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International Conference

Moral Economies: Work, Values and Economic Ethics

06 – 09 December 2017

Organisers: ERC Research Group ‘**REALEURASIA**’, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale*

and Leucorea Stiftung of the Martin-Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg

Venue: **Leucorea**, Collegienstraße 62, 06886 Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Preliminary Program

Wednesday, 06 December 2017

Venue: **Leucorea, Auditorium maximum**

18.00 Welcome and introduction by Prof. **Chris Hann**, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale*

Welcome by Prof. **Udo Sträter**, *Rector of the Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg*

Keynote Speech by Prof. **Hans Joas**, *Humboldt University, Berlin*

The power of the sacred: an alternative to the narrative of disenchantment

19.30 *Reception*

Thursday, 07 December 2017

Venue: **Leucorea, Seminarraum 1/2**

9.00 – 9.30 *Arrival and registration*



9.30 – 9.50 Welcome and introduction to the REALEURASIA project by
Sylvia Terpe, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*,
Halle/S.

9.50 – 11.00 **Session I: Max Weber and beyond: moral dimensions of economy**
Chair: **Sylvia Terpe**

Georg Neugebauer, *University of Leipzig*

Meanings of rationality in Weber's economic sociology

Frank Adloff, *University of Hamburg*

Weber or Mauss? Beyond deceived dichotomies

Klaus Kraemer, *University of Graz*

Ideas, interests, and institutions: an alternative interpretation of Max
Weber's heuristic

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Panel Session: Max Weber and alternative understandings of
morals and values in 'modernity'**

Panel discussion with **Hans Joas**, **Frank Adloff**, **Georg Neugebauer** and
Klaus Kraemer

Chair: **Sylvia Terpe**



12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session II:** *Religion and moral economies*

Chair: **Ivan Rajković**, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Melissa Caldwell, *University of California, Santa Cruz*

Being called to serve God and the state: moral economies of faith-based social justice in Russia

Daria Tereshina, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Work ethics and Orthodox morality in Russia in times of moral decay

Monica Heintz, *University of Paris Nanterre*

The social division of values- with reference to postsocialist Romanian work ethic

Discussion: **Chris Hann**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

15.30 – 16.00 *Tea break*

16.00 – 17.00 **Session III:** *Economic moralities, politics and careers*

Chair: **Laura Hornig**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Jörg Wiegratz, *University of Leeds*

The politics of moral economy: the case of neoliberal Uganda



Luca Szücs, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Becoming an entrepreneur: the making of entrepreneurial strata in post-socialist Hungary

Discussion: Tijo Salverda, University of Cologne

17.00 – 17.30 *General discussion*

18.30 *Dinner at restaurant Brauhaus Wittenberg*

Friday, 08 December 2017

Venue: Leucorea, Room 1/2

9.30 – 11.00 **Session IV: Values, families, businesses**

Chair: **Matthijs Krul**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Chris Gregory, *Australian National University, Canberra*

What is patrimonial capitalism? Some evidence from India

Sudeshna Chaki, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Struggle and progress: understanding the entrepreneurial self through firm and family histories

Laura Hornig, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Values, work and hierarchies in Pathein's small businesses



Discussion: Ursula Rao, University of Leipzig

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Session V: Economic moralities in Eastern Eurasia**

Chair: **Philip Clart**, *University of Leipzig*

Hans Steinmüller, *London School of Economics*

The moral economies in the Wa State of Burma: peasant village, military economy, and Chinese capitalism

Lizhou Hao, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

The development of moral concerns among businessmen in Shishi, China

Discussion: Zhe Ji, INALCO, Paris

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session VI: Work ethics and values in Muslim contexts**

Chair: **Luca Szücs**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Jeanine Dağyeli, *Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin*

Going with and against time-honoured practice: Dealing with moral economy, crisis and commons in Central Asia



Ceren Deniz, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Politics of kinship in family-run businesses and workplace community

Kurtuluş Cengiz, *Ankara University*

On the (in) appropriateness of the concept of Calvinist Islam: A case study from the tale of industrialization in a small town in Turkey: Kayseri (Hacılar)

Discussion: **Jenny White**, *Stockholm University*

15.30 – 16.00 *Tea break*

16.00 – 17.00 **Session VII: On moral backgrounds**

Chair: **Daria Tereshina**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Anne-Erita G. Berta, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

The ideal Dane? On moral values of business owners in Aarhus

Conny Russo, *University of Milan-Bicocca*

Double currency and double moral economy: The dilemma of Cuban labour market transformation

Discussion: **Chris Gregory**, *ANU, Canberra*

18.30 *Dinner at restaurant Il Castello*



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Saturday, 09 December 2017

Venue: Leucorea, Room 1/2

9.30 – 11.00 **Session VIII: *Multiple value systems in coexistence***

Chair: **Ceren Deniz**, *MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/S.*

Detelina Tocheva, *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
(GSRL/PSL Research University Paris)*

Re-assessing economic ethics through the prism of religious coexistence:
a case study from the Rhodope mountains, Bulgaria

Matan Kaminer, *University of Michigan*

The ethical neutralization of agricultural work in the Israeli Arabah

Aletta Diefenbach, *Free University, Berlin*

Religion and criticism of capitalism: rethinking a relationship with Max
Weber

Discussion: **Lale Yalçın-Heckmann**, *MPI for Social Anthropology,
Halle/S.*

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 *Final Session:* **Chris Hann, Sylvia Terpe and L. Yalçın-
Heckmann**



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Wrap-up and publication plans

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

End of the conference and departure