

## Chapter 1 : Civilization and Capitalism 15thth Century (Fernand Braudel)

*Cities, Capitalism and Civilization looks at the character and distinctiveness of Western Civilization. R.J. Holton sets out to challenge the belief that cities and urban social classes have formed the main component of the advance of civilization, and the principle dynamic of Western capitalism.*

The course will examine major world traditions and periods of urbanism, from earliest examples to modern times, stopping off at various points across the globe to elaborate specific instances of urban development and regional trajectories of change. The course takes the basic approach of anthropological archaeology, but also includes Western history, urban studies, and cultural studies, as well as other social and ecological sciences. It focuses on cases of pre-modern AD urbanism around the world, but also considers more recent development during the Industrial Revolution and twentieth century globalization and mega-cities, including questions of sustainability, social inequality, and globalization. It integrates archaeological and historical case material to explore cities in all parts of the globe, to elaborate specific instances of urban development and regional trajectories of change. Urban revolutions entered a new phase with industrial capitalism, beginning in the 18th century, which forever changed the face of global society and environment. Today, understanding urban societies is critically linked to pressing global concerns regarding quality of life, including ecology and climate, and a host of social issues. Amsterdam, Netherlands An old street sign in Amsterdam showing a view of the city in the first half of 17th century. It uses case studies from most major world areas to reflect on general characteristics of urban civilizations, including their form, social groups and relations, symbolic meaning, and historical ecology. What questions will this course ask? What is the nature of the city and civil society? What is the form of the city? What does the diversity through time and space of cities “not only their rise and normal functioning but also decline, conflict, and dysfunction” tell us about what it means to be human or urban? How does the understanding of cities and urban society through time inform contemporary societies about questions of globalization, social inequality, ecology, public health and security, and policy? Identify and analyze key elements, biases, and influences that shape thought about the city through time and space. Approach issues and problems from multiple disciplinary perspectives, including linkages between past and present. Communicate knowledge, thoughts, and reasoning clearly and effectively in forms appropriate to the discipline of anthropology. Course Modules The course is divided into six modules: In Module 1, discussion begins with Europe, to explore the development of the Western imagination, including archaeology, particularly after the mid- to late 19th century when ideas about evolution and the archaeological and historical past were taking shape in the face of emerging industrial urbanism, capitalism, and globalization. We consider the development of scholarly thinking regarding the emergence and growth of urban civilization in the ancient world in the context of changing urban life of the time, notably industrialism and capitalism, including: Critical perspectives that emphasize diversity and multi-culturalism, globalization, and representations and conflicting views regarding non-Western peoples, including what Edward Said, a Palestinian cultural critic, called Orientalism. Modules focus on different regions of the globe to explore urban civilization through time and space. We will consider the form, geo-politics, and ecological setting of these early civilizations, focusing on changes in society and nature. The voyage continues to the Mediterranean to consider the emergence of European urbanism and civilization and initial globalization, as well as indigenous urbanism to the south in Sub-Saharan Africa Module 4. Module 5 explores Native American cities, some of which seem crudely conform to Old World definitions, such as in the Andes and Mesoamerica, while other present novel cases, such as Amazonia and North America. These challenge us to expand our vocabularies and trait lists, open our minds to alternative pathways of urbanism, like other non-Western cases in Africa, SE Asia. As elsewhere we consider the form and content of pre-modern, non-Western cities. Module 6 provides an overview of pre-Modern cities, and then returns to London, ca. It considers changes over the past two millennia in human-nature interactions, including environmental improvements and degradation, as well as the conflict over rights to land and property. Current students Talk to your Academic Advisor to see how this course could fit into your academic plan.

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Harper and Row, , original editions in French, Braudel is uniformly praised as one of the most influential historians of the twentieth century, but a hard act to follow. Braudel immersed himself into masses of materials and emerged with plausible broad-brush stories to tell, teaching others how to replicate this approach is problematic. While the Annales School has made only a small dent in the economic history curriculum in the United States, it has had much more influence on social history worldwide and on economic history in France, Europe and the rest of the world. Rondo Cameron , p. This essay will not pretend to cover the three volumes of Civilization and Capitalism but rather touch on some broad themes that have had influence on our understanding of world economic history. Braudel began this research in at age twenty-one and it was envisaged as his doctoral dissertation and was to concentrate on the policies of Philip II in the form of a conventional diplomatic history. Braudel taught secondary school in Algeria from to and then lived in Brazil where he taught at the University of Sao Paulo from to During this period he kept up with developments in Paris including establishment of Annales in by Marc Bloch and Lucien Febvre. The long gestation period of this impressive work undoubtedly had much to do with how different was the final product from the original design. Braudel says that he began to see the sense of writing a history of the Mediterranean world in discussions with Febvre circa but that he did not find models upon which to build. And then in he began to find quantitative data on ship arrivals and departures, cargoes, prices and other economic data that he felt would be the bricks and mortar of an economic and social history of the Mediterranean. By he had an outline of what he wished to say, but he was captured by the Germans in and was imprisoned for the next five years where amazingly he wrote the first draft of The Mediterranean totally from memory. The Mediterranean focuses on the history of one world region in a wide-ranging intellectual breakthrough, involving the geographic setting, transport and communications, urban and hinterland developments, trade, empires and more political themes. In his mentor, Lucien Febvre, asked Braudel, who was then teaching at the College of Paris, to contribute a volume to a series on world history. Febvre died before he could complete his volume. Braudel took responsibility for preparation of what became a three-volume series and was sole editor of the Annales during its most influential period. Braudel published the first volume of Civilization and Capitalism in , and it was translated as Capitalism and Material Life, in The Limits of the Possible, was published in That translation followed the form of the original translation, Capitalism and Material Life, â€” , incorporating new materials and changes. Their journal, Review, begun in , explores a variety of issues relating to the evolution of capitalism, and the study of world systems, about which more below. The Fernand Braudel Institute in Sao Paulo is a think tank that has a strong social dimension to its studies. The economic history emerging from these centers is likely to emphasize the impact of capitalism on the social structures of society and the dependencies involved in the evolution of a worldwide economy over the past five hundred years. Capitalism Braudel emphasizes that capitalism is something different from the market economy, a distinction that should be kept in mind in understanding Civilization and Capitalism. The triptych I have describedâ€”material life, the market economy, and the capitalist economyâ€”is still an amazingly valid explanation, even though capitalism today has expanded in scope. It is a structure of thinking that is rather alien to trends in economic research that seek to explain the behavior of households, markets and business firms using similar economic models, a point discussed further below. For Wallerstein capitalism is a system built upon the international division of labor in which the core of the resulting world system prospers, if not at the expense of the others, at least relative to others. A familiar enough theme from the recent Seattle World Trade Organization protests. While Wallerstein took inspiration from Braudel, this is not what Braudel means by capitalism. Braudel viewed the capitalist economy as in the above paragraph, namely as something above everyday material life and the operation of markets. Capitalism takes advantage of high profit opportunities generated by linking markets into a world economy. For Braudel a world economy features a core capitalist

city whose commercial and financial spread may be well beyond national political boundaries. However, for Braudel there may be several world economies operating at the same time, and for each there will be a dominant core city. Capitalism may utilize an international or larger spatial division of labor but the hegemony of any particular core city for a world economy will wax and wane over time. Further, Wallerstein treats the political empires like Rome, the Ottomans or the Mughals as non-capitalist systems while Braudel would be inclined to see in them some capitalistic features. One further point on capitalism concerns its origins. Wallerstein seeks the origins of the capitalist world system in the feudal breakdown of the agrarian society of Northern Europe in the sixteenth century. Braudel is less concerned with questions of origins, but would certainly place a European world economy much earlier, perhaps in fourteenth-century Italy. Again, his first line of attack would be to point to all of the developments in the Italian city states that long pre-dated Luther and Calvin. One point deserves further mention, namely the emphasis that Braudel gives to the ebb and flow of world economies over time and space. Schumpeter saw new innovations involving new entrepreneurs replacing older businesses along with their technologies and labor force. For Braudel the slowly shifting boundaries of world economies have two important implications. First, some areas never become involved with a world economy and their economic level remains very low. And second, some areas that were in a world economy, and were perhaps a core city, lose their place as boundaries of world economies change over time. Capitalism and Material Life Braudel and the Annales School represented a reaction to traditional narrative history with its emphasis on major actors, usually political or economic elites. However, in Volume I the chapter headings at that time were themselves a statement, beginning at the lowest level of economic and social organization. Braudel begins Volume I of Civilization and Capitalism with a discussion of world population during the fifteenth to nineteenth centuries, including an evaluation of the reliability of the numbers and a description of the balance of peoples around the world. Beginning his study with counting all of humanity, Braudel starts off with a global view, involving the rich and the poor, and all regions of the world. He takes on social classifications, like civilized and barbaric, providing an overview of global social divisions. Braudel follows population in Capitalism and Material Life with chapters on the major categories of consumer expenditure, bread and cereals, other foods and drink, and clothing and housing. These chapters, enriched with appropriate illustrations, include the diets of the poor, food fashions of the rich, the lack of furnishings of the homes of the poor and middle classes, and the increasingly elaborate interiors of the more affluent. The treatment of fashion and necessity in clothing is wide ranging. While much of this is based on the research of others, it is an extraordinary synthesis of materials from many sources and it is good reading. The focus on everyday life in Capitalism and Material Life represents a concern shaping many areas of study after , a movement from the study of elites to those of more ordinary people. This entered archaeology, as excavations moved from the palaces and temples to remains of foods, bones, and the dwellings of the poor, or lack thereof. The following quotation referring to Naples is in his chapter Towns and Cities, and is from one of several sketches of cities of the era. A major breakthrough after extended it in the direction of Borgo de Chiaja, facing the second bay of Naples the first being Marinella. Only the rich benefited, as authorization to build outside the walls, granted in , almost exclusively concerned them. As for the poor, their district stretched out from the vast Largo del Castello, where burlesque quarrels over the free distribution of victuals took place, to the Mercato, their fief, facing the Paludi plain that began outside the ramparts. They were so crowded that their life encroached and overflowed on to the streets. Here in the midst of a description of impoverishment in Naples we also have imbedded an estimate of the homeless as 20 to 25 percent of society, a typical quantitative illustration that Braudel uses to great effect. He also tells us that the rich have the political power to live in more desirable locations, nothing new there. It is not surprising that Marxist historians would find much to like in Braudel, but there is very little ideological in his writings. In fact, Braudel is much more interested in putting the everyday life of all peoples in perspective by comparisons of to and to contemporary levels of living. But one senses from his discussions of material life that Braudel would have found these comfortable constructs with which to work. He also suggests that he would have liked to use cliometrics in the analysis of his period but that there were not adequate data. However, Braudel would have probably wanted to build up social and national accounts rather than deal with behavioral models. However, Braudel looks at

money as an indicator of the degree of monetization of societies and the complexity of their economies. And as we have noted, the increase in towns and cities during the period meant an increasing number of poor making their material life in urban areas. On the other hand, this curious treatment may only reflect the evolution of Civilization and Capitalism, in which Capitalism and Material Life was fairly self contained and appeared thirteen years earlier than the remaining volumes. *Wheels of Commerce* moves from markets to capitalism and society. Although Braudel does not use the language, he is concerned with the development of institutions, ideology and social norms. He offers a justification for employing the term capitalism, noting that it was not a term used by Marx, only his followers. Capitalism for Braudel involves not only the use of capital but also its position at the apex of material life. As discussed, it is this aspect of Braudel that has had a large influence on those associating the expansion of capitalism and world systems as necessarily intertwined. The first chapter of *Wheels of Commerce* is called the Instruments of Exchange, by which Braudel means the types of markets in which exchange took place; it is followed by a chapter on Markets and the Economy. The two may only be separate because together they are the length of an average book. Braudel deals with local commodity markets serving surrounding villages and market towns serving their hinterland, as well as wholesale and financial markets. Markets for financial instruments including bourses and exchanges, as well as credit institutions like banks, are also discussed. Bourses, after the Hotel des Bourses in Bruges where early meetings of merchants took place, also dealt in wholesale commodity trade, especially for articles like pepper, cotton, tea and the like. For Europe the period sees the development of exchanges in Amsterdam and London that while subject to bubbles, also provided a basis for financial intermediation for even small investors. In treating the development of markets Braudel gives emphasis to the geography of markets, and his treatment is often imaginative, though not terribly systematic. He analyzes the frequency and density of fairs and markets in England and France. He gives more cursory treatments of other parts of the world, though both India and China receive their fair due. Here Braudel argues that the size of the hexagon embracing different size market towns varies inversely with the density of population II, pp. He then applies this to puzzles in French history about the varying boundaries of pays, which he argues may well have been due to changing population densities over time—a rather nice cross-section, time-series application. Braudel asks questions about markets that are fundamental but often not treated systematically. When do wholesale markets emerge? What leads to the establishment of year-round shops versus occasional markets and fairs? Why did the number of shops proliferate during the period? When are peddlers really agents of wholesalers and when are they petty traders? Braudel concludes that the expansion of markets was stronger in England than in France, though he does not probe further into why this may have been so. And he argues in terms of his view of hierarchy, that the development of capitalism was interdependent with the expansion of exchange. He also notes that France and particularly China had administrations that constrained the expansion in markets and hence the amount of capitalistic development. How do markets relate to each other? One way they are integrated is through the activities of the same firm, most typically in this period, an extended family firm. Braudel examines these connections mainly in Europe. The extended family firm was a common practice of merchants from India, China and the Middle East, some of which are discussed by Braudel. While he recognizes the importance of business families in extending the boundaries of any world economy, this also poses a puzzle in some of the diasporas that Philip Curtin has described so well.

**Chapter 3 : Cities, Capitalism and Civilization by R.J. Holton**

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Civilization and Capitalism 15th Century 1: The Structures of Everyday Life: The Limits of the Possible 2: The Wheels of Commerce 3: The emphasis is, in Annales style, very much on social and economic history – wars, treaties, kings and popes only feature incidentally. Braudel takes a very broad view of his subject, however: The structure of Civilization and Capitalism roughly reflects this hierarchy. The Structures of Everyday Life, subtitled "The Limits of the Possible", deals with the everyday constraints of material life; in it Braudel sketches what is almost a social history of the world. He begins with a chapter on demographics, which he sees as fundamental to understanding history. Two chapters are devoted to food: The shifting boundary between luxury and necessity here is also apparent in houses, clothes and fashion, and Braudel suggests it was significant that only Europe had rapidly changing fashions. The final chapter surveys the growth of towns, which Braudel considers both an instrument and a clear marker of change. The Wheels of Commerce moves on to trade and the market economy. Braudel begins with the material culture of exchange, from shops, markets, and pedlars to fairs and stock exchanges. He then explores the higher levels of commerce: Two chapters deal with capitalism. The first explores its scope and its relationship with agriculture and early forms of industry, and in particular why it failed to take hold in these domains. The second considers capitalism on its home ground in finance and international trade, in a world of partnerships and companies, of monopolies and control, with an influence vastly disproportionate to its relative size. A final chapter places economic life in the context of society seen as a "set of sets", connecting it with social hierarchies, the state and the broad dynamic of cultural change. The Perspective of the World takes a global, world-systemic approach. Braudel begins by arguing for the existence of multiple "world-economies" and describing their geographical and temporal dimensions. He then traces the development of the European world-economy and of the "world cities" which successively ruled it: Venice, Antwerp, Genoa, Amsterdam and finally London. This is followed by an analysis of the emerging national economies and their relationship with international capitalism, with a detailed comparison of France and England. Braudel then turns to the rest of the world – the Americas, Black Africa, Russia, Islam, the Far East – and its relationship with Europe, before returning for an analysis of the industrial revolution in the light of the previous analysis of capitalism. Here Braudel seems somewhat more tentative about his conclusions than he had been in the earlier volumes. Despite the depth of detail he deploys he appears to have encyclopedic knowledge when it comes to early modern Western European history, Braudel writes expansively, almost leisurely, and despite the huge canvas of his work he finds the space for extended examples. Civilization and Capitalism is liberally illustrated with black and white halftones mostly reproductions from contemporary paintings and uses diagrams, graphs and maps to really good effect. No dry tables of numbers, but such things as maps showing the speed with which news reached Venice from different parts of Europe in different periods or the geography of literacy in France on the eve of the Revolution. It should be compulsive reading for anyone at all interested in economics or early modern history. Each of the three volumes can stand alone: If you have the time, however, I definitely recommend reading Civilization and Capitalism in its entirety.

## Chapter 4 : Fernand Braudel - Wikipedia

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Braudel also studied a good deal of Latin and a little Greek. At the age of 7, his family moved to Paris. While teaching at the University of Algiers between and , he became fascinated by the Mediterranean Sea and wrote several papers on the Spanish presence in Algeria in the 16th century. Braudel later said that the time in Brazil was the "greatest period of his life. However, the journey was as significant as arriving at his destination; on his way, he met Lucien Febvre , who was the co-founder of the influential *Annales* journal. The two had booked passage on the same ship. At the outbreak of war in , he was called up for military service, but was subsequently taken prisoner in by the Germans. FMSH focused its activities on international networking in order to disseminate the *Annales* approach to Europe and the world. In he gave up all editorial responsibility on the journal, although his name remained on the masthead. In , he wrote *A History of Civilizations* as the basis for a history course, but its rejection of the traditional event-based narrative was too radical for the French ministry of education, which in turn rejected it. He emphasized the importance of the ephemeral lives of slaves, serfs, peasants, and the urban poor, demonstrating their contributions to the wealth and power of their respective masters and societies. His work was often illustrated with contemporary depictions of daily life, rarely with pictures of noblemen or kings. For Braudel there is no single Mediterranean Sea. There are many seasâ€”indeed a "vast, complex expanse" within which men operate. Life is conducted on the Mediterranean: And the sea articulates with the plains and islands. Life on the plains is diverse and complex; the poorer south is affected by religious diversity Catholicism and Islam , as well as by intrusions â€” both cultural and economic â€” from the wealthier north. In other words, the Mediterranean cannot be understood independently from what is exterior to it. Any rigid adherence to boundaries falsifies the situation. The first level of time, geographical time, is that of the environment, with its slow, almost imperceptible change, its repetition and cycles. Such change may be slow, but it is irresistible. The second level of time comprises long-term social, economic, and cultural history, where Braudel discusses the Mediterranean economy, social groupings, empires and civilizations. Change at this level is much more rapid than that of the environment; Braudel looks at two or three centuries in order to spot a particular pattern, such as the rise and fall of various aristocracies. This is the history of individuals with names. This, for Braudel, is the time of surfaces and deceptive effects. The desert creates a nomadic form of social organization where the whole community moves; mountain life is sedentary. Transhumance â€” that is, the movement from the mountain to the plain, or vice versa in a given season â€” is also a persistent part of Mediterranean existence. It was widely admired, but most historians did not try to replicate it and instead focused on their specialized monographs. The book firmly launched the study of the Mediterranean and dramatically raised the worldwide profile of the *Annales* School. The first volume was published in , and was translated to English in . The last of the three-volume work appeared in . The third volume, subtitled "The Perspective of the World", was strongly influenced by the work of German scholars like Werner Sombart. In this volume, Braudel traced the impact of the centers of Western capitalism on the rest of the world. Braudel wrote the series both as a way of explanation for the modern way and partly as a refutation of the Marxist view of history. Particular cities, and later nation-states, follow each other sequentially as centers of these cycles: Venice and Genoa in the 13th through the 15th centuries â€” ; Antwerp in the 16th century â€” ; Amsterdam in the 16th through 18th centuries â€” ; and London and England in the 18th and 19th centuries â€” He used the word "structures" to denote a variety of social structures , such as organized behaviours, attitudes, and conventions, as well as physical structures and infrastructures. He argued that the structures established in Europe during the Middle Ages contributed to the successes of present-day European-based cultures. He attributed much of this to the long-standing independence of city-states, which, though later subjugated by larger geographic states, were not always completely suppressedâ€”probably for reasons of utility. Braudel argued that capitalists have typically been

monopolists and not, as is usually assumed, entrepreneurs operating in competitive markets. He argued that capitalists did not specialize and did not use free markets, thus diverging from both liberal Adam Smith and Marxian interpretations. He asserted that capitalists have had power and cunning on their side as they have arrayed themselves against the majority of the population. Braudel argued that France was the product not of its politics or economics but rather of its geography and culture, a thesis Braudel explored in a wide-ranging book that saw the bourg and the patois: Upheavals in institutions or the superstructure of social life were of little significance, for history, they argued, lies beyond the reach of conscious actors, especially the will of revolutionaries. They rejected the Marxist idea that history should be used as a tool to foment and foster revolutions. In a poll by History Today magazine, Fernand Braudel was picked as the most important historian of the previous 60 years.

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