Chaos and Governance in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges to Peace and Justice in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline

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Conference Schedule

Thursday, February 18th, 2016

[10:00-10:10]
Welcoming Remarks
Phillip A. Hough, Florida Atlantic University

[10:10-10:40]
Opening Keynote Speaker
“Revisiting Chaos and Governance in the Modern World-System in the 21st Century”
Beverly J. Silver
Professor of Sociology and Director of the Arrighi Center for Global Studies at Johns Hopkins University

[10:40-10:50]
Discussion
Panel 1: Financialization, Geopolitics and Global Governance in the 21st Century

Chair: Daniel Pasciuti, Johns Hopkins University

[11:00-11:20]
“Financialization, Geopolitics and State-Seeking Movements in Capitalist World Economy, 1450-Present,”
Sahan Savas Karatasli, Princeton University

[11:20-11:40]
“Cultivating Chaos: Neoliberal Cultures of Law, Corporate Immunities, and Property,”
Siba Grovogui, Cornell University

[11:40-12:00]
“Southeast Asia between United States and China: Capitalist Archipelago or Locus of Interstate Capitalist Competition?”
Bruno Hendler, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

[12:00-12:10]
Comments: Thomas Reifer, University of San Diego

[12:10-12:45]
Discussion

**Lunch Break**

Panel 2: New Modalities of Capital Accumulation, Domination and Resistance in the 21st Century

Chair: Simon Glynn, Florida Atlantic University

[2:00-2:20]
“Reframing Food Regimes: China, Human-Nature Labor Ecologies, and Contemporary Agrifood Politics,”
Mindi Schneider and Alexander F. Day, International Institute of Social Studies and Occidental College

[2:20-2:40]
“Chaos and Governance Realized: Emerging Powers and the Breakdown of the Neoliberal Project at the WTO,”
Kristen Hopewell, University of Edinburgh
“From ‘Cafeteros’ to ‘Campesinos’: The Systemic Contradictions of Colombia’s Anti-Neoliberal Agrarian Movement in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline,”
Phillip A. Hough, Florida Atlantic University

Comments: Sefika Kumral, Johns Hopkins University

Discussion

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Synthesis and Discussion of First Day Panels
[4:00 PM - 5:30 PM]

Initial comments by:
Richard Lachmann, SUNY-Albany
Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz, University of Maryland
Manuela Boatca, Free University of Berlin
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Panel 3: Changing Hierarchies of Wealth and Power: Global Inequality and the North-South Divide
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Chair: Richard Tardanico, Florida International University

[9:00-9:20]
“Rethinking Cycles of Accumulation and Cycles of Hegemony: Empirical Data and Theoretical Speculation,”
Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz, University of Maryland

[9:20- 9:40]
“Urban Crises and Hegemonic Transitions, 1400 to the Present,”
Daniel Pasciuti, Johns Hopkins University

[9:40-10:00]
“The Political Economy of Financialization: Some Reflections on “the BRICS Transformation,”
Marcos Centurion Vicéncio, Université Grenoble-Alpes
Panel 4: World-Scale Capital Accumulation, Class, Status and Resistance

Chair: Farshad Araghi, Florida Atlantic University

[11:00-11:20]  
“Negative Moment or Negative Movement?: The Politics of the Socially Excluded at the Dawn of the 21st Century,”  
Philip Lewin, Florida Atlantic University

[11:20-11:40]  
“Capital Accumulation and the Long Term Reproduction of the Dual Nature of Labor in Southern Africa: From Dutch to US Hegemony and Beyond,”  
Ricado Jacobs, Johns Hopkins University

[11:40-12:00]  
“Historical Privilege and Global Accumulation: The Colonial Entail of Whiteness and Citizenship,”  
Manuela Boatcă, Free University of Berlin

[12:00-12:10]  
Comments: Phillip A. Hough, Florida Atlantic University

[12:10-12:45]  
Discussion

**Lunch Break**

Panel 5: Hegemonic Crisis, State Repression and Violence

Chair: Phillip A. Hough, Florida Atlantic University

[2:00-2:20]
“Criminalizing Dissent: State Repression, Video Activism, and Counter-Summit Protesting.”
Chris Robé, Florida Atlantic University

[2:20-2:40]
“The Ballot or the Bullet’: Nonviolence and Violence in Advancing Workers’ and Colonial Subjects’ Rights in an Age of High Imperialism,”
Douglas McGetchin, Florida Atlantic University

[2:40-3:00]
“Dynamics of Hegemonic Crisis and the Rise of Fascism,”
Sefika Kumral, Johns Hopkins University

[3:00-3:10]
Comments: Richard Lachmann, SUNY-Albany

[3:10-3:45]
Discussion

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Closing Synthesis and Discussion
[4:00-5:00 PM]

Initial comments by:
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[5:30 PM]
Conference Reception
(FAU Sociology Department, Culture and Society Building, Boca Raton campus)