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Workshop

Critical Agendas in Economic Anthropology

25 – 26 May 2023

Organisers: Christoph Brumann (MPI for Social Anthropology)
Andrew Sanchez (University of Cambridge)
Biao Xiang (MPI for Social Anthropology)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 24th May 2023

19.00 Informal get-together at café 'Nexus'

Thursday, 25th May 2023

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome and Introduction by the organisers
Christoph Brumann, Andrew Sanchez and Biao Xiang

Session I *Chair: Iain Walker* (MPI for Social Anthropology)

9.15 – 10.45 **Jeremy Rayner**
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The Challenge of Collective Commitment in Postneoliberalism



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Dolores Señorans

University of Cambridge

Economic Experimentations for Social Change: Exploring labour, value, and social protection with worker's collectives in Argentina

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

Session II *Chair: Danaé Leitenberg (MPI for Social Anthropology)*

11.15 – 12.45 **Kevin Yildirim**

University of Cambridge

Labour Encounters in Istanbul: Analysing citizen-migrant relations through work and space

Samuel Williams

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The Phenomenology of Economic Life

12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch break*

Session III *Chair: Jeremy Rayner (MPI for Social Anthropology)*

13.45 – 15.15 **Mario Schmidt**

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The Qualities of Quantity: On experiments, numbers, and randomization

Andrew Sanchez

University of Cambridge

Technologies of Transformation: A theory of value and power



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15.15 – 15.45 *Coffee break*

Session IV *Chair: Yun Xiong (Peking University)*

15.45 – 17.15 **Garima Jaju**

University of Cambridge

Fakery and Disdain at the Bottom of the 'Professional' Economy in Urban India

Discussion

18.00 – 19.00 *Dinner at restaurant 'Bay Vegan'*

19.00 – 20.00 *Concluding discussion*

Friday, 26th May 2023

Session V *Chair: Samuel Williams (MPI for Social Anthropology)*

9.00 – 10.30 **Iain Walker**

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Love or Money ... or Honour? 'Irrational' economic strategies in pursuit of the good life

Joana Nascimento

University of Cambridge

Weaving Lives and Livelihoods: Researching productive work and 'sustainable futures' within and beyond workplaces



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10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

Session VI *Chair: Mario Schmidt (MPI for Social Anthropology)*

11.00 – 12.30 **Javier Ruiz**

University of Cambridge

The Manufacture of High Art: A window into contemporary labour and value

Danaé Leitenberg

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Ambiguous Dependency: Reflections on the economic, social and affective importance of tourism in the Swiss Alps

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*

Session VII *Chair: Andrew Sanchez (University of Cambridge)*

13.30 – 15.00 **Biao Xiang**

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Ambition, Powerlessness and Social Repair in China

Christoph Brumann

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The Economy of Contemporary Urban Development in Asia

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*



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Session VIII *Chair: Christoph Brumann* (MPI for Social Anthropology)

15.30 – 17.00 *Concluding discussion*

18.00 – 19.00 *Dinner at restaurant 'Delphi'*

19.00 – 20.00 *Final discussion*