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International Conference

**Social Relations of the Capitalocene:
Work, Value(s) and Personhood Below the Commanding Heights**

23 – 25 January 2019

Organisers: Chris Hann, Lale Yalçın-Heckmann and the
ERC Research Group 'REALEURASIA'

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 23rd January 2019

16.30 Arrival and preliminary meeting with the participants

17.30 Registration

18.00 Welcome by Chris Hann

Keynote Lecture by Gareth Dale

Brunel University, London

Building Infinity in the Capitalocene: Linear time, non-linear nature, and the laws of value

19.30 – 20.30 *Reception*



Thursday, 24th January 2019

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 11.15 **Session I**

Chair: Lale Yalçın-Heckmann

Andrew L. Ofstehage

Cornell University, New York

The Emergence of Transnational Family Farmers: Mitigating farming crisis through commodity frontier expansion

Courtney Lewis

University of South Carolina, Columbia

Families, Ideologies, and Casinos: Transformations of Eastern band of Cherokee Indians small business practices

Laurel Zwissler

Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant

Resistance Retail in the Capitalocene: Social and theological negotiations within ten thousand villages

Discussant: Mark Harvey (University of Essex)

11.15 – 11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45 – 13.15 **Session II**

Chair: Kirsten Endres

Sylvia Terpe

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Caring for Oneself: The moral meaning of being self-employed in East Germany



Anne-Erita V. Berta

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Succession: The transmission of values among petty entrepreneurs in a capitalist, social democratic welfare state

Discussant: Rachel Smith (University of Cambridge)

13.15 – 14.15 *Lunch break*

14.15 – 15.45 **Session III**

Chair: Ivan Rajkovic

Daria Tereshina

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Revaluing Paternalism in the Russian Private Firms: Expectations of care in precarious times

Ceren G. Deniz

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Flexible Labour Regimes in Provincial Turkey: Values that constitute the realm of consent and coercion

Discussant: Tobias Köllner (University of Witten/Herdecke)

15.45 – 17.45 **Keynote Lecture by Ayşe Buğra**

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Revisiting Polanyi's Concept of Disembeddedness in Past and Present Modes of Economic Globalization

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant*

19.30 – 20.30 **General Discussion**



Friday, 25th January 2019

9.30 – 11.00 **Session IV**

Chair: Christoph Brumann

Tom Cliff

The Australian National University, Canberra

One Township, Two Moral Economies: How industrial structure shapes local non-state welfare in China

Laura Hornig

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

The “Good” Employer: A moral economy amidst changing employment situations in Pathein

Discussant: Erik Bähre (Leiden University)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 13.00 **Session V**

Chair: Sylvia Terpe

Ivan Rajkovic

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‘Our Second Home’: Will for labour and ambivalent maternalisms in a Serbian car plant

Alejandra González Jiménez

University of Toronto, Toronto

‘The Volkswagen Family’: Corporate belongings and subject formation in the NAFTA era

Discussant: Don Kalb (University of Bergen and University of Utrecht)



13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*

14.00 – 15.30 **Session VI**

Chair: Rachel Smith

Leilah Vevaina

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity,
Göttingen

The Trust and the Immortality of the 'Unincorporate Body'

Sudeshna Chaki

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

*Emergence of Small Scale Entrepreneurs in Palghar: Kinship, state and
community*

Discussant: Gareth Dale (Brunel University, London)

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.30 **Final keynote and Wrap up**

Chair: Chris Hann

Mark Harvey

University of Essex

*The Sociogenesis of Climate Change: Food, agriculture and trajectories of
production and consumption in China and Brazil*

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant*

19.30 – 20.30 Final Discussion and publication plans