



Markets and Morals



New Perspectives on Moral
Economy in the Modern World
Workshop, 4–5 October 2018

Thursday, 4 October 2018

18:30 p.m. Dinner

Welcome and opening remarks

Laura Rischbieter and Frank Trentmann

Friday, 5 October 2018

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

Guiding Markets

9:00 a.m. **Beyond Producerism?** The Labour Movement and Finance, ca. 1870–1914
Catherine Davies · Hagen

The Employer, his Spiritual Advisor and the Section. The French Center for Christian Employers (1940s–1970s)
Marie Emmanuelle Chessel · Paris

Knowing and Showing: Social Perspectives on Cross-Sector Partnerships
Jakob Skovgaard · Copenhagen

10:30 a.m. Coffee

Exchange in Difficult Times

10:45 a.m. **The Moral Economy of the War Prison**
Renaud Morieux · Cambridge

Moralities of Distrust

Caroline Humphrey · Cambridge

12:00 a.m. Lunch

Delegation and Moderation

12:45 p.m. **Homely Utopias:** Consumer Products and
the Greening of the Private Home
Benjamin Moeckel · Köln/Oxford

Thrift and the Social Change of Moral

Expectations in the Context of Individual
Saving Decisions

Philipp Neeb · Konstanz

Make or Buy? Modes of provision and the
moral economy of private households

Reinhild Kreis · Mannheim

Moral Hazard. Debates over Debt Relief in
Turbulent Times (1977–1987)

Laura Rischbieter · Konstanz

Caring at a Distance

14:30 p.m. **A “Benevolent Force”?** Decolonization and the Moral Economy of Modern Wildlife Tourism in Eastern Africa
Dörte Lerp · Köln

Between the Local and the Global:

Moral Economies of Caring and Giving in West Germany, from the Refugee Crisis after World War Two to “Brot für die Welt” (“Bread for the World”) in the 1960s–1970s
Frank Trentmann · London

Philanthropy as “Moral Economy”?

Some Reflections on the Giving of the Rockefeller Family
David Nally · Cambridge

16:00 p.m. Coffee and Concluding discussion

19:30 p.m. Dinner in Constance

The workshop will explore the moral dynamics of economic life in the modern world. “Moral economy” was a key concept that rose to fame with E. P. Thompson’s seminal study of food riots in the period before the Industrial Revolution. For all its insights, Thompson’s narrow view of the concept also limited its usefulness. Modern capitalism did not automatically result in a “demoralisation” of economic life, nor were rebellious action from below against markets the only fields of moral action. This does not mean, however, that the concept of “moral economy” should be buried. Rather, we need a more open-minded appreciation of the workings of moral norms and actions in economic life. The aim of this workshop is to breathe new life into the concept of “moral economy” by looking at its many manifestations in modern and contemporary societies. Recent anthropologists and sociologists have shown the way with studies of humanitarianism and other subjects. This workshop is an invitation to reflect on the concept and discuss topics and methods for historical research.

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