

The Social and Natural Limits of Globalization and the Current Conjuncture
August 7, 2009
University of San Francisco

Conference Schedule

- 8:15-8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration, *Fromm Hall*
- 8:30-9:30 Opening Plenary, *Xavier Chapel in Fromm Hall*
Speaker: John Bellamy Foster, University of Oregon, "The World-System Crisis: Ecology, Economy, Empire"
Presider: Andrew Jorgensen, University of Utah
- 9:30-11:10 Paper Session #1: Concurrent Panels
1. Finance and Financialization, *Cowell Hall Rm. 413*
 2. Institutions, Inequality and Development, *Cowell Hall Rm. 414*
 3. States, Scales and Alternative Futures, *Cowell Hall Rm. 417*
- 11:10-12:50 Paper Session #2: Concurrent Panels
4. The Social Foundations of Environmental Change, *Cowell Hall, Rm. 414*
 5. Cross-Border Organizing and Transnational Activism, *Cowell Hall Rm. 417*
 6. Global Food Crisis: The End of Cheap Food?, *Cowell Hall Rm. 413*
- 12:50-1:00 Pick-up box lunches in Fromm Hall outside Xavier Chapel
- 1:00-3:00 Lunchtime Plenary Session, *Xavier Chapel in Fromm Hall*
"The Counter-Movement(s) Today"
Speakers: Fred Block, University of California Davis
Christopher Chase-Dunn, University of California Riverside
Valentine Moghadam, Purdue University
Timmons Roberts, Brown University
Presider: Robert Ross, Clark University
- 3:00-4:40 Paper Session #3: Concurrent Panels
7. Migration, *Cowell Hall Rm. 413*
 8. States, Scales and Regulation, *Cowell Hall Rm. 414*
 9. Environmental Activism and Climate Politics, *Cowell Hall Rm. 417*
- 4:40-5:30 Closing Plenary and General Discussion, *Xavier Chapel in Fromm Hall*
"Making Connections: Thinking across the social and natural in global context"
Brief presentations by conference organizers followed by general discussion

Paper Session Information

First Paper Session: 9:30-11:10 AM

1. Finance and Financialization, Cowell Hall Rm. 413

Organizer: Joseph Cohen, City University of New York

Presider: Jennifer Bair, University of Colorado

Discussant: Dan Hirschman, University of Michigan

Presenters: Aaron Pitluck, Illinois State University, "Distributed Execution in Illiquid Times: an Alternative Explanation of Trading in Stock Markets"

Nicole Aschoff, Johns Hopkins University, "The rise and demise of vertical production: A case study examining the role of finance in the restructuring of the US auto industry"

Christian Suter, University of Neuchâtel, "Financial crises and the institutional evolution of the global debt restructuring regime, 1820-2008"

Christopher Yenkey, Cornell University, "Instituting Investor Capitalism in the Global Periphery: The Construction of Retail Investing in Kenya, 2006-08"

2. Institutions, Inequality and Development, Cowell Hall Rm. 414

Organizer and Presider: Matthew Mahutga, University of California Riverside

Presenters: Salvatore Babones, University of Sydney, "Entropy Modeling of the Global Income Distribution"

Lori Smith, Princeton University, "Democracy in the World Polity: The Structure of International Organization and Political Regime Change"

Kristen Shorette, University of California Irvine, "Integration into the World-Economy and Health Benefits for Peripheral and African Countries: A Global Comparative Analysis"

Matthew Flynn, University of Texas Austin, "The Limits of Global Capitalism: Brazil's Strong State Response to Transnational Drug Firms"

Donald Light, Stanford University, "Unnatural Limits to Preventing Diseases of the Poor"

3. States, Scales and Alternative Futures, Cowell Hall Rm. 417

Organizer and Presider: Paul Gellert, University of Tennessee

Presenters: Chris Chase-Dunn and Kirk Lawrence, University of California Riverside, "World-System Future(s)"

Elson Boles, Saginaw Valley State University, "The Spiral Evolution of Rights"

Robert Schaeffer, Kansas State University, “Re-emergence of Hybrid States and the External Arena”

Sherrow Pinder, California State University Chico, “The Nation State in the Era of Globalization: Some New Challenges”

John Gulick, Hanyang University, “Chinese Agricultural Restructuring and the Future of the Sino-Russian Strategic Partnership”

Second Paper Session: 11:10 AM-12:50 PM

4. The Social Foundations of Environmental Change, Cowell Hall Rm. 414

Organizer and Presider: Andrew Jorgensen, University of Utah

Presenters: Richard York, University of Oregon, “The Carbon Intensity of the Global Economy and the Prospects for De-Carbonization”

Riley Dunlap, Oklahoma State University, “The Globalization of Citizen Concern for the Environment: Results from Seven Cross-National Surveys”

David John Frank, Ann Hironaka and Evan Schofer, University of California Irvine, “Environmental Outcomes in Global Perspective”

Liam Downey, University of Colorado, “Natural Resource Extraction, Violence and Environmental Degradation”

Bruce Podobnik, Lewis and Clark College, “Building the Clean Energy Movement: Future Possibilities in Historical Perspective”

5. Cross-Border Organizing and Transnational Activism, Cowell Hall Rm. 417

Organizer and Presider: Jennifer Bickham Mendez, College of William and Mary

Discussant: Nancy Naples, University of Connecticut

Presenters: Gary Adler, University of Arizona, “Building Cross-Border Solidarity?: The Impact of Group Styles on Immersion Travel Trips to Mexico”

Raphi Konstantin Rechitsky and Renata Blumberg, University of Minnesota, “East/West and North/South Fissures in Transnational Social Movements: The case of 2007 No Border Camps at the Ukraine/EU and U.S./Mexico Borders”

Mary Robertson, University of Colorado Boulder, “Negative Implications of U.S. Anti-Trafficking Policy on Transnational Feminist and Women’s Organizing”

Anthony J. Spires, Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Ideas from Abroad: Global Civil Society and Its Impact on China”

Robyn Rodriguez, Rutgers University and Valerie Francisco, City University of New York, The Graduate Center, “Countertopographies of Globalization: Diasporic Nationalism and Migrant Transnationalism”

6. Global Food Crisis: The End of Cheap Food?, Cowell Hall Rm. 413

Organizer and Presider: Farshad Araghi, Florida Atlantic University

Discussant: Stephen Zavestoski, University of San Francisco

Presenters: Alessandro Bonano, Sam Houston State University, “The Global Food Crisis: The Case of Tyson Foods, Flexible Accumulation and Resistance in Mexico”

Eric Holt Gimenez, Executive Director, Food First, “Food Movements and the Food Crisis: Food Security, Food Justice or Food Sovereignty”

Hannah K. Wittman, Simon Fraser University, “Stepping up to the Plate: Agrarian Citizenship and the Crisis of Food Sovereignty”

Tarique Niazi, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, “Neo-Corporatization of Agriculture and the Food Crisis: From Food Farming to Farming out Food Production in Pakistan”

Third Paper Session: 3:00-4:40 PM

7. Migration, Cowell Hall Rm. 413

Organizer and Presider: Matthew Sanderson, Lehigh University

Presenters: Raul Delgado Wise, Director of Doctoral Program in Migration Studies and Professor of Development Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Mexico, “Dialectic of Forced Migration and Uneven Development: Lessons from NAFTA”

Moshe Semyonov, Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago and Professor of Sociology and Labor Studies, Tel Aviv University, “Spatial Assimilation of Ethnic Immigrants in European Societies”

Immanuel Ness, Professor of Political Science, City University of New York Brooklyn, “Guest Workers, Migration and the U.S. Tourist Industry Labor Market”

Kathleen Schwartzman, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Arizona, “Import Surges and Emigration: NAFTA’s Two-Way Traffic”

8. States, Scales and Regulation, Cowell Hall Rm. 414

Organizer, Presider and Discussant: Paul Gellert, University of Tennessee

Presenters: Phil Hough, Florida Atlantic University, “Disarticulations and Commodity Chains: Cattle, Coca and Capital Accumulation along Colombia’s Agricultural Frontier”

Samuel Cohn, Texas A & M University, “New Types of Regulatory Regimes in a Post-Debt-Crisis World: Can Neo-Liberalism Reproduce Itself?”

Brian Obach, SUNY New Paltz, “Private Regulation and the State in the Organic Agriculture Industry”

Rachel Meyer, Harvard University, “Globalization and Local Politics: Community-Based Responses to Neoliberalism”

William Friedland, University of California Santa Cruz, “New Ways of Working & Organization: Alternative Agrifood Movements and Agrifood Researchers”

9. Environmental Activism and Climate Politics, Cowell Hall Rm. 417

Organizer and Presider: Jennifer Bickham Mendez, College of William and Mary

Discussant: Timmons Roberts, Brown University

Presenters: Thomas Swerts, University of Chicago, “Transnational Environmental Activism and the Post-Political Trap: Assessing Toxics Link’s anti-systemic resistance potential around E-waste in India”

Matheu Kaneshiro and Kirk Lawrence, University of California Riverside, “Environmentalism and the Family of Anti-Systemic Movements”

Scott Byrd and Cari Levay, University of California Irvine, “Claims, Aims, and Climate Change: Climate Justice Now! and the UNFCCC Negotiations”

Lachelle Norris and Juan M. Sáñez, Tennessee Tech University, “Democratizing Development in the Face of Environmental Injustice: The Case of the Tambogrande Gold Mine Protest”