

**INTRODUCTION:  
REVIEW SYMPOSIUM ON GIOVANNI ARRIGHI'S *ADAM SMITH IN BEIJING***

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About sixteen months ago we began discussing commissioning a series of review essays on Arrighi's *Adam Smith in Beijing*. The original idea was to publish a collection of essays from various world-systems scholars, and have Arrighi respond. As we all know, Giovanni became ill and sadly passed in summer of 2009. In commissioning the essays as book review editor I faced a special challenge. Some likely writers had already committed to essays for other venues (e.g., Janet Abo-Lughod 2008; Chris Chase-Dunn forthcoming). I also wanted to get a variety of approaches so that the entire collection would represent a diverse set of views. The following essays do that. We are especially fortunate to have an essay from Robert Denemark, who I asked to comment on Andre Gunder Frank's probable take(s) on *Adam Smith in Beijing*. The remaining essays offer various insights into this important work.

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