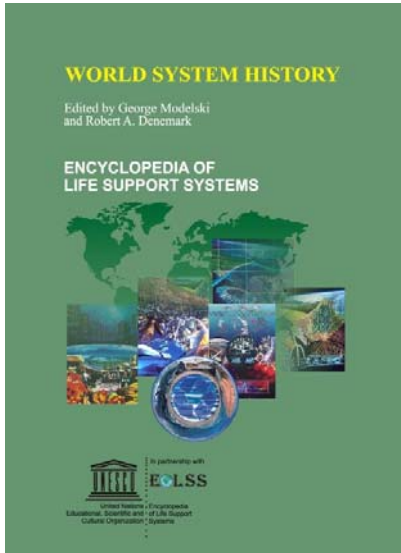


# CONTENTS

## WORLD SYSTEM HISTORY



**World System History - Volume 1**

**No. of Pages:** 315

**ISBN:** 978-1-84826-218-8 (eBook)

**ISBN:** 978-1-84826-668-1 (Print Volume)

For more information of e-book and Print Volume(s) order, please [click here](#)

Or contact : [eolssunesco@gmail.com](mailto:eolssunesco@gmail.com)

## CONTENTS

### VOLUME I

#### **World System History** 1

G. Modelski, *Department of Political Science, University of Washington, USA*

R.A. Denmark, *Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, USA*

1. What is World System History?
  - 1.1. A set of questions
2. Context, origins, and methods
3. Fundamental Processes
4. The Promise, and the Prospect

#### **World-Systems Analysis** 13

Immanuel Wallerstein, *Yale University*

1. Historical Origins of World-systems Analysis
2. Basic Concepts of World-systems Analysis
  - 2.1. The Space of Social Reality
  - 2.2. The Time of Social Reality
  - 2.3. Epistemological Consequences
3. Critiques of World-systems Analysis

#### **Big History** 27

David Christian, *Department of History, San Diego State University, CA, USA*

1. Introduction
2. Definitions
3. Antecedents
4. Big History Today
5. Common Themes and Questions
6. Problems and Difficulties
7. Conclusion

#### **Epistemology of World System History: Long-Term Processes and Cycles** 50

R.A. Denmark, *Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, USA*

1. Introduction
2. Shortcomings of Traditional Social Science
  - 2.1. Disciplinarity and State Centrism
  - 2.2. Narrow Temporal and Geographic Scope
3. Fundamental Methodological Components of World System History
  - 3.1. Systemic Level Analysis
  - 3.2. Transdisciplinarity
  - 3.3. An Emphasis on the Long-Term
  - 3.4. Globo-Centrism
4. Methodological Challenges to World System History
  - 4.1. Determinism
    - 4.1.1. Recognition
    - 4.1.2. Reflectivity
    - 4.1.3. Demobilization

- 4.2. Indeterminacy
- 5. The Status of these Challenges in World System History
  - 5.1. Determinism in world system history
    - 5.1.1. Conclusions on Determinism
  - 5.2. Indeterminacy in world system history
    - 5.2.1. Approaches to Indeterminacy
      - 5.2.1.1. Hypothesis testing vs. criteria of completeness
    - 5.2.2. The agent-structure problem
  - 5.3. Indeterminacy under Control?
- 6. A Predictable World System Future?

**One World System or Many: The Continuity Thesis in World System History** **71**  
B. K. Gills,*School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK*  
R. A. Denmark,*Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, USA*

- 1. Continuity in World History
- 2. Historical Materialism
- 3. Economic Cycles
- 4. Core-Periphery Hierarchies
- 5. Hegemony and Super-Hegemony
- 6. Continuity Thesis and Historical Dialectics
  - 6.1. Capital versus *Oikos*
  - 6.2. Unfree Labor versus Free Commodified Labor
  - 6.3. Organization versus Entropy
- 7. Humanocentrism

**World Population History** **90**  
Carl Haub, *Population Reference Bureau, Washington, DC, USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. A Harsh Beginning
  - 2.1. The Mortality Revolution Begins
- 3. The Demographic Transition
  - 3.1. The Early Transition
  - 3.2. The Postwar Transition
- 4. The Postwar Explosion
- 5. Addressing the Explosion
- 6. Sources of Demographic Knowledge
- 7. The Contemporary Situation
- 8. Recent Birth rate Trends
  - 8.1. The Developed Countries
  - 8.2. The Developing Countries
- 9. HIV/AIDS
- 10. Conclusions

**States Systems and Universal Empires** **105**  
David Wilkinson,*Department of Political Science, UCLA, USA*

- 1. Civilizations and World Systems
- 2. The Character of States Systems
  - 2.1. Conditions Favorable to States Systems
    - 2.1.1. Geographic Dissection and Openness; Demographic Sparsity and Mobility
    - 2.1.2. Restricted Technology of Movement
    - 2.1.3. Ethnocultural Heterogeneity

- 2.1.4. Cheap, Easy and Defensive Military Technology
- 2.2. Conditions Favored by States Systems
  - 2.2.1. Ethnocultural Heterogeneity
  - 2.2.2. Political Freedom and Cultural Creativity
  - 2.2.3. Perpetual War
- 3. The Character of Universal Empires
- 4. The Pathology and Survival of States Systems
- 5. The Pathology and Survival of Universal Empires
- 6. Why is there no Universal Empire today?

### **The Silk Road: Afro-Eurasian Connectivity Across the Ages**

129

Alfred J. Andrea, *The University of Vermont, USA*Scott C. Levi, *The University of Louisville, USA*

- 1. An Introduction to the Silk Road
  - 1.1. Caravan Routes
  - 1.2. The Term "The Silk Road"
- 2. Silk and Other Merchandise along the Silk Road
- 3. An Historical Overview
- 4. The First Golden Age: The Era of Four Empires (100 BCE–200 CE)
  - 4.1. Han China
  - 4.2. Parthia
  - 4.3. Art along the Silk Road
  - 4.4. Rome and India
  - 4.5. The Collapse of the Roman and Chinese Empires
- 5. Continued Interchange
- 6. The Second Golden Age: The Sogdian Era (200–600)
  - 6.1. Faxian
  - 6.2. The Sogdians after 600
- 7. The Third Golden Age: The Era of China's Second Empire (600–750)
  - 7.1. Xuanzang
  - 7.2. Chinese Exports
  - 7.3. Religions along the Silk Road
- 8. The Fourth Golden Age: Dar al Islam (750–1000)
  - 8.1. Dar al-Islam and the Transmission of Ideas
  - 8.2. A Shift Away from the Land Routes
- 9. The Song Interlude: Song China Takes to the Ocean (1127–1279)
- 10. The Fifth Golden Age: The Era of the Pax Mongolica (ca. 1260–ca. 1350)
- 11. The Great Eurasian Pandemic
- 12. The Timurids and the Indian Summer of the Silk Road (1400–1500)
- 13. A New World
  - 13.1. The European Impact on the Global Economy
  - 13.2. Qing China and the Revival of Central Asian Commerce
  - 13.3. The Indian Diaspora
- 14. Russian Expansion into Central Asia's Trade Routes: From Silk Road to Cotton Road
  - 14.1. Cotton Monoculture
- 15. The Silk Road Today

### **Dark Ages in World System History**

155

Sing C. Chew, *Humboldt State University, USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Nature of Dark Ages
  - 2.1. Duration of Dark Ages
- 3. Culture/Nature Relations and Ecological Crisis: A Brief Overview (2200 BC to AD 900)
  - 3.1. Deforestation

- 3.2. Climate Changes
- 3.3. Socioeconomic and Political Changes: Deurbanization, Population, Regime Change and Innovations
- 4. Systems Transformation

**The Kondratieff Waves as Global Social Processes** **174**

William R. Thompson, *Department of Political Science, Indiana University, USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Long Waves of Economic Growth and Their Correlates
  - 2.1. The Price (+) Route
  - 2.2. The Schumpeterian Path
  - 2.3. The Very Long Path
- 3. Other Lines of Inquiry
- 4. Conclusion

**World Urbanization: The Role of Settlement Systems in Human Social Evolution** **196**

C.K. Chase-Dunn, *Institute for Research on World-Systems (IROWS), University of California, Riverside*

- 1. Human Settlement Systems in World System History
- 2. The Evolution of Early Settlement Systems
  - 2.1. The First Villagers
  - 2.2. The Hilly Flanks
  - 2.3. To the Flood Plain
  - 2.4. Sedentary/Nomadic Coevolution
- 3. Processes and Evolution of Urban Development
  - 3.1. Settlement Size: Hierarchy and Power
  - 3.2. Cities and Social Evolution
- 4. Emerging Patterns of Urbanization in the World System
  - 4.1. The Volcano Model
  - 4.2. Low-density Cities
  - 4.3. The Contemporary World City Network
  - 4.4. City Regions
  - 4.5. The Global City System
  - 4.6. Cities and the Future

**Democratization: The World-Wide Spread Of Democracy in The Modern Age** **215**

Daniel M. Green, *Department. of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Early European Republicanism, to 1517
- 3. Early Modern Democracy, 1517-1814
  - 3.1. The Dutch, the English, and Liberal Advantage, 1562-1609
  - 3.2. English Events, 1642-1689: Civil War and Glorious Revolution
  - 3.3. The Enlightenment, 1715-1776
  - 3.4. The Age of Revolution, 1776-1814
- 4. Liberalism in Europe, 1814-1848
  - 4.1. The Revolutions of 1830
  - 4.2. The Revolutions of 1848
  - 4.3. Britain as Liberal Power?
  - 4.4. Scientific Racism and the Standard of Civilization: Europe and the World, 1856-1914
- 5. Democracy Unbound: Three Liberal Moments, 1919, 1945, 1989
  - 5.1. WWI and Its Moment
  - 5.2. WWII and Its Moment

- 5.3. The Post-Cold War Moment, 1989-2001?
- 5.4. Today's Democratic Challenges
- 6. Conclusions

**The Rise of Global Public Opinion** **236**  
 Jackie Smith, *The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Popular movements and global institution-building
- 3. Responses to Globalization
  - 3.1. Organizing Global Public Opinion.
  - 3.2. The World Social Forum Process
- 4. Conclusion

**East Asia In the World System** **252**  
 Alvin Y. So, *Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Clear Water Bay, Hong Kong*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. East Asia before the Capitalist World-Economy
  - 2.1. The Formation of the East Asia Region.
  - 2.2. The Economic Development of East Asia before 1800.
- 3. The Fall of East Asia
  - 3.1. Why East Asian dynamics stopped before 1800?
  - 3.2. Why East Asia Couldn't Resist the Incorporation into the Capitalist World-Economy?
  - 3.3. The Decline of Chinese Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.
  - 3.4. The Great Escape of Japan.
  - 3.5. Attempt towards Regionalization in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - 3.6. Sino-Japanese Wars and the Communist Revolution in China
- 4. The Resurgence of East Asia
  - 4.1. US-centered Capitalist World Economy.
  - 4.2. The Socialist and Capitalist Semi-peripheral Paths in East Asia.
  - 4.3. East Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
  - 4.4. Toward an Asian-centered capitalist world-economy?

**Incorporating North America into the Eurasian World-System** **269**  
 Thomas D. Hall, *DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana USA*

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Excursus on Terminology
- 3. The "War in the Tribal Zone" Effect
- 4. Ecology of the Encounter
  - 4.1. European Arrivals
  - 4.2. The Fur Trade
  - 4.3. Gender Roles
- 5. Incorporation as a Social Process

**Index** **287**

**About EOLSS** **293**