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Professor Araghi works in the areas of global sociology, social theory, sociology of agriculture and human displacement, and world-historical analysis. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Fernand Braudel Center for the Study of Economies, Historical Systems, and Civilizations at Binghamton University and a visiting professor of Development Sociology at Cornell University where he offered graduate seminars in Social Theory, State Economy and Society in Global Context, and Global Perspectives on Rural Economy and Society. For the past decade, he has been a co-editor of the *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. His article, "Food Regimes and the Production of Value: Some Methodological Remarks," published in *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 30, No.2, was awarded the Eric Wolf prize for one of the two best articles appearing in Volume 30 of the journal.

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Professor Boatcă's research interests include world system analysis and comparative sociology, social change and inequality, as well as the global political economy. In addition to her work at the FU Berlin, she has been the co-editor of the series *Zentrum und Peripherie* at Hampp Publishers and a consultant at the Austrian Ministry of Culture. Her publications include: *Des Fremden Freund, des Fremden Feind. Fremdverstehen in interdisziplinärer Perspektive* (with Claudia Neudecker and Stefan Rinke, 2006); *Decolonizing European Sociology. Transdisciplinary Approaches* (with Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez and Sérgio Costa (eds.), 2010); and *Global Inequalities: Beyond Occidentalism* (Ashgate Press 2015).

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Professor Glynn's research focuses on issues of contemporary continental philosophy, philosophy of the human and social sciences, cultural analysis, social and political philosophy, philosophy of technology, philosophy of mind and philosophy of the natural sciences. He has authored and/or co/edited various books, including *Continental and Postmodern Perspectives in the Philosophy of Science* (Avebury 1995), *Sartre: An Investigation of some Major Themes* (Gower 1987), and *European Philosophy and the Human and Social Sciences* (Gower 1986). He is currently working on a book, *Objectivity and Alienation: Modern European Philosophy and the Natural and Human Sciences*.

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Professor Grovogui is the author of *Sovereigns, Quasi-Sovereigns, and Africans* (University of Minnesota Press, 1996) and *Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy* (Palgrave, April 2006).

He is currently completing two manuscripts: the first on the genealogy of order, entitled *Future Anterior: The International, Past and Present*, and the second on the meaning of the 'human' in

human rights traditions under the rubric of *Otherwise Human: The Institutes and Institutions of Human Rights*. He has also been conducting a ten-year-long study of the rule of law in Chad, in the context of the Chad Oil and Pipeline Project, funded by the National Science Foundation.

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Bruno Hendler is a member of the research group on Political Economy of the World-Systems and the coordinator of the “Regional Security Complex in the XXI Century: Agendas and threats” research project of the Center for Research and Academic Extension at the University of Unicuritiba. His academic research and publications are in the following areas: Theory and History of International relations, International Security, International Political Economy, Sino-US relations and Southeast Asia.

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Professor Hopewell’s research and teaching interests are in international political economy, global governance and development, with a focus on emerging powers. Her current research analyzes the rising power of Brazil, India and China at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and their impact on the multilateral trading system. The project draws on 15 months of field research conducted at the WTO in Geneva, as well as in Beijing, New Delhi, Sao Paulo, Brasilia, and Washington, involving 157 interviews with trade negotiators and other senior officials, industry representatives, and NGOs; over 300 hours of ethnographic observation; and extensive documentary research. This research was supported by a Fulbright Fellowship, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

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Professor Hough’s main areas of expertise are political economy, labor and agrarian movements, global commodity studies, comparative and world historical sociology, and Latin American development. His research uses qualitative and comparative-historical methods to analyze questions related to labor/agrarian struggles and global capitalism, state and paramilitary violence, class and state formation, and the social contradictions of global commodity chains. His recent work has been published in various scholarly journals, including *Politics and Society*, *Global Labour Journal*, the *Journal of World Systems Research*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Review: A Journal of the Fernand Braudel Center*, *Environment and Planning A*, among others. He is currently working on a book manuscript, *Post-Neoliberal Possibilities: Class Formation, Developmental Politics and the Coffee Crisis in Colombia*.

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Professor Korzeniewicz is a comparative and historical sociologist. In one line of research, he studies different dimensions of global inequality (e.g., between countries, within countries, and between men and women). A second line of research focuses on social movements, particularly in Latin America. Using a World-Systems approach, his recent work has examined the interaction between globalization, inequality and structural adjustment policies, as well as patterns of response and participation by civil society to free trade agreements in the Americas. His latest book is *Unveiling Inequality: A World-Historical Perspective* (NY: Russell Sage Foundation, 2009).

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Sefika Kumral is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University. Her main areas of research include comparative-historical and political sociology with a focus on ethnic violence, democratization, social movements, and far-right. Her dissertation, "Democracy and Ethnic Violence: Societal Origins of Anti-Kurdish Communal Violence in Turkey," examines the emergence of anti-Kurdish communal violence in Turkey in the 21st century. She published articles and book chapters on historical fascism, militarism and waves of social and unrest in the world.

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Professor Lachmann's areas of specialization are the sociology of culture and comparative/historical sociology. He is the author of various award-winning books, including *Capitalists in Spite of Themselves* (Oxford University Press 2000), *States and Power* (Polity Press 2010), and *What is Historical Sociology?* (Polity Press 2013).

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Professor Lewin's research examines the cultural contours of persistent poverty, political domination and environmental suffering. He recently completed a nine-month long ethnography in Central Appalachia, where he examined how residents think about and cope with economic hardship, rural inequality and cultural stigmatization; how local politicians—many of whom engage in open corruption—present themselves to community members, and how community members, in turn, perceive and evaluate their governance; and how Appalachians have processed the rapid growth of mountaintop removal mining, a method of extracting coal that has devastated the regional environment. In the past, he has conducted research and published papers on how youth carry out social protest by participating in subculture. Lewin is currently working on several manuscripts related to his research in Appalachia. They explore, respectively, the ethics of using immersive ethnography in order to study social suffering; the social structure of rural political regimes; the cultural politics associated with coal production; the political epistemics of rural conservatism; and the symbolic violence associated with national economic and political policies that envision Central Appalachia as an internal colony.

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Professor McGetchin specializes in the modern history of international connections between Europe and South Asia. He teaches classes in world history, modern Germany, modern Europe, and ancient and modern South Asia. His current book project examines the interconnections between three struggles for social justice, Internationalist and anti-imperial politics in Great Britain and Germany, the Indian Independence movement, and the pan-African movement that included the Civil Rights struggle in the United States, though geographically separate, all had parallel experiments with similar challenges as well as shared a common network of anti-imperial, anti-racist activists. His publications include *Indology, Indomania, Orientalism: Ancient India's Rebirth in Modern Germany* (Madison: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2009), examining the historical context of Indology (the study of South Asian texts, literature, and culture) and the diffusion of this knowledge about ancient India within modern Europe, especially Germany, in the period 1790-1914.

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Professor Pasciuti's research interests include comparative-historical sociology, historical capitalism, global inequality, urbanization and urban development in world history and contemporary form of urban governance. He completed his Ph.D. degree in the Department of Sociology at the Johns Hopkins University in December 2013. His Ph.D. dissertation, entitled *The City in Time and Space: Urbanization and the World Economy. Reconceptualizing urban distributions as historically contingent formations of size hierarchies*, his dissertation sought to critically engage the nexus of capital accumulation and urban formation and provide a constructive criticism of much the current debate regarding the emergence of global cities as both centers of concentrated poverty, the Global Slums, and the World Cities of financial and political power. Through this prism, the relationship between urban development and the changing structure of world power can be utilized to understand the conditional forces of historical capital and the intertwined relationship of political, economic, and social conditions in twenty-first century

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Chris Robé's primary research concerns the use of media by various activist groups in their quest for a more equitable world. In the twenty-first century, media does not simply offer a representational platform for disenfranchised voices, but more importantly serves as a material practice to engage in collective struggles for equity, justice, and more sustainable systems. He has written about U.S. radical film culture in the 1930s in his book, *Left of Hollywood: Cinema, Modernism, and the Emergence of U.S. Radical Film Culture* (University of Texas Press, 2010) and has published numerous articles on media activism within various journals like *Cinema Journal*, *Jump Cut*, *Framework, Culture, Theory and Critique*, and *Journal of Film and Video*. His recent book, *Breaking the Spell: The Rise of Video Activism and the New Anarchism*, will be forthcoming in 2016-2017. He is currently researching the relationship between video/digital media activism and state repression related to animal rights campaigns, counter-summit protesting, and urban resistances within areas of highly concentrated poverty. He also occasionally scribbles for the online journal *PopMatters*.

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Professor Schneider's research examines issues related to development sociology, political ecology, China agricultural development, global food politics, globalization and rural development, political economy of food and agriculture, political and environmental sociology, agriculture and trade policy, sustainable agriculture and agroecology, peasant studies, human-nature relations, migration and urbanization, and labour issues. She was published widely on these topics, in journals including: *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Geoforum*. She has also authored numerous reports on the political economy of food and agriculture for Oxfam.

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Professor Silver's research focuses on problems of development, labor, social conflict, and war, using comparative and world-historical methods of analysis. By recasting these issues in a broad geographical and long-term historical framework, her work teases out patterns of recurrence, evolution and "true novelty" in contemporary processes of globalization. She is the author of award winning books including *Chaos and Governance in the Modern World System* (with Giovanni Arrighi et al) and *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*. *Forces of Labor* has been translated and published in eleven languages, including Spanish (AKAL), German (Assoziation A), Korean (Greenbee), Portuguese (Boitempo), Italian (Bruno Mondadori), Turkish (Yordam Kitap), Polish (Le Monde Diplomatique, Warsaw), Farsi (Alfabetamax), Czech (Grimmus) and Chinese (Social Science Academic Press, Beijing), and won numerous awards including the 2005 Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award of the American Sociological Association.

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Professor Tardanico's research focuses on socioeconomic aspects of contemporary urban and regional restructuring in Latin America. He is the co-editor of *Global Restructuring, Employment and Social Inequality in Urban Latin America* (Lynne Rienner 1997) and *Poverty or Development: Global Restructuring and Regional Transformations in the U.S. South and the Mexican South* (Routledge 2000).

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Marcos Centurion Vicêncio's research interests are in the Political Economy, Global Governance and Comparative Politics. In particular, his research focuses on the emerging countries aiming to understand the social and economic rise of these nations and the subsequent implications for the stability of the global order. He has previously worked as a Junior Researcher for the United Nations Development Programme and later he was invited to work at the French Consulate in Rio de Janeiro to help fostering franco-brazilian cooperation in education field. He holds a Bachelor in 'Business Administration' from Universidade Federal Fluminense/Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and in 'Economics' from Université Paris 1-Sorbonne. He also holds a Master in International Studies from the Université Grenoble-Alpes, where he is actually associated professor at the department of economics.