World-Systems and Globalization

This is a course on the historical evolution of world-systems. We will compare stateless, state-based and modern world-systems to examine the rise and fall of large polities and the expansion and contraction of trade networks. The evolutionary history of capitalist globalization and the emergence of anti-systemic transnational movements will also be studied.

Systematic comparisons are made between multisocietal systems with attention to qualitative changes in the logic of social development. General theories of social evolution and historical development will be considered. The dynamics of the rise and fall of chiefdoms, states, empires, modern hegemons and a global state will be studied. Earlier processes of pulsation in which trade networks expanded and contracted will be compared with recent waves of global integration in the modern world-system.

Grading is based on attendance (15%), the midterm exam (30%), the final (30%) and a short (less than 10 pp. typed, double-spaced) research paper that comparatively analyses the structures of a premodern world-system (25%) [due November 27]. The midterm and the final will be in-class essay exams. It is very important to attend all the lectures for this course. It will not be possible to do well on the exams and the research paper without full knowledge of the contents of the lectures because the lectures integrate the readings.

The following books are available at the University Book Store and are on reserve:
Lowell John Bean, *Mukat's People*
Philip D. Curtin, *Rise of the Plantation Complex*
Peter J. Hugill, *Global Communications since 1844: Geopolitics and Technology*
Valentine Moghadam, *Globalizing Women*
Ruth Reitan, *Global Activism*
George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New Global Order*

Other required readings are available on the Course Web Site.

Schedule of lectures:
Readings marked with an asterisk (*) are required. Others are recommended.
September 27, Overview of the class
October 2, The Comparative World-Systems Approach
*T.D. Hall and C. Chase-Dunn, “Global social change in the long run” (under course materials on course ilearn web site)

October 4: World-Systems in California
*Lowell John Bean, *Mukat’s People*, Chapters 1-5
Brian Fagan, *Before California*

October 8, 2 pm (Monday) Valentine Moghadam, “Negotiating economic citizenship: neoliberalism and the female labor force in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia”  Humanities 1500

October 9 World-Systems in California
*Lowell John Bean, *Mukat’s People*, Chapters 6-10
Jeanne Arnold, *Foundations of Chumash Complexity*

October 11: The Atlantic World
*Philip D. Curtin, *Rise of the Plantation Complex* Chapters 1-8
Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World-System I*
Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker, *The Many-Headed Hydra*

October 16 The Atlantic World
*Philip D. Curtin, *Rise of the Plantation Complex* Chapters 9-14 and Retrospect
Sidney Mintz, *Sweetness and Power*
Giovanni Arrighi, *The Long Twentieth Century*

October 18 Hegemony and Technology
*Peter J. Hugill, *Global Communications since 1844: Geopolitics and Technology* Preface and Chapters 1-3
Eric Hobsbawm, *Industry and Empire*
Carroll Quigley, *The Anglo-American Establishment*

October 23 **Midterm Study Questions Handed Out. Research Paper Topic is Due. Bring it to lecture.**
Hegemony and Technology
*Peter J. Hugill, *Global Communications since 1844: Geopolitics and Technology* Chapters 4-6

October 25 **MIDTERM**
October 30 Hegemony and Technology
*Peter J. Hugill, *Global Communications since 1844: Geopolitics and Technology* Chapters 7-8
Beverly Silver, *Forces of Labor*
Bruce Podobnik, *Global Energy Shifts*

November 1 Transnational Social Movements
*Valentine Moghadam, *Globalizing Women*, Chapters 1-4
Jackie Smith et al *Global Democracy and the World Social Forums*

November 6 Transnational Social Movements
*Valentine Moghadam, *Globalizing Women*, Chapters 5-8
Immanuel Wallerstein, *World-Systems Analysis*

November 8 Transnational Social Movements
*Ruth Reitan, *Global Activism*, Chapters 1-2
Amin, Samir 1997 *Capitalism in an Age of Globalization.*

November 13 Transnational Social Movements

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http://www.irows.ucr.edu/cd/courses/181/syl181.htm
*Ruth Reitan, *Global Activism*, Chapters 3-4
November 15 Transnational Social Movements
*Ruth Reitan, *Global Activism*, Chapters 5-6
November 20 Transnational Social Movements
*Ruth Reitan, *Global Activism*, Chapter 7

November 22 Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27 **Research Paper is Due**

Global Democracy
*George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New World Order*, Prologue and Chapter 1

November 29 Global Democracy
*George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New World Order*  Chapters 2-3

December 4 Global Democracy
*George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New World Order*  Chapters 4-5
Chase-Dunn, Christopher 2007 “The world revolution of 20xx”
http://irows.ucr.edu/papers/irows35/irows35.htm

December 6 **Final study questions handed out.**

Global Democracy
*George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New World Order*  Chapters 6-7

December 12, (Wednesday) 3-5 **Final Exam**