very active from its inception, explicitly articulate that “another world is possible.” Such a belief is at the very least *implicit* in the world of left research groups, seminars, and centers. Centers and networks, those that populate our shared world, are, I want to suggest, social and political spaces for the practice of utopian possibility, and for the ongoing project of both theorizing *and enacting* the best of all possible futures in the here and now. There is no end to this process, and no perfection to it either. Just a constant, collective act of vital becoming, to use a Bergsonian terminology.

Certainly the world of centers and seminars and social gatherings that I grew up in had problems, not least of which were its gender biases and discrepancies. I don't mean to idealize. However, there was always for me a palpable sense of these spaces having a life of their own, an exciting one and an important one defined and made strong by their constant movement, by their impermanence. I work in the world of humanities centers and programs, and before I did that I worked in arts, cultural, and activist networks. In each of my endeavors I have strived to uplift and nurture the social, affective, and political

dimensions of the centers, projects, and networks I have been a part of, to create those spaces of friendship and alliances, of new socialities, and to understand practices of different, new, and counterhegemonic ways of being together that these spaces enable as essential to the work of creating a different world.

I credit my father with this. Not only for having me grow up in these heterotopic spaces in which the work of taking down the system can happen within its very structures. But for being key in creating them, and for doing so as a labor of both utmost seriousness and as one of utmost pleasure. He understood, and I'm so grateful to him for this, that pleasure should be at the heart of our intellectual engagements, that it unites thinkers and fuels the analytical mind. Plato's symposium, after all, was a banquet. Food, drink, conviviality, eros, and philosophy have been understood across cultures and times to be inextricably linked. And, crucially, the practice of providing space for the gathering of scholars and activists, and the practice of being together in counter-hegemonic ways, in counter-hegemonic spaces, is inherently the practice of a set of values and aspirations that exceed the confines of the present world-system. By participating in these spaces and networks we are thus doing the work of utopistics—the work of theorizing and creating, as we go, however imperfectly, a different kind of world simply by virtue of the intentions we bring to the table.

Now, by "utopistics" my father meant to differentiate between the social ideal of utopia (which of course, fascinatingly, means nowhere), with the science of the socially possible. Utopistics, he wrote, is the rational study of possible futures. But I am taking the liberty of drawing out another aspect of the word, and what I imagine my father in part intended in its meaning. Thinking the future (which is slightly different than thinking *about* the future) requires the rational, but it also requires the irrational, and the aesthetic. It means stepping outside of our modes of thought and the confines of existing epistemologies. And then, the question is not only what new epistemologies are needed now to *think the future*, but what kind of *worlds within worlds* can we create in the here and now (again, the world of a research center, and the world of the network of people and centers, such as this network) through which we can *live* and *feel* a certain way.

I like to share the words of Eduardo Galeano who famously answered a question posed by a student asking what good utopia is, since with every step closer we take towards it, it retreats that many steps back, to which Galeano replied "This is what utopia is for. It is for walking."

If I inherited from my father the desire to be an academic—a barbed gift, of course, given my role model for success—if I inherited a certain kind of analytical intelligence and scholarly skill from him, I also inherited an understanding that intellectual *community* must be fostered, that intellectual community is a political practice, and a practice of pleasure, and that without this to carry and nurture us all, none of the work we do will matter. I learned from Immanuel Wallerstein that building and fostering networks and environments in which the work of new thought can happen also means making space for the equally serious work of collaborations both intellectual and personal. My father was a social scientist and a rationalist, but I think that he appreciated—as did Marx, for that matter—that aesthetic imagination has an important place in the remaking of social structures and societies. Creating spaces not just for theory, but for a collective *practice* of being and thinking and feeling and imagining new modes of thought, and new ways of living and breathing in this world together—a world in which living and breathing are going to become, if we are not immediately attentive to its warnings, the commodities of a privileged few—is, I hope to suggest, one of my father’s legacies. The intellectual, the social, the political, the affective, and the aesthetic are inextricably joined in the project of building a better world. In the multiple spaces and places and networks he made possible, with quite a number of you, my father made room for these convergences, creating spaces that themselves were the building blocks for social experiments, and ushering in new generations of scholar-activists to begin imagining their own spaces, and their own invitations into a number of possible futures.

At the end of his life, as his health deteriorated with one medical crisis after another, my father, sometimes from his hospital bed, sometimes through dictation, continued to publish his commentaries, on the 1st and 15th of every month. He didn’t miss a single one, and was hellbent on reaching number 500. I’m pretty sure he was holding it together just long enough to do that because he died soon after. The title of his 500th and last commentary, “This is the End, This is the Beginning,” moves me greatly. It evokes a number of endings: the end of the commentaries; the end of his life; the end of a body of scholarship; the end of an era; the end of a world-system. This is the end, this is the beginning. Every end is also beginning. He had hope for new beginnings that are unfolding, beginnings that hold the promise of a better world, a new world-system, imperceptible among the chaos of a crumbling one. He argued, as you know, that we are in a rare moment when *everything* we do can have exceptionally great repercussions on the global scale, even if the effects of our actions are not evident in the moment. He liked to end talks evoking the butterfly effect, where the flap of a butterfly’s wings in one part of the world can cause a tornado in another. In that sense, he would say, we are all butterflies today.

So I'll end on that note too. Thank you for this beautiful remembrance of my father, for carrying on his work, and for doing all of yours. My father would not have been who he was without his students, colleagues, readers, and friends. Thank you.

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Plenary 3:
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