

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

In the Spring of 2018, Torry Dickinson approached the Council with the idea of establishing an interuniversity consortium to support PEWS research and teaching. Chris Chase-Dunn, Valentine M. Moghadam, and Beverly Silver graciously accepted the Council's invitation to serve on an ad-hoc PEWS Interuniversity Consortium (PEWS-IC) Committee to explore this idea. The Committee has developed the following proposal and is now soliciting feedback from the membership. If you have comments on the proposal or if you would like to be involved in the consortium, please contact the committee: Chris Chase-Dunn (chriscd@ucr.edu), Val Moghadam (vmmogha@yahoo.com), Beverly Silver (silver@jhu.edu).

PEWS-IC Proposal

PEWS-IC is a scholarly consortium dedicated to research and education that applies and develops the world-system perspective on political economy, development and interstate relations. The main goal of the PEWS-IC is to facilitate cross-institutional and international collaboration on curricular, training, and research projects informed by world-system analysis. PEWS-IC seeks to include relevant graduate programs, research institutions and individual scholars from around the world.

Activities and projects of the PEWS-IC include:

1. a *website to facilitate communication and collaboration* among world-system scholars; the website would allow for both the posting of announcements and the development of forums for discussion on themes of interest to those active in PEWSIC;
2. organizing and updating a world-system archive (through possible use and revision of <http://wsarch.ucr.edu>) to contain working papers, data sets, links to relevant other archives and publications and links to other existing 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 PEWSIC 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 could be stand-alone courses or online sections of existing courses at participating institutions;
4. raising funds to support the activities of the consortium.

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. 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 can serve as the initial platform for the PEWS-IC website.

The membership of the PEWS-IC coordinating committee should consist of three representatives of research project hubs who are currently active in the collaborations of PEWS-IC and one member of the PEWS Council (to aid communication between the Committee and the Council).

After an initial 3-year organizational period the three hub leaders on the committee should have staggered 3-year terms to enhanced continuity.