

Sociology 165
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The World-Systems Perspective

This course examines the precursors and contemporary exponents of the world-systems perspective in the social sciences. Requirements include regular discussion participation (15%) based on prepared comments and questions (10%), occasional pop quizzes (10%), a fifteen-page paper on a topic approved by the instructor (50%), and an oral presentation based on the research for this paper (15%).

The final paper will be due Thursday March 19 at 5 pm. A topic with a one-paragraph prospectus is due February 4. A preliminary outline and bibliography are due February 25.

Readings will be available on E-commons.

NOTE ON PLAGIARISM AND ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Students should be aware that we will be especially vigilant in responding to academic dishonesty and plagiarism in this class. Students must properly cite sources of all work that is not their own. On citation, see <http://library.ucsc.edu/help/howto/citations-and-style-guides> and <http://nettrail.ucsc.edu/> On principles and procedures for dealing with undergraduate academic dishonesty: http://www.ue.ucsc.edu/academic_integrity No mercy will be shown in this class toward plagiarism. When in doubt, ask.

NOTE ON DISABILITY

Any student who thinks s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to submit their Accommodation Authorization and discuss specific needs, preferably within the first two weeks of the quarter. Please contact the Disability Resource Center at 831-45-2089 in room 146 Hahn Student Services or by e-mail at drc@ucsc.edu to coordinate those accommodations.

I. Introduction

January 5 Overview of the course

January 7 General themes

- I. Wallerstein, "A World-System Perspective on the Social Sciences," *Brit. J. Sociol.* (Sept 1976), 343-352
- _____, "Modernization: Requiescat in Pace," in L. Coser, ed., *The Uses of Contemporary Sociology* (1974), 131-135
- _____, "The Tasks of Historical Social Science: An Editorial," *Review I* (Summer 1977), 3-7
- _____, "The Rise and Future Demise of World-Systems Analysis," *Review XXI* (Summer 1997), 103-112
- _____, "Antisystemic Movements, Yesterday and Today," *J. World-Systems Res.* 20:2 (2014), 158-172

Selections from the website: <http://fbc.binghamton.edu/commentr.htm>

II. Theoretical Sources

A. *Marxism*

January 12 (THIS ITEM NOT INCLUDED IN E-Commons)

K. Marx & F. Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*

_____, "Preface to the Russian Edition of 1882," in R. Tucker, ed., *The Marx-Engels Reader* (1978), 471-472

W. Goldfrank, "Dialectical Analysis and Closed Systems: Class Societies or World-Economy?" *Amer. Sociol. Review* 44 (Feb 1979), 172-173

B. *ANNALES historiography*

January 14

H. R. Trevor-Roper, "Fernand Braudel, the ANNALES, and the Mediterranean," *J. Modern History* 44 (Dec 1972), 468-47

January 19 – NO CLASS --- Holiday

C. *Historical economics*

January 21 F. Block, "Introduction" (2001) to K. Polanyi, *The Great Transformation* (1944)

D. *Dependency theory*

January 26

A. Gunder Frank, "The Development of Underdevelopment," (1966) and "Destroy Capitalism, not Feudalism," (1963) in *Latin America: Underdevelopment Or Revolution* (1969), 3-17, 350-361

T. Dos Santos, "The Structure of Dependence," in K. T. Fann & D. Hodges, eds., *Readings In U.S. Imperialism* (1971), 225-236

E. *Third World revolutionism*

January 28

F. Fanon, "The Pitfalls of National Consciousness," in *The Wretched of the Earth* (1963) 148-205

III. Major Expositions

February 2

Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis," *Comp. Stud. in Society & History* 16 (Sept 1974) 387-415

_____, *The Modern World-System I*, ch. 7 (1974)

February 4

W. Goldfrank, "Paradigm Regained? The Rules of Wallerstein's World-System Method," *Journal of World-Systems Research* 11:2, (200), 150-195

I. Wallerstein, "Preface: On Writing About the Modern World-System," xi-xvii in *The Modern World-System IV* (2011)

*****Paper topic with one-paragraph prospectus due*****

February 9 Guest lecture: Dr. Ariana Kalinic

Wallerstein, "Dependence in an Interdependent World," (1974) and
"Semiperipheral Countries and the Contemporary World Crisis" (1975) in
The Capitalist World-Economy (1979), 66-118

February 11 Film or library day

February 16 NO CLASS---Holiday

IV. Styles of World-Systems Analysis

A. Geopolitical emphasis

February 18

Cumings, "The Origins and Development of the Northeast Asian Political
Economy," in F. Deyo, ed., *The Political Economy of the New Asian
Industrialism* (1987), 44-83

So & S. Chiu, "Modern East Asia in World-Systems Analysis," in T. Hall, ed., *A
World-Systems Reader* (2000), 271-285

B. Quantitative Development Studies

Feb 23

V. Bornschier, C. Chase-Dunn, & R. Rubinson, "Cross-national Evidence of the
Effects of Foreign Investment and Aid on Economic Growth and a
Reanalysis," *Amer. J. Sociol.* 84 (Nov 1978), 651-683

G. Arrighi & J. Drangel, "The Stratification of the World-Economy: An
Exploration of the Semiperipheral Zone," *Review X* (Summer 1986), 9-74

C. Structural & historical reinterpretations

Feb 25

I. Wallerstein, *MWS*, III, ch. 3

W. Goldfrank, "World-System, State Structure, and the Onset of the Mexican
Revolution," *Politics & Society* 5 (Fall 1975), 417-439

*****Preliminary outline and bibliography due*****

D. Institutional Analysis

Mar 2

- I. Wallerstein & J. Smith, "Households as an Institution of the World-Economy" (1990), *The Essential Wallerstein* (New Press, 2000), 234-252
- W. Dunaway, "Bringing Commodity Chain Analysis Back to its World-Systems Roots: Rediscovering Women's Work and Households," *J. World-Systems Res* 20:1 (2014) 65-81
- M. Korzeniewicz, "Commodity Chains and Marketing Strategies: Nike and the Global Athletic Footwear Industry," in G. Gereffi & M. Korzeniewicz, eds., *Commodity Chains and Global Capitalism* (1994), 247-265
- W. Goldfrank, "Fresh Demand: The Consumption of Chilean Produce in the United States," in *Ibid.*, 267-279

V The Present & the Future

Mar 4

- G. Arrighi & B. Silver, "Hegemonic Transitions, Past and Present," plus commentaries by S. Sassen, W. Goldfrank & W. McNeill and a rejoinder by the authors, *Political Power & Social Theory* 13 (1999) 239-315

Mar 9

- T. Boswell & C. Chase-Dunn, "From State Socialism to Global Democracy: The Transitional Politics of the Modern World-System," in T. Hall, *op. cit.*, 289-306
- W. Goldfrank, "Beyond Cycles of Hegemony: Economic, Social and Military Factors," in V. Bornschier & C. Chase-Dunn, eds., *The Future of Global Conflict* (Sage, 1999), 66-76
- C. Chase-Dunn, "Five Linked Crises in the Contemporary World-System," *J. World-Systems Res.* 19:2 (2013), 175-181

VI. Student presentations

Mar 11, 16

PAPERS DUE, Thursday March 19, 5pm, Instructor's office