



# The Moral Dimensions of Economic Life in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2019

St Antony's College, Oxford

**Organizers: Dr Nicolette Makovicky (University of Oxford), Dr Jörg Wiegatz (University of Leeds), and Dr Dimitra Kofti (Panteion University)**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of March**

**9:00 – 9:30 Registration Pavilion Room**

**9:30 - 10:00 Welcome address Pavilion Room**  
Dr Nicolette Makovicky, Dr Jörg Wiegatz, and Dr Dimitra Kofti

**10:00 - 12:30 Panel I: Being Good and Doing Good Pavilion Room**  
Session 1 Chair: Dr Nicolette Makovicky

Dr Čarna Brković (University of Göttingen)

*Developing Philanthropy: Reshaping the Moral Imagination in Contemporary Montenegro*

Dr Veronica Siegl (University of Bern)

*Secret Conceptions – Anonymous Exchanges. The Moral Economy of Commercial Surrogacy in Russia and Ukraine*

**Coffee break 11:00-11:30**

Session 2 Dr Daniel Sosna (Czech Academy of Sciences)  
*Making the Ethical Person: Informal Practices amongst Czech Landfill Workers*  
Dr Neda Deneva (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj)  
*Reclaiming Social Citizenship: Precarity and Welfare 'Fraud' amongst Bulgarian Roma Migrants*

**12:45 – 13:30 Lunch St Antony's Dining Hall**  
Warm lunch with vegetarian options, tea/coffee

**13:30 – 15:00 Panel II: Religion, Ethics, and Capital(ism) Pavilion Room**  
Session 1 Chair: Dr Jörg Wiegatz  
Dr Detelina Tocheva (CNRS)  
*Orthodox Christians and Economic Ethics in South-Eastern Europe*  
Dr Zuzana Burikova-Sekeráková (Masaryk University Brno)  
*'Christian' Shops: Moral Economy of Retail in Rural Northern Slovakia*  
Dr Agata Ladykowska (University of Warsaw)  
*Religion, economy, and morality on the Estonian-Russian Borderland in a Historical Perspective*

**15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break Pavilion Room**

**15:30 – 17:00 Panel III: The Ethics of Work and Employment Pavilion Room**  
Chair: Dr Dimitra Kofti  
Dr Hedwig Waters (University College London)  
*The Cosmoeconomics of Commodity Chains in the Mongolian Borderlands*  
Dr Olena Fedyuk & Dr Tibor Meszmann (Central European University)  
*In Search of Dexterous Workers: Third Country Nationals Employment through Temporary Work Agencies in Hungary*

Dr Rossista Bolgurova (Sofia University)

*Post-socialist Economic Morality in Employment Relations: An exploration of Company Celebrations in Bulgaria*

**18:00 – 19:00**    **Drinks Reception**    **Pavilion Room**

**19:00**    **Conference Dinner for Speakers**    **St Antony's Dining Hall**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of March**

**10:00 – 12:30**    **Panel IV: Moralities of Business and Trade**    **Pavilion Room**

Session 1

Chair: Dr Jörg Wiegratz

Dr Chris Swader (Lund University)

*Preconceptions of Capitalism Amongst Socialist Populations as catalysts for Moral Change*

Dr Vera Svirskaia (University of Copenhagen)

*'The Russian Merchant' – a new exemplar in the Post-Soviet Moral Economy*

**Coffee break 11:00-11:30**

Session 2

Dr Ana Chiritoiu (Central European University)

*What Does it take to Strike a Bargain? The Politics of Idiosyncratic Transactions in a Second-hand Roma Market in Southern Romania*

Dr Gergő Pulay (MPI for Social Anthropology)

*'If You Don't Run, You Don't Eat'. The Morality of Trade and the Management of Precarity at the Margins of Bucharest.*

**12:45 – 13:30**    **Lunch**    **St Antony's Dining Hall**

Warm lunch with vegetarian options, tea/coffee

**13:30 – 15:00**    **Panel V: (Im)Moralities of Debt**    **Pavilion Room**

Chair: Dr Dimitra Kofti

Dr Balihar Sanghera & Dr Elmira Satybaldieva (University of Kent)

*Selling Debt: Interrogating the Moral Claims of Fincial Elites in Central Asia*

Dr Robin Smith (Leiden University)

*The (Im)Morality of Business: Informal Financial Practices in Croatia's Wine Industry*

Dr Marek Mikuš (Trinity College Dublin)

*The moral economies of housing in post-credit boom Croatia (and Hungary): disentangling core-periphery relations, national trajectories, and class*

**15:00 – 15:30**    **Coffee Break**    **Pavilion Room**

**16:00**    **Closing Statement**    **Pavilion Room**

Dr Dimitra Kofti (Panteion University); Dr Nicolette Makovicky (University of Oxford)

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