The 44th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of the World-System takes place during a critical juncture for both the field of world-systems analysis and for the world-system itself. The first four sessions of the conference bring together papers that reconstruct the theoretical and methodological lineages of world-systems analysis by recuperating neglected foundational texts and by putting the world-systems perspective into dialogue with other critical approaches in the social sciences. The next four sessions deploy tools provided by a world-systems perspective to analyze the multiple intertwined social, political, and economic challenges of the current juncture, illuminating the global crisis and unfolding systemic chaos.

All sessions are open to the public. Please pre-register [here](#) to receive the Zoom invitation.

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**Session #1: The Legacies of Dependency Theory**

**Friday, September 25th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST**

Discussant: **Patricio Korzeniewicz** (UMD College Park)

- **Antonio Brussi** (University of Brasilia) – “On Reconstructing the Lineages of World-Systems Analysis”
- **Kristin Plys** (University of Toronto) – “For a Rodneyan World-Systems Analysis”
- **Matías Vernengo** (Bucknell University) – “Unequal Exchange and Dependency in South-South Relations: Marini’s contribution in a classical-Keynesian perspective”
- **Isis Campos Camarinha** (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) – “The ‘Dialectics of Time’: Alienation on a World Scale Dimension”
Session #2: Beyond Eurocentrism & European Hegemony

Friday, October 2nd, 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
Discussant: Ravi Palat (SUNY Binghamton)

Elson Boles (Saginaw Valley State University) – “Abu-Lughod, Arrighi, Wallerstein: The transition, the Waves, and the Spiral Evolution of Rights”

Huei-Ying Kuo (Johns Hopkins University) – “From Straits to Straits: Links and Breaks of ‘Overseas Chinese’ Tea Business Networks after the Capitalist Incorporation of Chinese Tea Industry”

Daniele Benzi (Federal University of Bahia) – “Coloniality of Power and non-Eurocentric Global History: Remembering and Debating with Aníbal Quijano (1930-2018)”

Manuela Boătcă (University of Freiburg) – “Global and Regional Transformations: Teaching Walter Rodney and Janet Abu-Lughod in the 21st century”

Session #3: Synergizing World-Systems Analysis

Friday, October 9th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST
Discussant: Amy Quark (William & Mary)

Volkan Aytar (Virginia Commonwealth University) – “Two Cultures,’ Alternative Knowledge Movements and Synergies with World-System Analysis”

Kelvin Santiago (SUNY Binghamton) – “‘Primitive’ Accumulation under Historical Capitalism and the Unequal Social Regulation of the Global Labor Force”

Yasemin Bavbek (Brown University) & Juho Korhonen (Boğaziçi University) – “Symbolic Power in World-Systems Ordering: Classification Struggles of the Ottoman and Russian Empires”

David Smith (UC Irvine), Paul Ciccantell (University of Western Michigan), & Elizabeth Sowers (CSU Channel Islands) – “Reconstructing Commodity Chain Analysis as World-Systems Analysis”

Session #4: Theory & Methodology of Terence K. Hopkins

Friday, October 16th, 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
Discussant: Beverly Silver (Johns Hopkins University)

Gamze Evcimen (SUNY Binghamton) – “Hopkins & Concepts as Relational Categories: Different Manifestations of the Relationship between Religion & Neoliberalism in the Global South”

Brendan McQuade (University of Southern Maine) & Stuart Schrader (Johns Hopkins University) – “Amorphous Powers and Ill-disciplined Comparisons: Police Power, and Patterns of Imperium, and State-formation”

Fathun K. Satrio (SUNY Binghamton) – “Cycles of Primitive Accumulation: Revisiting Terence Hopkins’ Contributions to Primitive Accumulation”

Mauro Di Meglio (University of Naples “L’Orientale”) - “World-Systems Analysis as Relational Thinking: Indisciplinarity and the Geopolitics of Epistemological Inclusions/Exclusions”
**Session #5: Geopolitics, Imperialism, and Finance**

Friday, October 23rd, 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST
Discussant: **Ho-Fung Hung** (Johns Hopkins University)

**Conrad Jacober** (Johns Hopkins University) – “Custom & Innovation in Postwar American Banking”

**Devparna Roy** (Nazareth College) – “Race, Caste, Nation and Imperialism in the Modern World-System”

**Ryan Calder** (Johns Hopkins University) – “Dīn, dinars, and dollar hegemony: Islamic gold projects at the twilight of the long twentieth century”

**Robert Denemark** (University of Delaware) – “The Trajectories of Mercantilism”

**Session #6: Systemic Chaos in the 21st Century**

Friday, October 30th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm EST
Discussant: **Corey Payne** (Johns Hopkins University)

**Carlos Eduardo Martins** (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) – “Braudelian and Marxist World-System Analysis, Systemic Chaos, and the Transition for the Long 21st Century”

**David Feldman** (UC Santa Barbara) – “Global Crisis and Militarized Migration Management”

**Sefika Kumral** (UNC Greensboro) – “Global Crisis and Right-Wing Populism in the Global South”

**Session #7: Rethinking Core and Periphery**

Friday, November 6th, 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
Discussant: **Sahan Savas Karatasli** (UNC Greensboro)


**Kai Wen Yang** (SUNY Binghamton) – “Situating Urban (Semi-)Peripheral ‘Backward Zones’ / ‘Neutral Zone’ Within Core-Peripheral Relations of Historical Capitalism”

**Michael Tyrala** (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology) – “Accumulation by Taxploitation: A World-Systems Analysis of Offshore Tax Dodging and Its Evolving Impact on the Capitalist World-Economy”

**Victor Ramiro Fernandez, Luciano Moretti, Joel Sidler & Emilia Ormaechea** (Instituto de Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales del Litoral Argentina) – “The rise of the global south and the redefinition of the World System hierarchies”
Session #8: Social Reproduction in the Modern World-System

Friday, November 13th, 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
Discussant: Ricardo Jacobs (UC Santa Barbara)

Shaohua Zhan (Nanyang Technological University) – “Tackling Food Security: Dilemmas of China’s Rapid Growth”

Kevan Harris (UC Los Angeles) & Philip Hough (Florida Atlantic University) – “Labor Regimes, Boundary-Drawing and Social Reproduction across the Arc of U.S. World Hegemony”

Stephan Lessenich (Ludwig Maximilians University) – “The Rise and Fall of ‘Externalization Society’”

Yige Dong (SUNY Buffalo) – “The Social Reproduction Question in World-Systems Analysis”

Concluding Session: World-Systems Analysis in a Critical Juncture

Friday, December 4th, 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
Discussants: Conference Participants

Patricio Korzeniewicz (UMD College Park), Beverly Silver (Johns Hopkins University) & Corey Payne (Johns Hopkins University) – “World-Systems Analysis in a Critical Juncture” [Thematic overview chapter for edited conference volume]

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