



Anthropology of Economy Network
European Association of Social Anthropologists
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About the Anthropology of Economy Network

The mailing list

The Network is running a mailing list of 165 members.
We have also created a logo.
We are currently working on a Facebook page.

The team of convenors

The Anthropology of Economy Network is currently run by a team of four anthropologists, every one of whom is based in a different European country:

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The team assumed office after the meeting of the Network at the EASA conference in Milan in July 2016.

The team is planning to organize an online convenor committee election before the EASA conference in Stockholm 2018.

The activities of the Network

Network event 2017

In November 2016, three proposals for Network events were submitted to the convenors for evaluation. Although all of the proposals were of excellent quality, we decided to support the workshop proposal *“Tracing senses of deservingness: perspectives on power, morality and distribution in contemporary Europe”* submitted by Jelena Tosić (University of Vienna and University of Bern) and Andreas Streinzer (University of Vienna and IfS Frankfurt/ Main). To our great pleasure, EASA approved the proposal for funding. Thanks to the generous support from EASA and to the personal commitment of the organizers, the workshop took place at University of Vienna, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, on 27-28 October 2017. It was a particularly successful meeting. A short report and the programme are attached below (see attachment 1).

The organizers are currently discussing with the EASA Series' Editor about the possibility to publish an edited volume.

Planned events

In 2018, our Network is expecting to sponsor two panels at the biannual EASA conference in Stockholm. We will also hold the traditional Network meeting.

In addition, the Network has submitted a joint application with the Research Network “Economic Sociology” within the European Sociological Association for a round-table about **Ethnography, Fieldwork, Observation - shared methodologies and epistemologies in economic anthropology and sociology**. We would like to reflect on the pluri- and trans-disciplinary uses and implications of ethnography in the study of the economy. The meeting of the European Sociological Association will take place in September 2018 in Konstanz. We very much hope that our proposal will be accepted. Co-organizing the round-table can contribute to enhance the visibility of our Network and of EASA more generally, and will allow us taking interdisciplinary reflexion a step further.



EASA Anthropology of Economy Network Workshop

**Deservingness - power, morality and inequality in contemporary Europe
and beyond**

Convenors: Jelena Tasic and Andreas Streinzer

Friday, October 27th and Saturday, October 28th 2017

University of Vienna, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology

Neues Institutsgebäude NIG), 4th floor, HS-C, Universitätstraße 7, 1010 Vienna

The EASA Anthropology of Economy Network held its 2017 workshop at the University of Vienna, convened by Andreas Streinzer and Jelena Tasic. The theme of "Deservingness" focused on the transformations of power, inequality and morality in contemporary Europe and beyond. The core approach was to trace such assessments of deservingness in three ethnographic fields - refugees and migration, debt and austerity, and the privatization of care and welfare.

The convenors introduced the theme in an introductory talk and on the following one and a half days, ten papers were presented on deservingness under the three themes. All in all, there were 20 participants from all career levels between PhD students and professors. Furthermore, the workshop drew participants from neighbouring fields such as political anthropology, feminist anthropology and the anthropology of migration.

Besides the highly stimulating intellectual engagement and work on the ethnographic papers and conceptual approaches towards deservingness, the participants enjoyed the leisurely sides of Vienna and took their discussions further to coffee houses and restaurants. The convenors are pleased with the effort and commitment of the participants proving that deservingness is a topic of high relevance that deserves to be made explicit in further ethnographic and conceptual work.

Workshop Programme

Friday, October 27th

Introduction: Deservingness – Genealogies, Struggles and Ideologies, Andreas Streinzer, University of Vienna and IfS Frankfurt/ Main and Jelena Tošić, University of Vienna and University of Bern

DEBT RELATIONS - STATES, MARKETS AND DEBTORS

Insolvency, inequality and moral deservingness: the case of the Greek household-protection law, Theodora Vetta, University of Barcelona

Discussant: Carlo Capello

The Moral Economy of Debt: Contesting and (Re-) Regulating Household Debt in Post-Credit Boom Croatia, Marek Mikus, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/ Saale

Discussant: Esra S. Kaytaz

(UN)DESERVING MIGRANTS/REFUGEES

Deserving EU citizenship: The case of undocumented Italian migrants in Belgium, Jean-Michel Lafleur, Elsa Mescoli, Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies of the University of Liège

Discussant: Patricia Matos

The construction of deservingness in co-ethnic and pro-refugee philanthropic actions in Hungary, Zakarias Ildiko, Institute for Minority Studies, HAS Center for Social Sciences, Budapest

Discussant: Don Kalb

Risk-taking and Deservingness in Migration: the case of irregular migration in Turkey, Esra S. Kaytaz, Coventry University

Discussant: Marek Mikus

Guests and other unwanted subjects: On im/moralities of deservingness between EU and Turkey, Sabine Strasser, University of Bern

Discussant: Theodora Vetta

Saturday, October 28th 2017

CATEGORIES, POLICIES AND NEGOTIATIONS OF DESERVINGNESS

The politics of needs and rights: charity, deservingness and distribution in austerity Portugal, Patricia Matos, University of Barcelona

Discussant: Elisa Lanari

“Here, morality is a sense of entitlement:” citizenship, deservingness, and inequality in suburban Atlanta, Elisa Lanari, Northwestern University

Discussant: Sabine Strasser

The Ritual Neoliberal: An anthropological insight into the policies of activation for unemployed people in Turin, Carlo Capello, University of Turin

Discussant: Ildikó Zakariás

The relational politics of deservingness in the context of postsocialist transition and the rise of neo-nationalism of a national-socialist bent, Don Kalb, University of Bergen