

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

SAMUEL COHN

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APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Sociology, Texas A & M University 1997-Present

Professorial Associate, Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (Unsalariated) 2014-Present

Associate Professor, Sociology, Texas A & M University 1991-1997

Professor, Sociology, Texas A & M University 1989-1991

Assistant Professor, Sociology and Industrial Relations, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1981-9

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan, 1981

M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan, 1979

B.A., Sociology, Yale University

SPECIALTIES

Primary: DEVELOPMENT SOCIOLOGY

Supporting: State and Development, Comparative Historical Sociology Gender and Racial Discrimination in Labor Markets, Labor, Protests and Social Movements, Sociology of Contemporary Brazil

NATIONAL HONORS

Founder and First President of the Council of the ASA Section on the Sociology of Development

Winner of ASA's 1989 Jessie Barnard Award for the best book published on gender for the monograph *Employment and Development Under Globalization: State and Economy in Brazil..* Philadelphia, Temple.

Winner of ASA's Sociology of Development Section 2013 Honorable Mention for best book published on Development for the monograph *Employment and Development Under Globalization: State and Economy in Brazil.*

Winner of ASA's Sociology of Development 2014 Samuel Cohn Award for Distinguished Service to Development Sociology. (The award was actually named for me.)

Fulbright Fellow 2002. Department of Economics, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Rio de Janeiro Brazil. Taught an interdisciplinary course in industrial relations theory to institutional economics students.

RESEARCH:

MONOGRAPHS

2012 *Employment and Development Under Globalization: State and Economy in Brazil*. Basingstoke, U.K., Palgrave Macmillan. (Winner of Honorable Mention 2013 American Sociological Association Section of the Sociology of Development for Best Book on Development)

2000 *Race and Gender Discrimination at Work*. New York, Westview.

1993 *When Strikes Make Sense and Why: Lessons From Third Republic French Coal Miners*. New York, Plenum.

1985 *Process of Occupational Sex-typing: Feminization of Clerical Labor in Great Britain*. Philadelphia, Temple. (Winner of 1989 American Sociological Association Jessie Barnard Award for Best Book on Gender)

EDITED VOLUMES

Forthcoming. *Gender and Development: Economic Basis of Women's Power*. Thousand Oaks, Sage. (with Rae Blumberg)

2016. Gregory Hooks (ed.), *Handbook of Development Sociology*, Berkeley, California. University of California. (On editorial board with nine other editors.)

2015 *Development in Crisis: Threats to Human Well-Being in the Global South and Global North*. London, Routledge. (with Rae Blumberg)

ARTICLES

Forthcoming. "Power of the Purse: Importance of Women's Economic Power." in Cohn, Samuel and Rae Blumberg. *Gender and Development: Economic Basis of Women's Power*. Thousand Oaks, Sage. (with Rae Blumberg)

Forthcoming. "Men's Preferences and Women's Economic Power: How Men's Choices Open or Close Occupations For Women" in Cohn, Samuel and Rae Blumberg. *Gender and Development: Economic Basis of Women's Power*. Thousand Oaks, Sage.

Forthcoming. "Technological Basis of Egalitarian Economic Growth: How Nineteenth Century Norway's Boats With No Decks Provided an Alternative to Dark Satanic Mills" *Sociology of Development*. (with Michael Upchurch)

2017. "The Determinants of the Division of Labor Between Men and Women in Paid Employment in the Global North and South: How Occupational Sex-typing Informs the Study of Gender and Development." *Sociology of Development* 3: 1-23.
2016. "State and Economic Development" in Gregory Hooks (ed.), *Handbook of Development Sociology*, Berkeley, California. University of California.
2016. "A Manifesto for the Sociology of Development" in Gregory Hooks (ed.), *Handbook of Development Sociology*, Berkeley, California. University of California. (with Gregory Hooks)
- 2015 "Crisis in Development – How Development Lives and Dies". Pp. 1-32 in Samuel Cohn and Rae Blumberg (eds.), *Development in Crisis: Threats to Human Well-Being in the Global South and Global North*. London, Routledge.
- 2015 "Why Cutting Taxes Does Not Increase Employment: Or Why Shrinking the State Does Not Provide Compensating Economic Development." Pp. 51-66 in Samuel Cohn and Rae Blumberg (eds.), *Development in Crisis: Threats to Human Well-Being in the Global South and Global North*. London, Routledge.
2012. "Tea Party in Macrosociological Perspective." *Estudos de Tempo Presente*.
2012. "O'Connorian Models of Peripheral Development – or How Third World States Resist World Systemic Pressures By Cloning the Policies of States in the Core." Pp. 336-344 in Salvatore Babones and Christopher Chase-Dunn, (eds.), *Handbook of World Systems Analysis*. New York, Routledge.
2011. "What Marxist Theory of the State and the Brazilian Amazon Implies For the Prospects of Sustainable Environmental Regulation in the European Union and the United States." In John Robertson and Michael Meimeth (eds.), *Sustainable Development Part I: How to Bridge the Knowledge-Action Gap: Exploring the Value Added From Political and Economic Perspectives*. Berlin, Nomos.
2008. "When Sergipe Led Brazil: The Golden Years of Employment for Barbers and Beauticians". *Ponta De Lanca* 1. Brazilian Web Publication. www.posgrap.ufs.br/periodicos/ponta_de_lanca/index.htm
- 2004 "Impact of Payroll Taxation on Employment in a Third World Setting: Personal Services in Brazilian Nonamazonian States 1940-80." *Econômica* 6, 1: 35-60.
2004. "Do Taxes Lower Employment in the Third World? Evidence From Personal Service Firms in Debt Crisis Brazil." *Competition and Change* 8: 45-64. (With Elizabeth Rainwater and Matt Bradshaw)
- 1998 "Other Reason Job Suburbanization Hurts Blacks: Relationship Between the Location Racial Composition of Employment in Detroit and Atlanta 1980." *Urban Affairs Review* 34: 94-125.
- 1996 "What Spatial Mismatch? The Proximity of Blacks to Employment in Boston and Houston" *Social Forces* 75: 557-73. (with Mark Fossett)
1996. 3 short articles in Women and Work: a Handbook. Paula Dubeck and Kathryn Borman (eds.), New York, Garland.

“Occupational Sex-Typing.” Pp. 87-89.

“Human Capital Theory.” Pp. 107-110.

“Discrimination Against Married Women.” Pp. 332-4.

1995 "Learning From Other People's Actions: Environmental Variation and Diffusion in French Coal Mining Strikes: 1890-1935." American Journal of Sociology 101: 366-403. (with Carol Conell)

1995. "Are Northern Labor Markets Characterized by Greater Inequality in Employment? Intermetropolitan Variance in White-Black Employment Differentials". *Social Forces* 74: 999-1030. (with Mark Fossett)

1990 "Market-Like Forces and Social Stratification: How Neoclassical Theories of Wages Can Survive Recent Sociological Critiques." *Social Forces* 68:714-30.

1989 "Historical Limits on Neoclassical Strike Theories: Evidence From French Coal Mining 1890-1935." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 42:649-662. (with Adrienne Eaton)

1988 "Empty Victories, Harmless Defeats: Relationship Between Moderation, Strike Victories and Substantive Benefits Among French Coal Miners, 1890-1935." *Political Power and Social Theory* 7:177-209.

1985 "Clerical Labor Intensity and the Feminization of Clerical Labor in Great Britain." *Social Forces* 63:1060-8.

1982 "Michael Hechter's Theory of Regional Underdevelopment: A Test Using Victorian British Railways." *American Sociological Review* 47:477-88.

1981 "Keeping the Navvies in Line: Variations in Work Discipline Among Victorian British Railway Construction Crews." Pp. 143-66 in Louise Tilly and Charles Tilly (eds.), *Class Conflict and Collective Action*. Beverly Hills, Sage.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

National Science Foundation 2015-2016. “Agrarian Origins of Economic Growth in Nations”. \$94,860

National Science Foundation. 2006-2008. “New Strategies For State Development Policy Under Globalization: Risk Reduction, Transnational Bargaining and Income Rationing in the Promotion of Employment in Northeast Brazil.” \$68,750.

National Science Foundation 2002-2005. “Organizational Logic and Economic Development: An Analysis of Brazilian Personal Services.” \$69,500.

National Science Foundation Grant 1992-1995. “Spatial and Nonspatial Determinants of Black-White Employment Differentials” \$ 101,598 (with Mark Fossett)

National Science Foundation Grant 1984-1987. Class Conflict and Wage Determination: Panel Analysis of French Coal Miners. \$ 48,545.

CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Decline of the Euro-American World System

I am currently writing a monograph on societal death and the ultimate fall of the Euro-American world system. That material takes the lectures I have developed for Sociology 206 and uses them as the basis of a book for the general public on realistic crisis models in sociology.
Reformulating the Macrobasis of World Systems Theory

World Systems Theory has generally relied on the theory of unequal exchange put forward by Samir Amin to explain how market relations divide the world into core and periphery. The work of Jeffrey Williamson has essentially shattered this foundation by confinement into the periphery was correlated with FAVORABLE rather than adverse terms of trade. The division of the world into core and periphery needs to be reconsidered on a different basis.

I am studying the crystallization of the world into the contemporary split between core and periphery in the last two centuries starting with the rapid ascendance of Australia and New Zealand and concluding with the fall of Argentina. Explicit attention is paid to debt crises (notably those of Austria, Turkey and Egypt), petroleum, educational attainment, protectionism, military Keynesianism, warfare, protectionism and terms of trade. Econometric analysis is being done of 57 nations between 1870 and 1950 along with detailed case studies of the dramatic out-of-period and high leverage cases.

Social Democratic Development: Comparative Leontief Multipliers

I am currently working on a project on the history of Leontief multipliers for the sectors of capitalist economies from the earliest measurement to the present day. Leontief multipliers are an indicator of the degree to which particular industries stimulate growth in the rest of an economy. I am analyzing which sectors are strategic and which not and how this changes across time and space.

Eliminating Identification Issues in Macrosocial Cross-National Time-Series Regressions

I am currently at work on a methodological project to correct certain well known statistical errors associated with the use of multiple regression for comparative cross-national time-series datasets. Most of the statistical estimators for such datasets have to correct for various forms of correlated errors. The number of errors is greater than the number of degrees of freedom typically available to allow for the running of regression techniques with "corrections". We put forward a formerly popular but until recently discredited methodology which actually addresses identification issues easily and with efficiency.