



*Conference*

**Work, Ethics and Freedom**

**11 – 13 December 2019**

Organisers: Chris Hann and Johannes Lenhard (for the Max Planck – Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change)

**PROGRAMME**

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

17.30 Registration

18.00 **Keynote Lecture by Wolfgang Streeck**

MPI for the Study of Societies, Cologne

*Reflections on the Particular and the Universal: Varieties and commonalities  
in social life and social science*

19.15 – 20.00 *Reception*

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

8.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 Welcome by Chris Hann



09.15 – 11.30 **Session I**

*Chair: **Patrice Ladwig** (MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)*

**Susan MacDougall**

University of Cambridge

*Judging Femininity: The ethics of nonworking womanhood*

**Patrick McKearney**

University of Cambridge

*Disabling Work: Intellectual impairment and the ethics of caring labour*

**Akanksha Awal**

University of Oxford

*Emotional Labour as Workplace Freedom? Ethical judgments from north India*

*Discussant: **James Laidlaw** (University of Cambridge)*

11.30 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45 – 13.15 **Session II**

*Chair: **Scott MacLochlainn** (MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)*

**Gonçalo Santos, Yichen Rao, Jack Linzhou Xing, and Jun Zhang**

CRIA, Lisbon/ Nanjing University; University of Hong Kong

*Work, Ethics, and Freedom in 21st Century China: Emerging visions of work-life balance*

**Jiazhi Fengjiang**

London School of Economics and Political Science

*Negotiating Work's Worth: Grassroots philanthropy in China*

*Discussant: **Peter van der Veer** (MPI for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen)*



13.15 – 14.15 *Lunch break*

14.15 – 15.45 **Session III**

*Chair: Mark Harvey (University of Essex)*

**Olivia Angé**

Université libre de Bruxelles

*Ethics of Work and Freedom in the Salvage Capitalism: Catholic worship and value creation in Jujuy – Argentina*

**Samuel Williams**

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle

*The Brothers Karaman: Work and Freedom in Kurdish Istanbul*

*Discussant: Joel Robbins (University of Cambridge)*

15.45 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.30 **Session IV**

*Chair: Miriam Glucksmann (University of Essex)*

**Ivan Rajković**

University of Vienna

*From Freedom to Loaf to Freedom to Work: The late socialist countermovement and liberalisation from below*

**Sylvia Terpe**

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle

*Work Ethic, Economic Ethic – or Freedom from Both? The case of small business owners in East Germany*

*Discussant: Jennifer Cash (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle)*



18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant ‘Hallesches Brauhaus’*

19.30 – 20.30 General discussion

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

09.15 – 11.30 **Session V**

*Chair: Lale Yalçın-Heckmann (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle)*

**Johannes Lenhard**

University of Cambridge

*Unicorn-Makers Working for Freedom (and Monopolies)*

**Ilana Gershon**

Indiana University, Bloomington

*The Boss and the Contract: Pain points in neoliberal workplaces*

**Deborah Jones**

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle

*Ghostwriting as a Spiritual Pursuit*

*Discussant: Katherine Miller (Western Oregon University, Monmouth)*

11.30 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45 – 13.15 **Session VI**

*Chair: Kirsten Endres (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle)*

**Rachel E. Smith**

University of Cambridge

*The Value of Free Work: Work as gift and commodity among Ni-Vanuatu seasonal labour migrants*



**Anna-Riikka Kauppinen**

University of Cambridge

*Quality Work: The intimate audits of status and freedom among Accra's professionals*

*Discussant: Chris Gregory (Australian National University, Canberra)*

13.15 – 14.15 *Lunch break*

14.15 – 15.45 **Session VII**

*Chair: Marek Mikuš (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle)*

**Magdalena Dąbkowska**

Berlin School of Economics and Law

*Globalisation 2.0 – Outsourcing White-collar Jobs: Processes and experiences*

**Ruth Dukes**

University of Glasgow

*Labour Constitutions and Occupational Communities: Social norms and legal norms at work*

*Discussant: Wolfgang Streeck (MPI for the Study of Societies, Cologne)*

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 – 17.15 **Concluding Discussion**

*Initiated by*

**Gerd Spittler and Steve Gudeman**

University of Bayreuth; University of Minnesota

18.00 – 19.00 *Dinner at restaurant 'Wildschütz'*

19.00 – 20.00 *Final discussion*