Global Systemic Crisis and Semiperipheral Countries

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Helpful Readings

On the method and logic of global economic stratification

On world-system criticisms and response from Immanuel Wallerstein
Prologue of 2003 Edition of
Approach

A question of approach

- Wallerstein conceptualization of semi-periphery
- structural inequality
- how do you measure global economic stratification?
Data and Method

Arrighi and Drangel

• Percent of world population as a function of log GNI per capita (power based on benefits of world division of labor)

• Percent of world population as a function of military expenditure (power based on global military capacity)

• Period of study: 1990 to 2015

• Time not geographic space held constant
Classic Trimodal World-Economic System

Percentage of Total World Population

1990 Log GNI Per Capita

- Periphery
- Semiperiphery
- Core economic zone
- Peripheral economic zone
- Semiperipheral economic zone
- Core economic zone

Core
Semiperiphery
Periphery
Movement of Semiperipheral Countries

- 1990 Log GNI Per Capita
- 2000 Log GNI Per Capita
- 2010 Log GNI Per Capita
- 2015 Log GNI Per Capita
Movement of Semiperipheral Countries

Country positions in the world-economy for the year 1990
Movement of Semiperipheral Countries

Country positions in the world-economy for the year 2000
Unstable Global Economic Hierarchy
Unstable Global Economic Hierarchy
Dismantling of Classic Trimodal Distribution

Percentage of Total World Population

Log GNI Per Capita

- 1990
- 2005
- 2015
New Global Economic Stratification Order

![Graph showing the distribution of global economic strata based on 2015 log GNI per capita. The y-axis represents the percentage of total world population, and the x-axis shows the 2015 log GNI per capita. Peaks indicate concentration zones, with a notable segment labeled as the semiperipheral economic zone.]
Concentration of global military power
Military-Economic Entanglements

Log Military Expenditure and GNI per capita for 1990

Log Military Expenditure and GNI per capita for 2000

Log Military Expenditure and GNI per capita for 2010

Log Military Expenditure and GNI per capita for 2015
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Semiperipheral and Peripheral Cooperation

- **ALBA (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of our America)**
  - Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Grenada, Nicaragua, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Venezuela

- **AFTA (ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Free Trade Area)**
  - Brunei, Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand; Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar; Cambodia

- **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa)**

- **AIIB (Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank)**

- **BRICS Banks (New Development Bank, Contingent Reserve Arrangement)**

- **BRI (Belt and Road Initiative formerly One Belt and One Road Initiative)**
Semiperipheral and Peripheral Cooperation

- Commodified Citizenship
  - exchange-value given to citizenship by linking a price to it
  - intensive expansion of capital into civic life

- Transnationals
  - limited mobility based on citizenship laws
  - mobility facilitated by commodified citizenship

- Semiperipheral/Peripheral mobility
Commodified Citizenship in Dominica

Total Number of Citizenships Sold

Source: Data collected by the author for the period 1990-2015
Tianxia 天下
“all under heaven”


- **Geographic Integration**
  - all of the physical earth
- **Psychological Integration**
  - all of the hearts of all the people in the world
- **Institutional Integration**
  - one world political system and institution
End of Hegemony

- Hegemony making

- *The consent of different subordinate groups that allow themselves to be led by a dominant group is absolutely necessary.*

- Deep global divisions
Enthusiasm

- Forced cooperation
- Forced submission

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson
Further Reading


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