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

      _____, "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

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
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


D. Dependency theory

January 26

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

February 4
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
Industrialism* (1987), 44-83

So & S. Chiu, "Modern East Asia in World-Systems Analysis," in T. Hall, ed., *A

**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
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

VI. Student presentations

Mar 11, 16

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