

CALL FOR PAPERS AND THEMED ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

The Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section invites papers and proposals for themed roundtable sessions at the August 2011 ASA annual meetings. There are three ways in which you can participate in these roundtables:

- 1) We always welcome **individual/open paper submissions**. Papers may cover any topic and, if accepted, will be organized into a roundtable by the PEWS Roundtable Organizers.
- 2) You can submit a paper for inclusion in one of the **themed round tables**. To do so, please contact the panel chairs with an abstract or paper in line with the proposed theme. A full list of themed roundtables and chairpersons appears below.
- 3) Finally, you can develop groups of papers into a **self-organized themed round table** to be presented together.

To self-organize a group of papers for a themed round table session, simply invite colleagues to submit papers on a common theme as a group to the PEWS organizers by December 20. Those taking this route will recruit scholars to submit relevant papers and serve as official presiders (and, if so desired, give their own paper) at their round table session. Appearing on the ASA program as a roundtable presider offers benefits to senior and junior scholars alike. Senior colleagues can champion and help disseminate the work of junior scholars by attracting a wide audience. Junior scholars can gain a focused and constructive venue for discussing work in progress with colleagues who share related interests and concerns. If interested, please contact us by December 20th, indicate intent, and include roundtable abstract & title.

Please note two important rules. First, papers for all participants must also be submitted through the ASA's regular on-line submission system, open between December 1st until January 13th. Second, ASA guidelines stipulate that any themed or self-organized table must have a minimum of three accepted papers. In cases where organizers receive fewer than three, any accepted papers may be combined with others and feature under an alternate title.

Feel free to consult Jason Cons jc162@cornell.edu or Christian Lentz christian.lentz@duke.edu with any questions. We look forward to your participation.

Best,
Jason Cons
Christian Lentz
PEWS Round Table Organizers

CALL FOR PAPERS: PEWS THEMED ROUNDTABLES

This is an updated call for papers for the Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section roundtables for the American Sociological Association Meetings in Chicago, IL held 13-16 August 2011. In addition to single submission papers and self-organized roundtables, we invite scholars to submit abstracts and/or papers on the following themes:

- **“The Political Economy of Global Environmental Governance: Obstacles to Ecologically Sane Regulation”**

Organizers: Brian Gareau bgareau@gmail.com and Cristina Legot LEGOTC@bc.edu

We invite submissions that consider the obstacles faced by global environmental governance in the creation and enforcement of meaningful regulations. Papers focusing on any of the following topics are welcome: the political economic obstacles to addressing global climate change; changes in global hegemony and the ecological implications; global trade in toxics (legal and illegal); and, global agri-food networks, governance and sustainable alternatives.

NOTE—Please send all inquiries, abstracts and paper drafts to Cristina Legot at [<legotc@bc.edu>](mailto:legotc@bc.edu) and include “The Political Economy of Global Environmental Governance” in the subject line. Submissions will be selected from all full paper drafts received by December 20, 2010

- **“Migration in the World-System”**

Organizers: Matthew R. Sanderson, Ph.D. matthew.sanderson@Lehigh.EDU and April Linton aplinton@AD.UCSD.EDU

This roundtable will explore the multiple and varied relationships between structural change in the global political-economy and the movement of people, both forced and free. Papers are welcome that: (a) employ either qualitative or quantitative methods, or some combination; (b) focus on any particular state, region, zone, or place; and (c) examine any particular time period. However, papers using a comparative approach, and those that focus on relationships over long periods of time, are particularly encouraged.

- **“Social Collapse Scenarios”**

Organizer: Richard Hutchinson rhutch13@kennesaw.edu

Forecasts by oil geologists of impending "peak oil" have led to increasing attention to the possibility of social collapse. Collapse might be triggered by other precipitating factors as well, and one theory holds that the underlying cause is diminishing marginal returns to increasing complexity. What patterns are revealed by research on past collapses? What are likely scenarios for future collapse? What patterns of social conflict might result from collapse of the world-system's core? What possibilities might emerge for

progressive reconstruction or, alternatively, fascism? Might collapse lead to delinking the periphery from the core?

- **“World Cities in Rising Asia”**

Organizer: Kyoung-Ho Shin KSHIN@nwmissouri.edu

World cities in Asia have become increasingly prominent in the flows of trade, people, and information and form a discernable city system in global urban networks. Asian world cities play significant roles in controlling their globalizing economies and reveal increased bipolarization within urban spaces. With respect to this ‘rise of Asia,’ what are the roles of states and how do relations among cities change in the larger structure of the world-system? Potential research, theoretical and empirical, includes but is not limited to: translocal communities and identities with new political/cultural subjectivities, impacts of time-space compression from globalization, mapping out Asian city systems, and social consequences of deepening inequality.

- **“Modeling World-Systems”**

Organizer: Hiroko Inoue inoueh02@ucr.edu

This roundtable session invites papers which focus on any aspect related to the issue of modeling world-systems or macro historical dynamics. “Modeling” in this session refers broadly to methods that incorporate statistical, formal/mathematical, simulation, theoretical/qualitative, and similar approaches. Topics may include, but are not limited to, modeling of globalization, long-term social change, historical dynamics, stratification/inequality, and/or various methodological issues raised in modeling macro level social organizations, institutions, or systems.

- **“Borders and Frontiers: Nodes of Connection for Pastoralists, Indigenous Peoples, & Globalization”**

Organizers: Tom Hall thall@depauw.edu and James Fenelon

The goal of this roundtable is to bring together sociologists working on projects that sometimes “fall through the cracks” in discussions of borders and/or globalization. To this end, we welcome papers addressing the relationships between marginalized groups, particularly pastoralists and indigenous peoples, and processes that both make and unmake political frontiers.

- **“Determinates and Outcomes of Economic Growth”**

Organizer: Gary Coyne garycoyne1@gmail.com

Determinates, as well as outcomes, of economic growth have long been of scholarly interest. This round table is open to various theoretical orientations from a variety of substantive interests that examine the causes and consequences of economic growth at global, national, or sub-national levels. Relevant research questions include: Are there

particular government policies that promote (or inhibit) growth? What patterns of interaction between states, organizations, or other groups facilitate (or forestall) economic growth? How does economic growth (or lack thereof) impact societies, organizations, or individuals?

- **“Cultural Production and the World System”**

Organizer: Peter Wilkin Peter.Wilkin@brunel.ac.uk

This panel invites papers that focus upon the ways in which the modern world-system has been represented in different cultural formats. In particular it will consider two related questions: what do these cultural forms and representations add to our understanding of the world-system? How should we understand the relationship between the world-system and cultural practices?

- **“Process-oriented Investigation and Explanations of World Historical Social Change”**

Organizer: Sandra Comstock comstoc@fas.harvard.edu

In her 2007 article Elizabeth Clemens observed that comparative historical sociologists are paying increasing attention to social practices as processes. Process-oriented investigation moves us away from classic comparisons of relatively static, thing-like units of analysis such as nation-states. It moves us toward fluid comparisons aimed at explaining the emergence and destabilization of social interests, logics of action, categories, and practices. This orientation has generated many useful concepts, including social caging, reiterated episodes of problem-solving, the intersection of multiple logics of action, and the conjuncture of structures. This panel invites papers that empirically or theoretically explore how these or other process-oriented tools of analysis enrich world systemic, encompassing, or incorporating comparative explanations of social change.

- **"Neoliberalism and Resistance in the Global South"**

Organizers: Kirk Lawrence kirk.lawrence@email.ucr.edu and Edwin Elias edwin.elias@email.ucr.edu

What have been the effects of structural adjustment programs and other policies of the International Financial Organizations in the global South? How have social movements responded to their impacts? How do we make sense of the Pink Tide of socialist-style governments in Latin America? This table seeks various perspectives on the impacts of neoliberalist policies and programs in the global South and the struggles against or in response to them. Papers may consider topics addressing the questions above or the general theme in related areas such as progressive political parties, environmental justice, and anti-capitalist movements.

- **“Gender and Work in the Global Marketplace”**

Organizers: Mary Robertson mary.robertson@colorado.edu and Barbara Grossman-Thompson barbara.grossman-thompson@colorado.edu

This panel seeks submissions that relate to gender and work in the global marketplace, particularly those that examine how gender is used as a tool to produce and discipline working bodies, as well as how it is used to resist or subvert dominant forms of power in the marketplace. Interesting topics might include, but are not limited to sex work, Queer identities and work, or gender and labor migration.

- **“Agriculture and the Environment”**

Organizer: Sarah Lake sarah.lake@colorado.edu

This panel seeks submissions that address issues of rural peasantries, agrarian communities, and agricultural commodities with a particular attention to the environmental outcomes as well as environmental pressures. Papers are welcome that focus on agricultural changes due to climate change, political regimes, resource management, and international trade.

To submit a paper for consideration at ASA 2011, please remember to:

1) Be a member of the American Sociological Association. If you have been a member of the ASA before, go to: <https://www.e-noah.net/ASA/Login.asp>. If you have never been a member before you can go to: <https://www.e-noah.net/ASA/Profile/NewCheck.asp?S=1> and follow the instructions.

2) Submit, at minimum, an abstract of your talk to the online registration site, indicating in the first sentence of your abstract the round table to which you would like your paper submitted. You do this by going to <https://www.e-noah.net/ASA/MemberPortal.asp> and logging in. On the new page, scroll down to “**Events**” and click “**2011 Online Paper Submission System**.” Then follow the instructions from there. When choosing which session to submit to, please select the “Political Economy of the World-System Roundtables.”

3) All abstracts and/or papers must be submitted by **January 13, 2011**. If you do not submit an abstract and/or paper by this time then your name will not be featured in the program.

Again, only themed tables that include at least 3 accepted papers will be included in the conference. In the event we receive fewer than 3, we may need to combine papers with other similarly themed ones.

If you have any questions, please write to Jason Cons at <jc162@cornell.edu> or Christian Lentz at <christian.lentz@duke.edu>. We hope you will be a part of what is shaping up to be an exciting conference.

Best,

Jason Cons
Christina Lentz