Political Economy of the World System XXXVI
Labor, Democracy and Global Capitalism

Clark University
Worcester, Massachusetts
April 20-22, 2012

Friday, April 20th

9:00 – 9:30 am  Continental Breakfast
Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

9:30 – 11:15 am  Optional Tour of Neighborhood Partnership, with Jack Foley, Clark University Vice President for Government and Community Affairs and Campus Services
Vans depart from Maywood Street entrance to campus.
Limited seating available – please reserve space in advance.

11:45 am – 1:00 pm  Opening Plenary and Luncheon
Tilton Hall, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor
Welcome: Davis Baird, Clark University Provost
Keynote Presentation: Immanuel Wallerstein: “Labor versus Capital?”

1:10 – 2:40 pm  Panel 1: A Race to the Bottom; Chair: David Smith
Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

- “From Waste to Resources, or Old Wine in New Bottles? Interrogating ‘Race to the Bottom’ in the Hazardous Waste Industry”
  Christina Lucier and Brian Gareau

- “What will be the Fate of Mexico, a Nation Dependent upon a Declining Hegemon?”
  Kathleen Schwartzman

- “Is Any Country in the Global South Undercutting Mexican Wages?”
  Ian Robinson

- “Autoworkers North and South: Restructuring in the Global Auto Industry and its Consequences”
  Nicole Aschoff

2:40 – 3:00 pm  Coffee Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm  Panel 2: Power Leverage and Finance; Chair: Kathleen Schwartzman
Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor
Friday, April 20th (cont.)

- “Are Transport and Raw Materials Still Vulnerable Nodes in Capitalist Commodity Chains?”
  *Paul Ciccantell, David Smith and Elizabeth Sowers*

  *Wai Kit Choi and David Smith*

- “Financial Inclusion? The International Finance Corporation and Financial Institution Building”
  *Jayson Funke*

- “Financialization and Labor Organizing in the Commercial Real Estate Industry”
  *Kyle Arnone*

4:30 – 6:30 pm  Free Time

6:30 pm  Dinner and Socializing at Clark University
Winton Faculty Dining Room, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor

Saturday, April 21st

8:30 – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast
Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

9:00 – 10:30 am  Panel 3: Production, Reproduction, Well-Being; Chair: Tom Hall
Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

- “Debt Bondage and Gender Inequalities in Philippine Fishery Exporting”
  *Maria Cecilia Macabuac-Ferolin and Wilma A. Dunaway*

- “Neo-Liberalism, Media Exposure and Youth Smoking in the Developing World: A SEM Analysis of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey”
  *Gary Maynard*

- “Democracy and Child Health in Developing Countries”
  *Rebekah Burroway*

- “The Intersection of Reproduction and Production”
  *Shelley Feldman*

10:30 – 10:45 am  Coffee Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm  Panel 4: Worker Rights and Their Extensions; Chair: Ian Robinson
Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

- “Fair Flowers: Fair Trade Certification, Labor Organization & Worker Rights in Ecuador”
  *Laura Raynolds*
Saturday, April 21st (cont.)

- “Private Regulatory Systems, Workers’ Rights, and Democracy”
  *Matthew Williams*

- “The Occupy Wall Street (OWS) Movement and the Global Crisis”
  *Ganesh Trichur*

**12:15 – 1:15 pm**  
**Lunch**  
**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**  
Welcome: David Angel, Clark University President

**1:15 – 2:45 pm**  
**Panel 5: Survival and Resistance; Chair: Wilma A. Dunaway**  
**Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

- “What Might We Learn from Indigenous Communities and their Resistances to Globalization?”
  *Tom Hall*

- “Repertoires of Survival and Resistance to Marginalization in the Global Context”
  *Christine Monnier and Joy Inouye*

- “Exploring the Meanings of Resistance in the Era of World-System Collapse”
  *Glen David Kuecker*

- “A Post-Soviet Economy: Armenia in the Age of Viper Capitalism”
  *Levon Chorbajian*

**2:45 – 3:00 pm**  
**Coffee Break**

**3:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**Panel 6: Labor Movements, Democracy and Inequality; Chair: Levon Chorbajian**  
**Grace Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor**

- “Contemporary Patterns of Migration in the World-System”
  *Scott Albrecht and Roberto Korzeniewicz*

  *Michael Zweig*

- “Economic Inequality, the Fourth Regime and the American Welfare State”
  *Scott Albrecht*

**4:30 – 6:15 pm**  
**Free Time**

**6:15 – 7:15 pm**  
**Dinner**  
**Winton Faculty Dining Room, Higgins University Center, 2nd Floor**

**7:30 pm**  
**Special Entertainment: “Jimmy Tingle for President”**  
**Jefferson Academic Center, Room 320**
Sunday, April 22nd

8:30 – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast  
Lobby of Grace/Lurie Conference Rooms, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

9:00 – 10:30 am  Panel 7: Social Movements and Protest Waves; Chair: Shelley Feldman  
Lurie Conference Room, Higgins University Center, 1st Floor

• “The Rising Tide: Social Change and Social Movements in the Modern World-System”  
  Robert Schaefer and Frank Weyher

• “Strange Parallels: World-Historical Dynamics and Protest Waves in the Global Semiperiphery, 1875-2008”  
  Chungse Jung

• “From the Imposition of Austerity to Protest in the Streets: Long-Term Hardships, the Moral Economy, and Mobilization”  
  Jon Shefner, George Pasdirtz and Aaron Rowland

• “Revisiting Forces of Labor”  
  Beverly Silver

10:30 am  Closing Remarks

10:45 am – 12:45 pm  Optional Industrial History Bus Tour with Doug Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Geography  
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