

# 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:

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

9:00 – 9:30	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
9:30 - 10:00	<b>Welcome address</b> Dr Nicolette Makovicky, Dr Jörg Wiegatz, and Dr Dimitra Kofti	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
10:00 - 12:30 Session 1	<b>Panel I: Being Good and Doing Good</b> Chair: Dr Nicolette Makovicky  Dr Čarna Brković (University of Göttingen) <i>Developing Philanthropy: Reshaping the Moral Imagination in Contemporary Montenegro</i> Dr Veronica Siegl (University of Bern) <i>Secret Conceptions – Anonymous Exchanges. The Moral Economy of Commercial Surrogacy in Russia and Ukraine</i>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
	<b>Coffee break 11:00-11:30</b>	
Session 2	Dr Daniel Sosna (Czech Academy of Sciences) <i>Making the Ethical Person: Informal Practices amongst Czech Landfill Workers</i> Dr Neda Deneva (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj) <i>Reclaiming Social Citizenship: Precarity and Welfare 'Fraud' amongst Bulgarian Roma Migrants</i>	
12:45 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> Warm lunch with vegetarian options, tea/coffee	<b>St Antony's Dining Hall</b>
13:30 – 15:00 Session 1	<b>Panel II: Religion, Ethics, and Capital(ism)</b> Chair: Dr Dimitra Kofti  Dr Detelina Tocheva (CNRS) <i>Orthodox Christians and Economic Ethics in South-Eastern Europe</i> Dr Zuzana Burikova-Sekeráková (Masaryk University Brno) <i>'Christian' Shops: Moral Economy of Retail in Rural Northern Slovakia</i> Dr Agata Ladykowska (University of Warsaw)	<b>Pavilion Room</b>

*Religion, economy, and morality on the Estonian-Russian Borderland in a Historical Perspective*

<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Panel III: The Ethics of Work and Employment</b> Chair: Dr Jörg Wiegratz  Dr Hedwig Waters (University College London) <i>The Cosmoeconomics of Commodity Chains in the Mongolian Borderlands</i> Dr Olena Fedjuk & Dr Tibor Meszmann (Central European University) <i>In Search of Dexterous Workers: Third Country Nationals Employment through Temporary Work Agencies in Hungary</i> Dr Rossista Bolgurova (Sofia University) <i>Post-socialist Economic Morality in Employment Relations: An exploration of Company Celebrations in Bulgaria</i>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Drinks Reception</b>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Conference Dinner for Speakers</b>	<b>St Antony's Dining Hall</b>

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

<b>10:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Panel IV: Moralities of Business and Trade</b>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>
Session 1	Chair: Dr Jörg Wiegratz  Dr Chris Swader (Lund University) <i>Preconceptions of Capitalism Amongst Socialist Populations as catalysts for Moral Change</i> Dr Vera Svirskaja (University of Copenhagen) <i>'The Russian Merchant' – a new exemplar in the Post-Soviet Moral Economy</i>  <b>Coffee break 11:00-11:30</b>	
Session 2	Dr Ana Chiritoiu (Central European University) <i>What Does it take to Strike a Bargain? The Politics of Idiosyncratic Transactions in a Second-hand Roma Market in Southern Romania</i> Dr Gergő Pulay (MPI for Social Anthropology) <i>'If You Don't Run, You Don't Eat'. The Morality of Trade and the Management of Precarity at the Margins of Bucharest.</i>	
<b>12:45 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Warm lunch with vegetarian options, tea/coffee	<b>St Antony's Dining Hall</b>
<b>13:30 – 15:00</b>	<b>Panel V: (Im)Moralities of Debt</b>	<b>Pavilion Room</b>

Chair: Dr Dimitra Kofti

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

*Lending to the Poor: The Moral Economy of Credit 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)

Dr Jörg Weigratz (University of Leeds)