

**2023 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for
Political Economy of the World-System Section (PEWS)**

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2022 to August 2023 and a fiscal year from January 2023 to December 2023. This portion of the report will be shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

2023 PEWS Business Meeting, August 18, 2023

1. Report from the Chair (Lu Zhang) (3 min)
2. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer (Nikhil Deb) (3 min)
3. Presentation of Awards
 - The 2023 PEWS Distinguished Book Award, presented by Vilna Bashi (8 min)
 - The 2023 PEWS Distinguished Article Award, presented by Lu Zhang (3 min)
 - The 2023 PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award, presented Lu Zhang (3 min)
 - PEWS Annual Scholarships, presented by Lu Zhang (1 minute)
4. Report from JWSR (Sahan Savaş Karataşlı on behalf of the publications committee) (3 min)
5. Welcome elected incoming new officers and council members
 - Chair: Vilna Bashi
 - Chair Elect: Sahan Savaş Karataşlı
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Nikhil Deb
 - Council Members: Zachary Levenson, Corey Payne
 - Student Rep: Michelle Lee

The PEWS Wallerstein Memorial Book Award (presented by Vilna Bashi)

On behalf of my fellow committee members Melanie Bush and Alvin Camba, I am delighted to announce that this year's book award winner goes to Phillip Hough for his book *At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia* (Cambridge 2022). We also selected two other books for honorable mention. They are: Kristin Plys's and Charles Lemert's *Capitalism and its Uncertain Future* (Routledge 2022); and Anna Parvulescu's and Manuela Boatca's *Creolizing the Modern: Transylvania across Empires* (Cornell 2022).

The 2023 PEWS Distinguished Article Award (presented by Lu Zhang)

On behalf of my fellow committee members Robert Schaeffer and Zeinab Shuker, I am delighted to announce this year's winner of the PEWS Distinguished Article Award: Grégoire Mallard and Jin Sun, "Viral Governance: How the US Unilateral Sanctions Against Iran Changed the Rules of Financial Capitalism," published in *American Journal of Sociology* in 2022.

Theoretically innovative and empirically rich, "Viral Governance" engages with the central concept of world-system analysis—hegemony—to build a new model on global governance and shows how transnational mechanisms have reconfigured how hegemony functions: no longer through multilateral governance but according to a new logic that the authors call "viral." It argues that viral governance describes how the United States rewrote global rules through its sanctions program first against Iran, then against Iran-affiliated global banks and businesses, and finally against the daily compliance practices of global money, information, and technology flows in general. Utilizing over 150 interviews with international experts in the field of sanctions and banking as well as archival research, the article traces the recursive process that led the U.S. government to assume global regulatory powers and to initiate de-globalization in its trade war against the European Union and China.

This article made a timely contribution not only to understand the global and transnational dynamics of sanctions, but also to theoretical developments in the fields of world systems theory and transnational sociology. It moves the discussion around theories of hegemony beyond the classical divide between theories of legal recursivity on the one hand, and world systems theory on the other, by showing how social scientists can draw on the sociology of transnational fields

and world system analysis to explain contemporary shifts in how hegemony operates in international trade and financial market regulation. We believe that this article speaks to the interdisciplinary nature of PEWS sociology and its commitment to theoretically and empirically rich scholarship. On behalf of the committee, it gives me great pleasure to present this award to Professors Mallard and Sun. Congratulations!

The 2023 PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award (presented by Lu Zhang)

On behalf of the articles award committee I am delighted to announce that this year's winner of the Terence K. Hopkins Student Paper Award goes to Jiaqi Liu, for his 2022 article, "When Diaspora Politics Meet Global Ambitions: Diaspora Institutions Amid China's Geopolitical Transformations."

Through a case study of China, one of the largest emigration states and a rising global power, Liu's study probes how a homeland state envisions diaspora politics amid geopolitical transformations. It argues that China's changing positioning toward Chinese emigrants, triggered by the state's geopolitical vicissitudes, has reshaped and repurposed diaspora institutions. Drawing on rich historical, policy, and interview data, Liu finds that since the 2010s, China's diaspora policies have shifted away from soliciting diasporic support for domestic economic growth and national unification and toward liaising externally with migrants to expand Chinese soft power abroad. In consequence, diaspora institutions with more extensive overseas connections and flexible working experiences have taken precedence over formal state agencies specialized in domestic policymaking.

The paper makes a theoretical contribution by situating emigrants and diaspora institutions in the macro-historical framework of world systems, and pushing research on diaspora politics into a deeper dialog with world-systems theory. Rather than assuming an asymmetric interdependence between weaker emigration countries and hegemonic immigration countries, Liu demonstrates how an aspirational homeland state seeks to challenge this established world order and accomplish its geopolitical ascendancy through diaspora re-strategizing and institutional reshuffling. This framework is not only relevant in the Chinese context but can shed light in grappling with diaspora institutions in other prominent emigration states with rising geopolitical ambitions, such as India and Middle Eastern countries. Liu's study brings to the fore the

important, but understudied, role of diaspora institutions in achieving the homeland state's global ascendancy within world-systems analysis. I am delighted to present this award to Dr. Liu. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

PEWS Annual Scholarships (presented by Lu Zhang)

I am pleased to announce that the PEWS Council has decided to establish 3 annual scholarships in the amount of \$300 each to PEWS Newsletter editors and Webmaster. As we all know, our section relies on volunteers to serve as newsletter editors and webmaster. The scholarship is a small way to acknowledge and appreciate their time and service to the PEWS section. This year's scholarships go to Jason Mueller, our wonderful PEWS News editor; and Nayla Huq, our fabulous webmaster and social media coordinator. On behalf of the section, I want to thank them for their hard work and service to the PEWS section.

Council Meeting

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Agenda PEWS Council Meeting 2023 August 28, 2023, 12:00-1:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/8686997209>

Meeting-ID: 868 699 7209

1. Introductions

Welcome to newly elected officers:

Chair-Elect (3-year term begins September 1, 2023)

Sahan Savaş Karataşlı, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Council Members (3-year term begins September 1, 2023)

Zachary Levenson, Florida International University

Corey Payne, Johns Hopkins University

Council Member, Student (2-year term begins September 1, 2023)

Michelle Lee, Northwestern University

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report (Nikhil Deb)

3. PEWS-Interuniversity Consortium Update (Chris Chase-Dunn)

4. JWSR Report (Editor Andrej Grubacić)
5. Suggestions on the nomination process for PEWS Award for Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Kristen Shorette)
6. Ideas for next year's PEWS sessions, reception at ASA 2024
 - 2 volunteers from council members to form the 2024 Program Committee, chaired by Vilna Bashi for next year's ASA
7. Committee Assignments 2023-2024
 - **Nominations committee:**
 - Lu Zhang (chair) lu.zhang1@temple.edu
 - Sahan Savaş Karataşli
 - Lynette Ong lynette.ong@utoronto.ca
 - **Publications committee:** (chair elected by committee)
 - Andrej Grubacić (JWSR Editor)
 - Jason Mueller (PEWS News editor)
 - Nayla Huq (Web Master & Social Media coordinator)
 - Melanie E. L. Bush (3rd year Council Member)
 - Marcel Paret (3rd year Council Member)
 - Chris Chase-Dunn
 - David A Smith dasmith@uci.edu
 - The Publications Committee will consist of up to eight members which will include the current editor of the JWSR, the section newsletter editor(s), the section webmaster, two third-year Council members, and up to two volunteers from the membership, which should include past JWSR editors when possible. Each year following the annual ASA meeting, the publications committee will elect its chair from its members and announce that election to the section via the section listserv.
 - **Membership Committee:**
 - Nikhil Deb (chair) ndeb@calpoly.edu
 - 2 volunteers from the membership
 - The Membership Committee shall be composed of the Secretary-Treasurer, who will chair the committee, and two volunteers from the membership, which should include the Outreach Editor of the JWSR when possible.
 - **Book Award Committee:**
 - Sahan Savaş Karataşli (chair) sskarata@uncg.edu
 - Corey Payne (first-year council member)
 - 1 Volunteer from membership
 - There shall be an annual Immanuel Wallerstein Memorial Book Award Committee, the composition of which shall be Chairperson-Elect, one member of Council in their first

year of service, and one volunteer from the membership, which may be the past award winner. The Chairperson-Elect shall be chair of the committee.

- **Article and Student Paper Awards Committee:**
 - Vilna Bashi (chair) vilna.bashi@northwestern.edu
 - Nefratiri Weeks (second-year student representative)
 - Youbin Kang youbin.kang@wisc.edu
 - There shall be an annual Article Award Committee, the composition of which shall be the PEWS Chairperson (who will serve as chair of the committee), the student representative in their second year of service, and one volunteer from the membership, which may be the past award winner.

- **Teaching and Mentoring Committee:**
 - Alvin Camba (chair) alvin.camba@du.edu
 - Michelle Lee (first-year student representative)
 - 1 Volunteer from Membership
 - There shall be an annual Teaching and Mentoring Committee, the composition of which shall be one member of Council in their second year of service (who will serve as chair of the committee), the student representative in their first year of service, and one volunteer from the membership, which may be the past award winner.

- **Anti-Oppression Committee:**
 - Kristen Shorette (chair) kristen.shorette@stonybrook.edu
 - Zachary Levenson (first-year council member)
 - 1 Volunteer from Membership
 - There shall be an annual Anti-Oppression Committee, the composition of which shall be one member of Council in their second year of service, one member of Council in their first year of service, and one volunteer from the membership, which may be the past award winner.

- **PEWS Roundtable Organizers:**
 - 1-2 volunteers from the membership, preferably grad students

Awards

Provide a list of Section awards and awardees conferred in the past year.

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Hough, Phillip. 2022. *At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia*. Cambridge University Press.

Honorable mention:

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Parvulescu, Anna and Manuela Boatca. 2022. *Creolizing the Modern: Transylvania across Empires*. Cornell University Press.

The 2023 PEWS Distinguished Article Award

Mallard, Grégoire and Jin Sun. 2022. "Viral Governance: How the US Unilateral Sanctions Against Iran Changed the Rules of Financial Capitalism." *American Journal of Sociology*, 128(1): 144–188.

The 2023 PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Graduate Student Paper Award

Liu, Jiaqi. 2022. "When Diaspora Politics Meet Global Ambitions: Diaspora Institutions Amid China's Geopolitical Transformations." *International Migration Review*, 56(4): 1255-1279.

2023 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2023 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2023. Please account for any substantive differences.

The PEWS budget for 2023 comprised two accounts: the section account and the journal account. This annual report focuses solely on the section account. The budget projected expenses of \$3,880 for the section account, primarily allocated to the estimated costs of the annual section reception (\$2,000), award plaques (\$300), and stipends for the co-editors of the section newsletter (\$600) and the webmaster (\$300). However, the actual expenses totaled \$3,901. Notably, the "AM other event/workshop" cost amounted to \$916, surpassing the projected \$200, attributed to slightly higher-than-expected expenses.

While the budget estimated section income to be \$1,962, the actual section income reached \$2,023. This increase can be attributed to royalty income and the section budget allocation. The budget projected an ending balance for the section account in 2021 at \$7,779, but the actual ending balance was \$7,548. This discrepancy is primarily due to the increased total expenses related to award plaques and the workshop event held as part of the annual meeting..

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2022 and August 2023.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

In 2022-2023, PEWS communicated with its members using the newly relaunched ASA Connect. In addition, PEWS officers used an informal list compiled several years ago at the University of California, Riverside. This list reaches former members. In 2022-23 PEWS published two issues of PEWS News, the Section's newsletter. Also available on PEWS Webpage: <http://www.asapews.org/pewsnews.html>. Additionally, Nayla Huq volunteered as social media coordinator and significantly increased the dissemination of announcements such as the calls for award nomination and on-site reporting of PEWS sessions at the ASA meeting on Twitter.

PEWS has its own website and webmaster Nayla Huq maintained our website up to date.
<http://www.asapews.org/index.html>.

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

PEWS has continued to work on promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. We are doing this through implementing the section's programming and nominations committees, and by actively recruiting a diverse leadership slate to run for office. The Anti-Oppression Committee has developed a set of best practices to guide the section's decision-making, as specified in the "PEWS Anti-Oppression Statement," which was approved by the section membership and included in the PEWS Bylaws in 2022.

PEWS Anti-Oppression Statement

World-Systems analysis originated alongside African liberation movements during the 1960s and 70s. The world-systems perspective aimed to take a historical materialist and dialectical approach to social science history in order to aid national liberation movements in the Global South. World-systems scholars from different parts of the globe analyzed anti-blackness and patriarchy as constitutive of historical capitalism. Given these origins, we as a section must challenge ourselves to be more inclusive, actively anti-racist, and actively anti-sexist. Currently there are resurgent women's movements, black liberation movements and anti-colonial movements which have challenged fundamental global inequalities of power. Yet as a section in 2019, we were far more male, and also more white, than ASA as a whole. As we work towards both intellectual and ascriptive diversity in our section, PEWS can embody the liberatory goals of anti-oppression movements across the world.

As the PEWS Anti-Oppression Committee, we propose a comprehensive approach to diversity and inclusion. Our section strives to foster a grassroots movement to enlarge and diversify PEWS membership and participation, including on conference panels, papers, and invited sessions. We commit to initiating this process at this year's ASA meeting. While the current moment calls loudest for addressing concerns of anti-blackness and anti-indigeneity, we also seek to engage with ALL who are drawn to the world-systems perspective. This includes people from all genders and those who live, work, and struggle for justice in the Global South.

Our actions as PEWS members should actively disrupt any reproduction of hierarchies in our professional networks and in our intellectual frameworks by:

- Promoting anti-oppression requires thoughtful interpersonal actions that acknowledge power inequalities
- Acting responsibly toward others creates a supportive environment
- Focusing on the intellectual merits of scholarship fosters a horizontal exchange of ideas.
- Being cognizant of power dynamics cultivates a welcoming social space
- Fostering an environment where racism and sexual harassment are not tolerated is our shared responsibility

We recognize the necessary changes for an inclusive section take time and offer this statement as a starting point that charts a way forward. Further elaborating and concretizing these practices, we hope to make PEWS panels, receptions, and the mentoring program welcoming for all. In this manner, world-systems analysis as practiced through the PEWS section of the ASA will live up to the values set by its founders in the heat of liberation movements of the mid-20th century. PEWS can once again become a leader among ASA sections in redressing anti-blackness and patriarchy, in service of dismantling global exploitation and oppression.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

At the 2023 ASA annual meeting, the PEWS Section organized two stimulating paper sessions and roundtables on the cutting-edge themes central to the Political Economy of the World Systems (see details below). During the annual meeting, we also organized a joint reception with the Labor and Labor Movements Section and the Marxist Sociology Section at Making Worlds Bookstore and Social Center—a progressive community center located in West Philly. The reception was well attended and provided a good opportunity for our members to socialize and do more professional networking. We also sponsored conferences and workshops that are central to the intellectual vibrancy of our section, including a pre-ASA workshop on “World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture” co-organized with Arrighi Center for Global Studies.

PEWS Paper Session: Crisis, What Crisis? Dynamics of Global Crisis in the 21st Century

Co-Organizers: Sahan Savas Karatasli (sskarata@uncg.edu), UNC Greensboro; Sefika Kumral (s_kumral@uncg.edu), UNC Greensboro

Since the turn of the 21st century, there is growing awareness that our world is experiencing interlinked crises at social, economic, political and environmental spheres. In critical sociological studies, it has almost become impossible to talk about ecology, geopolitics, finance, reproduction or health without referring to the term “crisis.” Yet, there is no consensus on the exact nature of these crises or why we have been experiencing different forms of crises around the world in great synchrony. Some scholars tend to view these crises as different manifestations of the crisis of neoliberalism. For some scholars, these simultaneous crises are linked to the crisis of the U.S. world hegemony and the post-1945 world order as a whole. For others, they are symptoms of the crisis (and demise) of the capitalist world-economy as a whole. This panel aims to investigate the nature of crises we have been experiencing, their causes and consequences from a global and macro-historical perspective.

PEWS Paper Session: Global Resistance, Systemic Crises, and Alternatives Beyond Historical Capitalism

Co-organizers: Ricardo Jacobs, Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (rejacobs@ucsb.edu); Beverly Silver, Sociology Department and Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University (silver@jhu.edu)

In the first decades of the twenty-first century, there has been a worldwide explosion of social protest, unfolding with an intensity and scope that has been rare in the history of the capitalist world-system. Such periods have been intertwined with periods of deep system-level crises of capitalism. In the present period (as in past analogous periods), we witness an array of movements, ranging from ones that are predominantly exclusionary (including genocidal) to ones that are pointing (explicitly or implicitly) towards alternatives paths out of the deepening crisis and toward a more just and equitable post-capitalist world system. Papers in this session will focus on social protest from below as a lens through which to understand the multiple crises of global capitalism and vice-versa. We welcome papers that link concrete local struggles to world-systemic dynamics; that place the current global wave in historical perspective; and that analyze the ways in which current resistance from below may signal the interstitial emergence of routes out of the deepening global crisis and alternatives beyond capitalism.

PEWS Refereed Roundtables

Organizer: Jeremy Levine (jeremy.levine@stonybrook.edu), Stony Brook University

The Refereed Roundtables will include front-line empirical research offering new and refreshing ideas about our world-systems using global, political, and economic theoretical perspectives. As our world continues to become more interconnected and many of the remaining challenges call for solutions that require nation-states and people to work together, research and dialogue from different areas of expertise within the field of Sociology is essential. Abstracts and paper submissions received online will cover a variety of themes, including Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Gender Inequality, Racial Inequality and Justice, Stratification, Labor Rights and Migration, Refugees, Human Rights, Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Nationalism, Populism, Mass Media and Social Media, and more.

Roundtable 1: Colonial Knowledge, Austerity, and Racial Capitalism

Roundtable 2: Political Economy and Global Perspectives

Roundtable 3: World-Systems and Asia in the Neoliberal Political Economy

Pre-ASA PEWS Workshop: World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture II

August 16, 2023, 12-6 pm, Temple University Center City, 1515 Market Street, Room 321 (3rd floor)

Organized by: Political Economy of the World System Section (PEWS) of the American Sociological Association and the Arrighi Center for Global Studies.

(The detailed Pre-ASA PEWS Workshop Program is attached with the Annual Report)

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

We continue to support our early-career colleagues and graduate students. The committee on teaching and mentorship, chaired by Marcel Paret, launched the 2023 Mentorship Program in May. This year mentors and mentees were assigned to mentorship groups of 4. The committee

did an excellent job of match-making in constituting these groups of junior and senior scholars which will meet at least twice over the course of the coming academic year.

The PEWS-Interuniversity Consortium, led by Chris Chase-Dunn, has continued to grow. It is co-sponsoring a hybrid conference on Global Disasters and World Society that will be held at the University of Santa Catarina in Brazil in March 2024 with hubs at other locations in Brazil and in the United States.

[Please RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend in person or to request a zoom link.

Workshop

World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture II

August 16, 2023, 12-6 pm

Temple University Center City, 1515 Market Street, Room 320 (3rd floor)
Philadelphia PA (USA)

Organized by: Political Economy of the World System Section (PEWS) of the American Sociological Association and the Arrighi Center for Global Studies

The workshop continues with the theme of the 44th Annual PEWS conference (2020) and volume (2022)—*World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture*—interrogating the current critical juncture both for the world system and for the world-systems approach. The workshop format is designed so as to provide ample space for discussion and exchange of ideas. Each of the three (75 minute) roundtable sessions will begin with a set of short (maximum 10 minute) commentaries on the roundtable theme, leaving 45 minutes for open discussion from the floor.

Workshop Schedule

11:45 am: Doors Open

12- 1 pm: Lunch ([RSVP](#))

1-2:15 pm

Roundtable #1: Hegemonic Transitions, Global Crisis, and World Capitalism in the 21st Century

Chair: Lu Zhang (Temple University)

Opening Comments: Yige Dong (Buffalo University), **Ravi Palat** (Binghamton University), **Shaohua Zhan** (Nanyang Technological University)

Roundtable 1 Theme: Since the turn of the 21st century, we have witnessed a period of history marked by intertwined global crises and the unraveling of the post-1945 world order. As far back as the 1970s and 1980s, world systems scholars have argued that a terminal crisis of US world hegemony is inevitable and that we were slowly but steadily moving toward a “post-American World”. This roundtable exchange will focus on a set of interrelated questions about current world-economic and geopolitical dynamics. As the

US-led world order winds down, what comes next? Arguably, at the heart of the matter is the rise of China. Can the reemerging China-centered civilization provide solutions to the problems left behind by US hegemony as Arrighi suggested in *Adam Smith in Beijing*? What are the nature and prospects for emerging South South collaboration and its implications for the future of capitalism? Can the United States (and the West) accommodate peacefully to a more equal distribution of wealth and power in the world, or will the geopolitical tensions we are witnessing today intensify further? What concepts and theories are available in the world-systems toolkit (broadly understood) to help us assess the nature of the current crisis? What is to be done to avoid a long and deepening period of systemic chaos and a transition to a more peaceful, equitable and just world?

2:15-2:30 pm Break #1

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2:30-3:45 PM:

Roundtable #2: Rethinking the Concept of “Globalization” in an Era of Crisis and Systemic Chaos

Chair: Sahan S. Karatasli (University of North Carolina, Greensboro)

Opening Comments: Manuela Boatcă (Universität Freiburg), **Kevan Harris** (University of California Los Angeles), **Kristin Plys** (University of Toronto),

Roundtable 2 Theme: A forthcoming *Elgar Encyclopedia on the Sociology of Globalization* is in the early stages of being edited by Ricardo Jacobs, Sahan Karatasli and Beverly J. Silver. The goal of this second roundtable is to discuss ways in which the *Encyclopedia* can become (among other things) a resource that makes world-systems perspectives central to the broader social scientific debates on globalization. What are the key contributions of world-systems that should be emphasized in the *Encyclopedia*? To be sure, one is taking a long-term historical perspective in which processes of globalization *and* deglobalization are understood as integral to the *longue durée* evolution of historical capitalism. Equally important is seeing this *longue durée* evolution as an *uneven* geographical process characterized by inequality in power and wealth on a world-scale; and emphasizing the need to bring to the center of the analysis alternative perspectives from the global South. In sum, what should the *Encyclopedia* – which will have over 100 short entries – contain so as to highlight insights from the cumulative body of world-systems scholarship as well as to deploy these insights in ways that shed new light on urgent contemporary challenges such as the climate crisis, pandemics, wars, and the rise of authoritarianism and right-wing nationalism.

3:45-4 pm: Break #2

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4-5:15 pm

Roundtable #3: World-Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture: Priorities for a “Second PEWS Half-Century?”

Chair: Beverly J. Silver (Johns Hopkins University)

Opening Comments: Jennifer Bair (University of Virginia), **Ricardo Jacobs** (University of California, Santa Barbara), **Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz** (University of Maryland)

Roundtable 3 Theme: The final roundtable will be an opportunity for workshop participants to share descriptions of major projects on which they are currently working as well as to propose research areas that are urgent priorities for world-systems analysts. We will look to the future, while taking stock of the past as we approach a series of landmarks—50 years since the publication of Wallerstein’s *The Modern World System* (1974), 30 years since the publication of Arrighi’s *The Long Twentieth Century* (1994), and (in another four years) 50 years since the establishment of the PEWS section of the American Sociological Association (1978). When the US neoconservatives announced their plan for a “Second American Century” at the turn of the century, world-systems scholars understood that it was a total misread of the historical conjuncture and of the *longue durée* dynamics of historical capitalism. Deploying the world-systems analysis toolkit for collective self-reflection, what do we have to say about the prospects for a “Second PEWS Half-Century”?



5:15-6 pm Happy Hour Reception ([RSVP](#))

Workshop email: pewsworkshop@gmail.com

[Link to Workshop Program](#)

[Please RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend or would like to request zoom link

PEWS Anti-Oppression (Diversity) Committee
Committee: Samantha Fox, Kristin Plys, and Alessandro Morosin

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Recommendations for Committees and Council

The Anti-Oppression Committee for the Political Economy of the World System Section of the American Sociological Association proposes the following guidelines to ensure a life-affirming and supportive intellectual climate:

Anti-Oppression Guidelines for PEWS Committees:

- To promote an inclusive section, the nominations committee should ensure there is diversity among elected members of the PEWS Council. This may involve:
 - Ensure women and people of color are represented in the PEWS election slate
 - PEWS Council and outgoing leaders should meet and collaborate with the Anti-Oppression Committee to extend personal invitations to a diverse slate of candidates
 - If an election results in a PEWS Council that is not reflective of the demographics of the section, actions may be necessary to ensure diversity.
 - In order to ensure a diverse constitution of PEWS council and if diversity is not present after an election, this may involve appointing a candidate that did not win election to PEWS Council, or other solutions that can make space for council members from diverse backgrounds;
- The Teaching and Mentoring Committee should pair PEWS members who are tenure track junior scholars from underrepresented backgrounds with council members to participate in PEWS Council business as mentors
 - Mentor members of the council to host a professional development session at ASA.

Selection Criteria Guidelines for Decision-Making on Awards, Committees, and Organizers:

- The committee chair should speak last.
- Extend personal invitations to scholars who are female-identified, international, non-white, and those from less affluent backgrounds, especially junior scholars.
- Organize submissions in alphabetical order, then if possible anonymize submissions. A numerical identification system is suggested for anonymization.
- Members of the committee should investigate their implicit biases (<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/selectatest.html>)
- Incorporate selection criteria that promotes diversity in thought/approach and identity.
 - The committee should meet to discuss a set of evaluation criteria before reviewing documents.
 - Identify breadth, depth, and perspective of each nominee's work or proposal (merit of the scholarship).
 - Document criteria with Anti-Oppression Committee.
 - After reviewing documents, identify criteria that emerged during review.
 - Rank emergent criteria as a collective following aforementioned discussion method for decision-making.
 - After a shortlist is established, determine whether diversity/representativity exists in the pool of finalists
 - Make selections.

- Submit report to Anti-Oppression Committee for record keeping.
- Just before the committee deliberates the Chair should once again explain implicit bias to the committee members
- Have each committee member identify their list of top nominees before discussion.
- During review, each committee member should identify the points of merit for their selections and rank their top candidates.
 - Use a 5-point system where the top ranked candidate receives 5 points, the second ranked candidate receives 4 points, the third receives 3 points, the fourth 2 points and the fifth 1 point. In the event there are more than 5 candidates or a tie among candidates, award the quantity of points associated with where that person fits in your ranking.
 - Committee members should not put their names with their rankings when sharing during the committee meeting. Anonymize your rankings for sharing in group discussion.
 - Identify top nominees after anonymously reviewing and selecting top candidates.
 - Discuss the merits of low-lying outliers and why the work is not being selected.
- Never let initial impressions determine final outcomes of award selection.

Proposed Action Items:

- The Membership Committee should develop strategies for recruitment and retention of a diverse PEWS membership.
- The Anti-Oppression Committee and the Publications Committee shall work with the Webmaster to create a database for members of the media that contains a list of world-historical sociologists that center peoples and perspectives from the margins, highlight their area of expertise (by region or topic), and emphasize the website as a place to locate world-systems perspectives for the media.
 - A new committee may be in order to popularize PEWS research to the mass media and public.
- The PEWS Chair will work with the Anti-Oppression Committee and the graduate student representative to craft calls for proposals.
- The Anti-Oppression Committee should center anti-oppression in the mentoring program
 - Host a PEWS Anti-Oppression social and networking event at ASA. Set aside resources to support event.
 - The AOC will host a mentoring program conference call with the mentoring committee to review questions of diversity and inclusion.
 - The Mentoring Committee will send mentors a brief email containing highlights from the ASA anti-harassment policy and anti-oppression principles two weeks before ASA's annual conference.
- The Chair should host a PEWS zoom session once a semester for those interested in PEWS.
 - Need not be members, use this as a recruitment strategy.
 - Assign a team of 3 zoom hosts at PEWS Council meeting; and/or alternate between a member of the PEWS Council and a member of the Anti-Oppression Committee each semester.
- The Membership Committee should build a database of world-systems graduate students, including non-ASA members.
 - Document PEWS students, who hires PEWS scholars, and where they get jobs.

- Purpose: Knowing where PEWS students get jobs helps recruit new members.
- The AOC and Mentoring Committee will publicize the ASA reporting system for members that experience issues related to oppressive behavior at PEWS events and concerning PEWS members.
 - Individuals may choose to contact the Anti-Oppression Committee for consultation, support, and navigating the reporting system.
 - Goal 1: Identify the diversity of experiences and values among PEWS members
 - Goal 2: Create a database of scenarios to use in reflecting, evaluating, and cultivating an inclusive culture within PEWS.
- PEWS Council will discuss and put to a vote the name change for the Anti-Oppression Committee and scope of the AOC duties.

PEWS Membership

2019: 306

2018: 338

2017: 373

2016: 412

2019 PEWS Demographics:

Female: 117 (38.24%)

Male: 182 (59.48%)

Genderqueer/ Gender Non-conforming 0 (0%)

Transgender: 0 (0%)

Other: 0 (0%)

Missing: 7 (2.29%)

African-American: 9 (2.94%)

Asian/Asian-American: 41 (13.4%)

Hispanic/Latino(a): 18 (5.88%)

Native American: 0 (0%)

White: 194 (63.4%)

Other: 14 (4.58%)

Multiple: 21 (6.86%)

Missing: 9 (2.94%)

2019 ASA as a whole:

Male: 42.62%

White: 61.96%