



## Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations

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Activities, 1977-78

August 1978

1. The Seminar on Group Formation and Group Conflict in the Historical Development of the Modern World-System continued its work on the theme: "The Relationship of the Terms 'Proletarian' and 'Bourgeois' to Other Class/Occupational Categories We Use." The following papers were offered.

November 2, 1977. Georges Haupt, Adjunct Professor of Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton, and Director of the Centre d'Etudes sur l'Est Européen et l'U.R.S.S. of the E.H.E.S.S., Paris, "In What Sense and to What Degree Was the Russian Revolution a Proletarian Revolution?"

December 7, 1977. Marta Petrusiewicz, Research Associate, Fernand Braudel Center, and member of the Department of Economic History, University of Calabria, "Primary Accumulation and the Creation of a Rural Bourgeoisie/Rural Proletariat in Nineteenth-Century Calabria"

January 18, 1978. Caglar Keyder, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, "The Transition to Capitalism in Seventeenth-Century France"

February 1, 1978. Ervand Abrahamian, Department of History, CUNY-Baruch College, "The Formation of the Proletariat in Modern Iran, 1941-1953"

March 8, 1978. Perry Anderson, Adjunct Professor of Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton, and Editor, New Left Review, "The Role of the Proletariat in Bourgeois Revolutions"

April 19, 1978. Giovanni Arrighi, Adjunct Professor of Sociology, SUNY-Binghamton, and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Political Science, University of Calabria, "The Strange Death of the Industrial Proletariat in Europe"

May 3, 1978. Charles Freedeman, Department of History, SUNY-Binghamton, "A la recherche de la bourgeoisie française"

A set of the papers in mimeographed form (except for that of Perry Anderson) are available upon request for \$3.00. A form is attached.

2. A number of other public lectures and informal seminars were offered this year under the auspices of the Center.

January 30, 1978. Caglar Keyder, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, "The Ottoman Empire and the World-Economy"

February 2, 1978. Ervand Abrahamian, CUNY-Baruch College, "The Causes of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1905-09"

February 8, 1978. Caglar Keyder, "Peasants in 20th Century Turkey"

February 9, 1978. Caglar Keyder, "U.S. Hegemony or Euro-American Imperialist Rivalry?"

February 10, 1978. Norman Birnbaum, Amherst College, "Euro-Communism Current Prospects"

February 27, 1978. Gabriel Warburg, Haifa University, "Slavery and Labor in Sudan, 1893-1956" and "Nationalism and Islam in the Sudan"

March 16, 1978. Rodney Hilton, University of Birmingham, "The Crisis of the Medieval Social Order"

March 17, 1978. Rodney Hilton, "Towns in Feudal Society"

March 21, 1978. Györgi Ranki, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, "The Role of the State in the European Periphery in the Nineteenth Century"

March 23, 1978. Dr. Norbert Elias, author of The Civilizing Process, "Socio-Historical Critique of the Concepts of Time and Space"

3. The Center had in residence three Visiting Research Associates during the year:

Marta Petrusiewicz, Dept. of Economic History, University of Calabria, September-December 1977.

Caglar Keyder, Dept. of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, January-February 1978.

Nikolai Driachlov, Dept. of Historical Materialism, Moscow State University (under the SUNY-Moscow State University Exchange Program), February-April 1978.

4. The Center initiated a number of Research Working Groups. Three of the most active were:

a. Long Cycles of the World-Economy and the Social Division of Labor  
Research Coordinators: Terence Hopkins and Immanuel Wallerstein

Query as to the existence and measurement of long cycles, the explanations of the conjunctures, and the consequences in terms of the social division of labor

(that is, the continual reorganization of production processes on a world scale in terms of geographical location and production relations).

b. Historical Glossary of Concepts Relating to the World-System  
Research Coordinator: Cedric Robinson

Investigation of the new (and revised) vocabulary of political economy which has grown up with the evolution of the modern world-system. The initial task will be to establish basic criteria (socio-historical, etymological, and epistemological) through which such an enquiry will proceed.

c. Histories and Ecologies  
Research Coordinator: Neville Dyson-Hudson

Utilizing the diverse research traditions of ecologists (working in archaeology and anthropology) and socio-economic historians, investigation of the ecosystem relationships of which world-systems themselves are a reflection.

5. The Center co-sponsored a colloquium August 7-9, 1978 in Starnberg, Federal Republic of Germany with the Max-Planck-Institut zur Erforschung der Lebensbedingungen der wissenschaftlich-technischen Welt and the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. The topic of the colloquium was: "Crises in the Capitalist World-Economy: Past and Present." The participants were:

Herb Addo (Jamaica)	Oyvind Østerud (Norway)
Samir Amin (IDEP, Dakar)	Marta Petrusiewicz (Italy)
Perry Anderson (U.K.)	Carlo Poni (Italy)
Giovanni Arrighi (Italy)	Anibal Quijano (Peru)
Amiya K. Bagchi (India)	Claudio Rotelli (Italy)
Solon Barraclough (RISD, Geneva)	Dieter Senghaas (F.R. Germany)
Maurice Broder (France)	José Augustin Silva Michelena (Venezuela)
Frederick Clairmonte (UNCTAD, Geneva)	Hans Ulrich Wehler (F.R. Germany)
Ernest Feder (F.R. Germany)	Nicole Bousquet (Fernand Braudel Center)
André Gunder Frank (U.K.)	Terence Hopkins (Fernand Braudel Center)
Erich Jacoby (Sweden)	Immanuel Wallerstein (Fernand Braudel Center)
Caglar Keyder (Turkey)	Maurice Aymard (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme)
Michael Kidron (U.K.)	Clemens Heller (Maison des Sciences de l'Homme)
Alberto Martinelli (Italy)	Folker Fröbel (Max-Planck-Institut)
Hans Medick (F.R. Germany)	Jürgen Heinrichs (Max-Planck-Institut)
Ramkrishna Mukherjee (India)	Otto Kreye (Max-Planck-Institut)

The Center presented a paper on: "Europe and the International Division of Labor - Past and Present." This is a product of the Working Group on Long Cycles of the World-Economy and the Social Division of Labor. Copies of this paper are available upon request.

6. On April 15, 1978, the Center sponsored a one-day preparation meeting for a colloquium on "Patterns of the Labor Force in Southern Africa 1800-1940." This was a follow-up to a conference on "Agrarian Labor in Africa 1880-1925" held at Columbia University on April 7, 1977. At the April, 1978 meeting, two draft papers were presented by Marcia Wright: "Production Mixes in Zimbabwe, 1800-1940;" and William Martin and Immanuel Wallerstein: "The Household and the African Labor Force in Southern Africa: A Research Proposal." These papers are now being revised and will serve as basic documents for the larger colloquium now scheduled for March, 1979.
7. The Southern Africa Project, co-sponsored by our Center, the Africana Studies and Research Center of Cornell University, and the Centro de Estudos Africanos of the Universidade de Edouard Mondlane in Mozambique, is issuing a series of pamphlets on the contemporary situation in southern Africa. The first, now out, is by Allen Isaacman, "A Luta Continua: Creating a New Society in Mozambique." It is available for \$2.00. A form is attached. The second, due to appear by September 15, is by Sean Gervasi, "The United States and the Arms Embargo Against South Africa: Evidence, Denial, and Refutation."
8. At the request of the Governor of the State of New York, the Center prepared a report on "Libraries and Our Civilizations" by Immanuel Wallerstein and John Stephens. The report is now available in printed form, issued by the Governor's Commission on Libraries. A limited number of copies are available from the Center.
9. The Center agreed to be an Associated Institution of the "Project on Socio-Cultural Comparative Evaluation of Development Alternatives in a Changing World" of the United Nations University. The Director attended a Human and Social Development Program Seminar in Mexico City on November 6-11, 1977.
10. The monograph series, Studies in Modern Capitalism, a joint enterprise of the Center and the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, published by Cambridge University Press, is releasing its first volumes this coming year. A full announcement is attached.
11. The double issue of Review, I, 3/4, Winter/Spring 1978, has appeared. It contains the papers and discussion of our Inaugural Conference in May, 1977. The table of contents of this issue and of II,1 and II,2 are attached.
12. The Center is happy to announce the appointment of Elizabeth McLean Petras as a full-time Research Associate as of September 1, 1978. Ms. Petras has been conducting research on the differential effects of cross-national labor migration on core and periphery, with a focus on emigration from the Caribbean.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SERIES: STUDIES IN MODERN CAPITALISM

The Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations and the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme have launched a joint enterprise, under the title Studies in Modern Capitalism/Etudes sur le capitalisme moderne. The series is published by Cambridge University Press. The International Editorial Board is composed of Maurice Aymard, Jacques Revel, Immanuel Wallerstein.

The series is devoted to an attempt to comprehend capitalism as a world-system. It will include monographs, collections of essays, and colloquia around specific themes, written by historians and social scientists united by a common concern for the study of large-scale, long-term social structure and social change.

The initial titles are the following:

- 1) Immanuel Wallerstein, The Capitalist World-Economy (October 1978)
- 2) Pierre Bourdieu, Algeria 1960: The Disenchantment of the World (October 1978)
- 3) André Gunder Frank, Mexican Agriculture 1521-1630. Transformation of the Mode of Production (January 1979)
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