

Program: Research Agenda Symposium

Note: Participants are listed by affiliation and by country of residence.

Boston, John Hancock Conference Center

November 10-12, 2006

Friday, November 10

2:00PM – 7:00PM: Registration — John Hancock Conference Center

6:00PM – 7:00PM: Reception — John Hancock Conference Center

Saturday, November 11

8:00AM – 9:00AM: Breakfast

9:00AM – 10:30AM: Session 1 — Tasks for world historians.

Moderator: Adam McKeown, Columbia University

Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Macquarie University (Australia)
“World History Research: Priorities for an Expanded Vision of the Field.”

David Christian, San Diego State University (U.S.)
“Strange Parallels in World History.”

Libby Robin and Will Steffen, Australian National University (Australia)
“World history without historians?”

Silvia Pappe, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (Mexico)
“Point Zero – What happened to the so-called universal points of view?”

Peter Gran, Temple University (U.S.)
“Priorities for Research and Graduate Education: World Historians as Public Intellectuals.”

Boris Stremelin, Binghamton University (U.S.)
“The Production of World History Outside the West.”

Katja Naumann and Matthias Middell, Leipzig University (Germany)
“Regimes of Territoriality and Historicization of World History Writing.”

Debin Ma, London School of Economics (U.K.)
“Understanding Global Economics: Approaches and Agenda.”

10:30AM – 11:00AM: Break

11:00AM – 12:30AM: Session 2 — Social science analysis.

Moderator: Zvi Ben-dor Benite, New York University (U.S.)

George Dehner, Wichita State University (U.S.)
“Research in World History: The Case for Diseases in History.”

Ingo Heidbrink, Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum (Germany)
“Priorities in world-historical research – maritime history aspects.”

Hans-Heinrich Nolte, University of Hannover (Germany)

“Violence: Comparisons and Interactions.”

John Richards, Duke University (U.S.)
“State Formation in World History.”

Cyrus Veesser, Bentley College (U.S.)
“Defensive Modernization.”

Roland Wenzlhuemer, Humboldt University (Germany)
“The De-Materialisation of Telecommunication as a Research Field for World Historians.”

12:30AM – 2:00PM: Lunch

2:00PM - 3:30PM: Session 3 — Cultural and social analysis.

Moderator: H. Parker James, World History Network, Inc.

Ralph Croizier, University of British Columbia (Canada)
“Visuality in World History: Some Questions and Some Suggestions.”

Kathleen Kimball, Water Dragon, Inc. (U.S.)
“World Art as a World History Research Priority.”

Leslie Witz, University of the Western Cape (South Africa)
“World heritage and the challenges to world history.”

Anne Chao, Rice University (U.S.)
“The Case for an Intellectual Study of World History.”

Roger Beck, Eastern Illinois University (U.S.)
“Religions and Religious Missions in World History: Connectors, dividers, and Globalizers.”

David Lindenfeld, Louisiana State University (U.S.)
“Beyond Conversion and Syncretism: Strategies and Processes in Local Encounters with World Religions.”

3:30PM – 4:00PM: Break

4:00PM – 5:30PM: Session 4 — Region and place in world history.

Moderator: David Kalivas, Middlesex Community College

Jerome Teelucksingh, University of the West Indies (Trinidad and Tobago)
“Marginalized in the Global Village: The Contribution of the Caribbean to World Civilization, 1492-2006.”

Zhang Weiwei, Nankai University (China)
“China’s Function in Global History in Perspective.”

Ali Çaksu, independent scholar (Turkey)
“Islamic history in world history: Waqf institutions.”

Potukuchi Swarnalatha, Dhirubhai Ambani International School (India)
“Enveloping Eurasia into World History: A Framework for Research.”

John Wills, University of Southern California (U.S.)
“Why Is China So Big? Comparative Political History and the Continued Relevance of Narrative.”

Juhani Koponen, University of Helsinki (Finland)
“When Did Development Start? History of development and developmentalism.”

6:30PM – 8:30PM: Reception and Dinner

Sunday, November 12

8:00AM – 8:30AM: Breakfast

8:30AM – 10:00AM: Session 5 — Human movement

Moderator: Deborah Smith Johnston, Lexington High School

Adapa Satyanarayana, Osmania University (India)
“Research Agenda for World History: Globalization and Migration Studies.”

Marilyn Lake, LaTrobe University (Australia)
“Modern Mobilities and Transnational Solidarities.”

Anne Gerritsen, Warwick University (U.K.)
“Local and Global in the Early Modern World: Local Responses to Global Connections, 1500-1800.”

Peter Adebayo, University of Ilorin (Nigeria)
“Diaspora, Return Migration and Transnational Networking.”

David Perry, University of Minnesota (U.S.)
“Trans-regional Exchange and the Transformation of Cities.”

Howard Spodek, Temple University (U.S.)
“Urbanization: A Key Theme in World History.”

10:00AM – 10:30AM: Break

10:30AM – 12:00AM: Session 6 — Networks and organization of research

Moderator: Stephen Rapp, Georgia State University

Annette Skovsted Hansen, Aarhus University (Denmark)
“Networks in Research Practice and Content.”

Thomas Sanders, U.S. Naval Academy (U.S.)
“Encounter-ing World History: Thoughts on a World History Research Agenda from a Recent Collaborative Project.”

Esperanza Brizuela-Garcia, Upper Montclair State University (U.S.) & **Martin Valadez**, Stanford University (U.S.)
“World History and Histories from the World.”

Tiffany Trimmer, Bowling Green State University (U.S.)
“(Another) Call for World Historical Analysis of Networks and Networked Institutions.”

J. B. “Jack” Owens, Idaho State University (U.S.)
“The Complex, Self-organizing Networks of the First Global Age (1400-1800): A high priority for world historical research.”

Laurie Schmitt, Friends’ Central School (U.S.)
“Perspectives on Peace.”

12:00AM – 2:00PM: Session 7 — Lunch and Concluding Session

Moderator: Patrick Manning, University of Pittsburgh

This is the most important session of the Symposium because we will adopt our conclusions at this time. At this concluding session, over lunch, participants will seek to crystallize key insights, synthesize common views, and articulate major differences on priorities in world-historical research. Before dispersing, the group is asked to select three from its membership to lead in writing an article-length report on the Symposium. The article will be circulated to participants for comment before it is published.