

ANTH 72400:Problems in Capitalist Development (CRN21892)

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The object of the course is to examine those debates that underlie the understanding of the key changes in the operation and development of capitalism historically that have later been considered to be at the core of its historical meanings and value as an analytical tool for understanding the world economy. Obviously, there is a limit to what topics we can accommodate in a semester, and those chosen are among a multitude of possibilities. So our task will be both theoretical and historical-empirical. As social scientists we will try to acquire from these cases the concepts and arguments that can help us in our present research. At the same time, we will try to make an accurate appraisal of the validity of the interpretations of various crucial events and periods in the rise of modern capitalism, given the material before us. This is necessary for our work today. As historian David Fischer recalls a saying of Mark Twain: "History doesn't repeat itself, but it rhymes."

To the maximum extent possible, all the readings will be on Blackboard.

I would like each of you to post weekly commentaries on Blackboard consisting of a short statement of the argument of the week as you see it, the evidence presented, and a tentative appraisal of its value.

We will discuss all of the readings together. There will be a resource person armed with a commentary for each reading to assure adequate coverage.

A long paper (25pp) on a topic or a number of short papers adding up to 25pp on topics related to the work of the seminar is required. Please let me know as soon as possible which avenue you intend to take and how you will structure the writing(s). A short written description would be appreciated.

8/28: Introduction

9/4: NO CLASS

9/11: The China Syndrome: The New Century's Capitalism?

Giovanni Arrighi, Adam Smith in Beijing: Lineages of the 21st Century, (New York: Verso, 2007)

9/18: China: The Arguments and Their Significance for Understanding Capitalism

David Harvey, "Neoliberalism 'with Chinese Characteristics'", in *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*, (New York: Oxford UP, 2007), 120-151.

Michael Webber, "Primitive Accumulation in Modern China," *Dialectical Anthropology*, 2008.

Symposium on Giovanni Arrighi's *Adam Smith in Beijing* (2008), on You Tube under Arrighi with David Harvey.

David Harvey, *Accumulation by Dispossession*, in *The New Imperialism*, (New York: Oxford UP, 2005), 137-182.

9/25: NO CLASS

10/2: "The Capital" in Capitalism: I

Max Weber, "The Principal Modes of Capitalistic Orientation of Profit-Making," *Economy and Society*, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1978), 164-166.

Fernand Braudel, *Afterthoughts on Material Civilization and Capitalism*, (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1977).

Immanuel Wallerstein, "The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 16:4, (1974), 387-415.

Andre Gunder Frank, "The Modern World System Revisited: Rereading Braudel and Wallerstein," in *Civilizations and World Systems: Studying World-Historical Change*, edited by Stephen Sanderson, (Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 1995), 163-194.

10/8: "The Capital" in Capitalism: II

Karl Marx, *Capital*, Volume III:

Chapter 20: "Historical Material on Merchant's Capital"

Chapter 25: "Credit and Fictitious Capital"

Chapter 27: "The Role of Credit in Capitalist Production"

Chapter 30: "Money Capital and Real Capital: I"

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10/16: Labor and the Capitalist World Economy

Eric Wolf, "Modes of Production," "The Slave Trade," and "The New Laborers," *Europe and the People without History*, (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1982), 73-100, 195-231, 354-384.

Todo libro.

Patrick Manning, "Why Africans? The Rise of the Slave Trade to 1700," "The Transformations of Slavery and Society, 1650-1900," "the World and Africa," *Slavery and African Life: Occidental, Oriental and African Slave Trades*, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1990), 27-37, 126-148, 168-176.

_____, "Labor for Industry and Empire, 1700 to 1900," *Migration in World History*, (New York: Routledge, 2005), 132-156.

10/23: NO CLASS

10/30: Proletarianization and Struggle

Silvia Federici, "The Accumulation of Labor and the Degradation of Women," in *Caliban and the Witch*, (New York: Autonomedia, 2004), 61-131.

Frederick Cooper, "From Free Labor to Family Allowances: Labor and African Society in Colonial Discourse," *American Ethnologist*, 16:4 (Nov, 1989), 745-765.

Edward Thompson, "Preface" and "Class Consciousness," *The Making of the Working Class*, (New York: Vintage, 1963), 9-16, 711-832.

Eric Hobsbawm, "The Politics of Democracy" and "Workers of the World," in *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914*, (New York: Pantheon, 1987), 84-141.

James Green, *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America*, (New York: Anchor Books, 2007), 126-191.

✓ Peter Kropotkin, *The Place of Anarchy in Socialist Revolution*, (1886), http://dwardmac.pitzer.edu/ANARCHIST_ARCHIVES/kropotkin/place_1.html. 

_____, *Proposed Communist Settlement: A New Colony for Tyneside or Wearside*, (1895), <http://flag.blackened.net/daver/anarchism/kropotkin/propsett.html>.

Rosa Luxemburg, *Reform or Revolution*, excerpts.

Adam Przeworski, "Social Democracy as an Historical Phenomenon," in *Capitalism and Social Democracy*, (Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press, 1986), 7-46.

11/6: Class Formation 20-21st Centuries

Sven Beckert, *The Monied Metropolis: New York City and the Consolidation of the American Bourgeoisie, 1850-1896*, (New York: Cambridge U Press, 2001), excerpts.

Nicos Poulantzas, "Social Classes and Their Extended Reproduction," *Classes in Contemporary Capitalism*, translated by David Fernbach, (London: Verso, 1978), 13-35.

Andre Gorz, *Farewell to the Working Class*, (Boston: South End Press, 1982), 1-13, 66-74.

*Antonio Gramsci, "Americanism and Fordism," *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*, (New York: International Publishers, 277-318).

→ Sanyal, "Difference as Hegemony: Capital and the Need Economy," in *Rethinking Capitalist Development*, 189-253.

Goran Therborn, "Class in the 21st Century," *New Left Review*, 78, (November-December, 2012), 5-29.

Max Weber, "Class, Status, Party," *From Max Weber*, edited by H. Gerth and C.W. Mills, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1946), 180-195.

Beverly Silver, *Forces of Labor*, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 1-40, 168-180.

11/13: Peasantry and Rebellion: From Sack of Potatoes to Revolutionary Force I

Karl Marx, *Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*, Section VII.

Max Weber, "Capitalism and Rural Society in Germany," *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology*, edited by Hans Gerth and C. Wright Mills, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1946), 363-385.

V.I. Lenin, Section 13, Conclusion of "The Differentiation of the Peasantry," *The Development of Capitalism in Russia* (1899),
<http://www.marx.org/archive/lenin/works/1899/dcr8ii/index.htm>

Leon Trotsky, "The Proletariat and the Peasantry" and "The Peasantry,"
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/trotsky/1930/hrr/ch03.htm>
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/trotsky/1930/hrr/ch20.htm>

Joseph Stalin, "On the Grain Front," Pravda, May 28, 1929,
<http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/stalin/works/1928/may/28.htm>

Mao Tse-tung, "Analysis of the Classes in Chinese Society, (March, 1926),
http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/mao/selected-works/volume-1/mswv1_1.htm

11/20: Peasantry and Rebellion: From Sack of Potatoes to Revolutionary Force II

Barrington Moore, "The Peasants and Revolution," *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*, (Boston: Beacon Press, 1966) 453-483.

Ranjit Guha, "Introduction" and "Negation," in *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*, (Dehli: Oxford University Press, 1983), 1-76.

ToDo Eric Wolf, "Conclusion," *Peasant Wars of the Twentieth Century*, (New York: Harper and Row, 1969), 276-302.

James Scott, "Revolt, Survival, and Repression," *The Moral Economy of the Peasant: Rebellion and Subsistence in Southeast Asia*, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1976), 193-240.

Theda Skocpol, "Agrarian Structures and Peasant Insurrections," *States and Social Revolutions*, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1979). 112-157.

Theda Skocpol, "What Makes Peasants Revolutionary?" *Social Revolutions in the Modern World*, (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1994), 213-239. See *Comparative Politics*, 14:3, (1982).

12/4: Capitalist Crisis I: The 17th Century

Eric Hobsbawm, "The General Crisis of the European Economy in the 17th Century," *Past and Present*, 5, (May, 1954), 33-53; 6, (November, 1954), 44-65.

H.R. Trevor-Roper, "The General Crisis of the 17th Century," in *The General Crisis of the 17th Century*, (New York: Harper and Row, 1967), 46-89. Also in *Past and Present*, 15, (1959), 31-64.

Geoffrey Parker and Lesley Smith, "Introduction," *The General Crisis of the 17th Century*, (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1978), 1-25.

Niels Steensgaard, "The 17th Century Crisis," *The General Crisis of the 17th Century*, (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1978), 26-56.

Anthony Reid, "the 17th Century Crisis in Southeast Asia," *Modern Asian Studies*, 24:4, (October, 1990), 639-659.

Immanuel Wallerstein, "The 'Crisis of the 17th Century,'" *New Left Review*, 110, July-August, 1978), 65-73.

12/11: Capitalist Crisis II: Today

Giovanni Arrighi, "Postscript to the Second Edition of the Long Twentieth Century," (March 21, 2009).

Michael Blim, "Economic crisis, 2008: what happened, what can be learned about how and why, what could happen next?" *Handbook of Economic Anthropology*, (London: Elgar, 2012).

Richard Duncan, "A New Global Depression?" *New Left Review*, 77, (September-October, 2012), 5-33.

Peter Gowan, "Crisis in the Heartland," *New Left Review*, 55, (January-February, 2009).

David Harvey, "Afterword," *The Enigma of Capital*, (New York: Verso, 2011), 261-279.

_____, *The Limits to Capital*, (New York: Verso, 2006, revised ed.), 190-203, 300-329, 413-451.

Hyman Minsky, "The Financial Instability Hypothesis," (May, 1992). Levy Economic Institute at Bard College.

Anwar Shaikh, "The First Great Depression of the 21st Century," in *Socialist Register*, 2011, (London: Merlin, 2010), 44-63.