At the close of the 20th century Giovanni Arrighi and Beverly Silver published their influential work, *Chaos and Governance in the Modern-World System* (1999). Arrighi, Silver, and their collaborators employed world historical methodologies to take on crucial scholarly controversies about systemic and structural transformations characterizing global capitalism at the time, including the rise and spread of market fundamentalism, the financialization of capital, and processes of global economic integration and liberalization. Were these world systemic changes a sign of US hegemony or hegemonic decline? Did they signify a fundamental structural shift in the balance of power among states? Has “globalization” irremediably undermined state power? Has the world economy entered an unstoppable “race to the bottom” in conditions of work and life? Was the close of the 20th century the autumn of five centuries of Western dominance in the modern world system?

This conference, “Chaos and Governance the 21st Century,” is designed to provide a unique opportunity for scholars interested in revisiting these themes, questions, and propositions nearly two decades later, when the geopolitics, global economics, and the fabric of social life appear to be more uncertain and future directions more unstable.

We strongly encourage submissions from scholars at all career stages and from a range of theoretical, methodological and disciplinary traditions.