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NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear members of the Anthropology of Economy Network, dear readers of the Newsletter,

This is the last Newsletter before the Conference in (virtual) Lisbon as well as the last Newsletter under the current team of conveners. We would like to thank all of you for your support over the years.
A new team of conveners will take over during the next Network meeting.
Following the call that we circulated via the mailing list and the Newsletter, three people came forward as potential convenors.
We are very happy to inform you that in the coming years the AoE Network will be convened by Juliane Müller, Andreas Streinzer, Michele Filippo Fontefrancesco and Charlotte Bruckermann, who co-convened the Network between 2018-2020 and will therefore guarantee continuity. They will present and discuss their plans during the Network meeting on 20 July 2020. All of you are invited to participate in the meeting, whether you are attending the EASA conference or not. You will find details below this announcement.
We wish the incoming team much success and inspiration in their work. They have our full support.
We would like to thank James Carrier and Ognjen Kojanić for their vital participation in editing the Newsletter. Both James and Ognjen will be continuing their great involvement in the network with the incoming team.

Best regards,
Detelina, Dimitra, Martin (and Charlotte)

Mark your calendar!
ANTHROPOLOGY OF ECONOMY NETWORK MEETING
You can attend even if you are not attending the conference!

The next Anthropology of Economy Network meeting will take place virtually on **20.07.2020, 14.00-16.00 Lisbon time (UTC+1)**.
Current conveners will report on activities of the AoE Network and the incoming conveners will present and discuss their plans with the members. These meetings have always been central to the functioning of the Network, so it would be great if you can attend. The Newsletter itself was proposed during the last meeting.
The AoE Network meeting does NOT require conference "delegate" status. It is "open" to all interested. This gives a good opportunity to ensure that all members of the network can potentially attend the network meeting, regardless of whether they will be attending the conference.

The Shindig URL is: https://shindig.com/login/event/easanet-economy

IN FOCUS

BERGHAHN HUMAN ECONOMY SERIES

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This series is more an agenda-setting enterprise than a mere book series. It promises to be the most important scholarly initiative to come from the global south in a very long time; one that is sure to change how we think about the world at large, about economy and humanity (John Comaroff).

"Human economy" is an umbrella term for a conversation between writers and readers who draw on many different precedents. So far, our volumes have concentrated on money as a source of unequal power and its potential for human emancipation; economic democracy; credit and debt; gypsy economy; and anti-mafia cooperatives. We now want to expand the series, encouraging monographs and collections in dialogue with related approaches like moral economy, commodity chains, health, popular and informal economies.

We hope to launch a plural, inclusive and decentralized network united by a desire to make economy more human than at present, with the books of this series as a common core. The economy is not a remote object. It is an idea of how people should manage their lives. Emergent world society is undermining national capitalism, the dominant social form of the last century. Economic discourse is increasingly impersonal and remote from daily life. We seek to inform scholars, activists and practitioners for whom building bridges between what people really do and human interests as a whole are a matter of urgent concern.

If you have a book proposal or manuscript you think might be suitable, have an idea for a book or want to talk to the Editors informally, please contact us. For more about the series, visit

https://www.berghahnbooks.com/series/?pg=huma_econ.

RESEARCH PROJECT CoRe – Configurations of Responsibilisation Goethe University Frankfurt

https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/87497970/Configurations_of_Responsibilisation_CoRe
The research initiative at the Goethe Uni Frankfurt takes the attribution, assumption, averting and bearing of responsibility into the focus of social and cultural science inquiry. The focus is primarily on questions of reponsibilisation in the sense of processes of 'responsibility-making'. The group brings economic anthropology, cultural anthropology, science and technology studies, and political anthropology into dialogue. Responsibilisation is understood in the varieties of how people are made or take on "responsibility", as a technology of governance, subjectivation, and power. Concerning things economic, this might include economic governance, "Eigenverantwortung" (self-responsibility), financial literacy, home-ownership as aspiration and responsibility, and others.
Further work comes from the individual research interests of researchers: Kathrin Eitel, Martin Fotta, Ruzana Liburkina, Laura Otto, Andreas Streinzer.
Some public anthropology of the group (in German):
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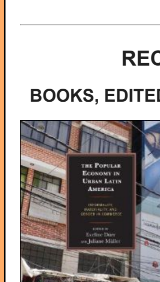

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COVID-19 RELATED PROJECT

Provisioning and Support during the SARS-CoV-2-Pandemic (VERSUS-Corona)
https://wprn.org/item/452552

The project investigates reconfigurations of provisioning in German, Swiss and Austrian households. It combines economic anthropology, the sociology of inequality, and critical theory in its framework. Methodologically, we use surveys, financial diaries, and reconstructive-ethnographic interviews to understand the multi-scalar reconfigurations of how people seek to secure their material survival, their social status and cultural recognition. The framework combines analyses of political economies and everyday lives by focusing on the interplay and interdependencies of structures of social reproduction, political measures, and situated practices. The project is located at the Institute for Social Research (IfS) and Goethe Uni Frankfurt.

Researchers: Andreas Streinzer, Anna Wanka, Almut Poppinga, Georg Marx, Carolin Zieringer.

The project team also coordinates SoKu Corona, a cluster of anthropological, sociological, gender studies, socio-gerontological, and psychological projects on the pandemic: https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/soku-corona

PERSPECTIVES, NOTES AND QUERIES

Extraction: Ecological foundations and metaphorical limitations

In the social sciences concepts come and go. They seem to be doing so with increasing speed in recent years, because of increasing pressure to publish. The result is a proliferation of academic fads and buzzwords, but the popularity of some concepts rests on more solid ground. Those are the ones that capture key aspects of the *zeitgeist*. This seems to be the case with 'extraction' and related concepts like extractivism and extractive capitalism.

Coming largely from work on Latin America, the notion of extraction has gained purchase over the last ten years or so and has been applied to an increasing number of economic phenomena, logics and processes. This reflects the marked growth and global spread of mining and related natural resource extraction in the last couple of decades. Economic anthropologists and others have been paying attention to this, speaking of the rise of extractivism and analysing the ways that extractive activities and logics permeate economic life at large.

Indeed, much of the appeal of the term seems to rest on its expansive potential. For instance, using the notion to characterise certain forms of industrial agriculture helps point to its lack of regard for the reproduction of people, its harmful environmental effects and its reliance on pesticides, fossil fuels and other finite stocks of materials. In these and similar uses, the strength of the term stems from its capacity to expose the ecological foundations of all economic activity and to document and theorise the pillage of nature that fuels the life of modern societies.

Yet, the notion of extraction is also used in a metaphorical way to refer to all that is wrong with contemporary capitalism, such as rent seeking, financialisation, monopoly capital, cronyism and continuing primitive accumulation. There seems no analytical reason for this metaphorical expansion, as we already have terms for these things and bodies of thought relating to them. Rather, the reason seems largely political: by showing that the degradation of the environment and the mistreatment of people are of a piece, the aim is to bring together disparate struggles against a deeply unfair economic system.

Like many economic anthropologists I sympathise with this political impetus. However, I am not sure that the best way that we can contribute to it is by a metaphorical expansion that can blunt the edges of our analysis and, perhaps more importantly, contribute to the obscuring of the ecological foundations of economic processes. These are the foundations that the notion of extraction promised to illuminate.

The discussion will continue. However, if we want this discussion to be fruitful and not just another momentary fad, we ought to be careful about conflating conceptual development with metaphorical expansion, thus treating the term as though it had the capacity to mean pretty much anything. Instead, we ought to make the effort to be as specific as we are insightful, and so help to make sure that 'extraction' keeps meaning something.

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CALLS FOR PAPERS, APPLICATIONS AND SIMILAR

PhD positions, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

We are happy to announce that we are inviting applications for two PhD-Positions in the SNSF-Project **"Europe's Un/Deserving: Moralizations of Inequality in Comparative Perspective"** (1.1.2021-31.12.2024) at the School for Humanities and Social Sciences, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. The 4-year project is headed by *Prof. Dr. Jelena Tosic* and co-coordinated by Dr. *Andreas Streinzer* and is based on a cooperation with *Prof. Dr. Violetta Zentai* (Center for Policy Studies, CEU, Budapest).
The two PhD students' essential duty will be to develop, write and submit a PhD dissertation at the University of St. Gallen based on their respective research in one of the two sub-projects:

- *"Productive families and capable mothers: Un/deservingness in Hungarian family policy"* conducted in cooperation with Prof. Violetta Zentai, (CEU, Budapest). The project focuses on the re-organization of family policy in Hungary (in particular after 2010) and its ideological underpinnings ("proper" deserving family, gender conservatism, nationalism, etc.). More info: https://direktlink.prospective.ch/?view=5d2c521e-7714-41d6-94b1-e657dc13a5b3
- *"Un/deserving to 'be Swiss': Re-assessing 'Schweizermachen' and dual citizenship"* conducted in cooperation with Prof. Jelena Tosic and Dr. Sandra King-Savic. The project focuses on the aftermath of the revised Swiss citizenship law (2014) and its ambiguous combination of liberalism and a pronounced gendered and culturalising boundary-making towards (migrant) "otherness". More info: https://direktlink.prospective.ch/?view=299c86ee-c977-4166-ad5b-82ace897bc8e

The deadline for applying is July 31st 2020.
Please share widely and come back to us for questions and clarifications.
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