THE FAU ‘WORKSHOP ON SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH’ (WSR) AND PEACE STUDIES PROGRAM INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR FALL 2015 BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES:

“REVISITING GIOVANNI ARRIGHI AND BEVERLY SILVER’S: ‘CHAOS AND GOVERNANCE IN THE MODERN WORLD-SYSTEM’”

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?

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The WSR’s “Fall 2015 Book Discussion Series” provide an opportunity for FAU faculty and graduate students across the disciplines to read and discuss the contemporary relevance of Arrighi and Silver’s classic work. We are proud to host a group of Arrighi Center scholars who will lead each discussion session. Although the only requirement for participation is enthusiasm, participants are encouraged to read and come prepared to discuss these chapters prior to each respective session.

**WSR#1: Friday September 25th (3:00-4:30 PM)**

“Intro” and “Ch. 1: Geopolitics and High Finance”

- Daniel Pasciuti, JHU Arrighi Center for Global Studies

**WSR#2: Friday October 16th (3:00-4:30 PM)**

“Ch. 2: The Transformation of Business Enterprise” and “Ch. 3: The Social Origins of World Hegemonies”

- Savas Sahan Karatasli, Princeton University and JHU Arrighi Center for Global Studies

**WSR#3: Friday November 6th (4:00-5:30 PM)**

“Ch. 4: Western Hegemonies in World-Historical Perspective” and “Conclusion”

- Ho-Fung Hung, JHU Arrighi Center for Global Studies and Sociology Department

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