

World-Systems Theory: Lecture 1

- Types of systems (mini, world-empire, World-System)
- Elements of the W-S
 - 2 processes, 3 tiers
- International class matrix
- Kondratieff Waves/Cycles
 - Innovation
 - Importance of each phase
- Role of the Semi-Periphery

World Systems Theory: Lecture 2

- 8 Dimensions of Globalization (T&F: 3)
- Roots of WST (French Annales, Dependency Theory)
- Modernization Theory
- Dependency Theory
- Hegemony: 5 phases
- Gramscian hegemony
- Modelski vs. Wallerstein
 - What they share
 - Key difference
 - Examples

Globalization

- NIDL
- Geography of business location decisions
 - Nike example
- Implications of globalization

Ohmae: end of the nation-state

- Arguments for
- Arguments against
- Region-states

Globalization in the Periphery

- Linking U.S. geopolitics to globalization
- Jihad vs. McWorld: cultural nationalism - end or means?
- European colonization of Africa: reasons and strategies
- Neo-colonialism and resource economies
 - Commodity price fluctuation
- Sahel: location and traditional livelihoods
 - Neo-colonial transitions, consequences
 - Socio-economic causes of famine
- The Wheat Trap: Nigeria
- Politics of Failure

Democratization

- Habermas
 - Roles of the state in capitalist societies
 - Crises of the state
- Ghana example (politics of failure)
- Democracy and wealth
- Trends in democracy

Electoral Geography

- Politics of Power/Politics of Support/Politics of Failure
- Congruent, Contrary, Disconnected Politics
 - Examples of contrary and disconnected politics
- Politics in the core vs. politics in the periphery
- Politics of Failure
 - Musical Chairs Democracy
 - Aggregative Parties
- The BJP in 1991
 - Congress as aggregative party
 - The contrary politics of the BJP
