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Dear Anthropology of Economy Network members,

We hope this message finds you well!

We are pleased to share with you our latest collaborative News release newsletter, along with the Call for Papers for the upcoming Biennial meetings, and announcement of the 2025 Economies Workshop. The event will take place at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle (Saale), Germany, on 27-28 September 2025, and will explore economic ethnography in Europe and beyond, with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. We invite proposals for your paper proposals and co-ordinating lists of our SIGs.

As previously mentioned, we are also in the process of refreshing the listed website of our network. Among other things, we are planning to include a dedicated section showcasing ongoing research projects, teaching resources, and a curated selection of blog posts. We invite you to share your recent publications, upcoming events, and any other relevant updates with us. Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be a useful tool to draft or refine content, but we also encourage a more hand-on approach and creativeness.

AR of Ethu is happening at a time when many forces (and so, to some degree, Biennial meetings) are in flux, and there is a lot of uncertainty around what the future may look like. We hope that this newsletter can be a place for exchange, and a way to keep in touch.

Why does this matter to economic anthropologists? Why care about a new blog post, or a new website?

We need to synchronise! Lack many other global problems, the needs everyone's input, keeping in mind who can do what, and who is the ground-breaking and doing valid enough work. We need to be aware of what is happening, and what is the most enthusiastic and impressive for our workshop to contain, to modify, to specify. We are not spectators, we have a responsibility.

Economists and anthropists have been at each other's throats for a long time. Let's not let this happen again. That is what anthropology is.

We current research, teaching and practice are focused on one aspect that is closely intertwined with the rise of AI, and the ongoing climate crisis: the ever-increasing, ever-more-pervasive presence of the market. Anthropology has always sort out to the heuristic of those companies. We are in debate, we need to follow the money and understand the ways in which it shapes our lives. Anthropology of Economy is a vibrant, critical, and ever-evolving field. This is why it has been the place for anthropologists to meet and exchange ideas. It is also why it is important that we do the same for increasing interactions.

Where can you come to? What question do they ask you help the world understand better?

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop of Europe's Anthropology of Economies (AOE) and Europeanist Anthropology (Europe) Network

Economic Shifts and New Ideologies in Grown Transitions in Europe and Beyond

The Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany, 27-28 September 2025. Proposal submission deadline: 30 June 2025

Climate change and capitalism development are reorganising economic landscapes, shaping future strategies, and reshaping economic ideologies. Economic anthropology has long been concerned with how economic systems and practices shape society and the biological approach. Amid looming geopolitical shifts and economic crises, anthropologists—such as Karl Polanyi—have emphasised that human societies cannot both produce abundance and sustain themselves without it. Economic anthropology has consistently underscored the interplay between "politics" and "economy," critiqued the "Old Economy" and its ideologies, and explored how economic systems are shaped by and shape social relations. This workshop invites participants to explore how economic systems are being reshaped by these forces, and how people are coping with the same and of actually and radical protections that characterised over-lining and other economic ideologies. We invite papers that delve into the ongoing transformations in Europe and beyond, from the Mediterranean Crisis/Greece/Italy/Spain to Central Europe and the Baltic states, from Brexit to the Russian-Ukrainian war, from the rise of the Chinese economy to the ongoing climate crisis. We also invite papers that explore how transparency and disproportionate impact in those feeling the brunt (urban centres, Mediterranean, Apulia) that are being reshaped by these forces, and how people are coping with the same and of actually and radical protections that characterised over-lining and other economic ideologies. We invite papers that explore how economic systems