

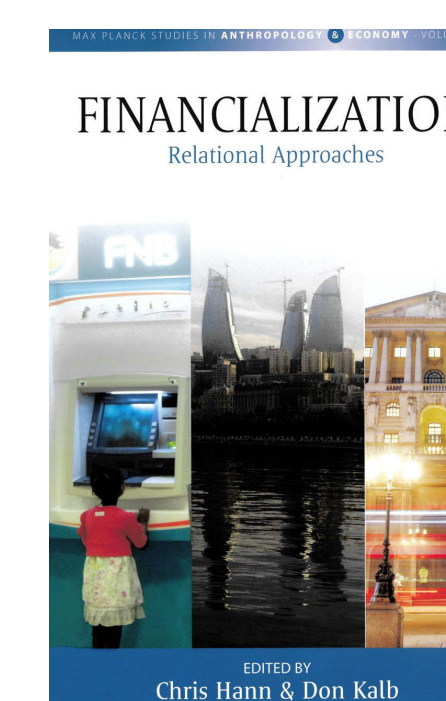
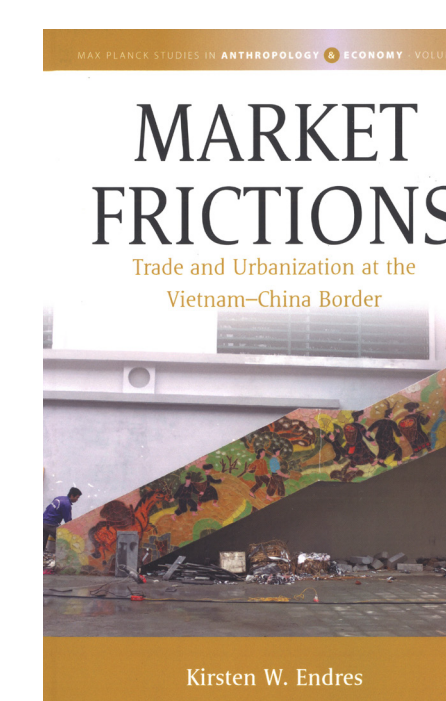
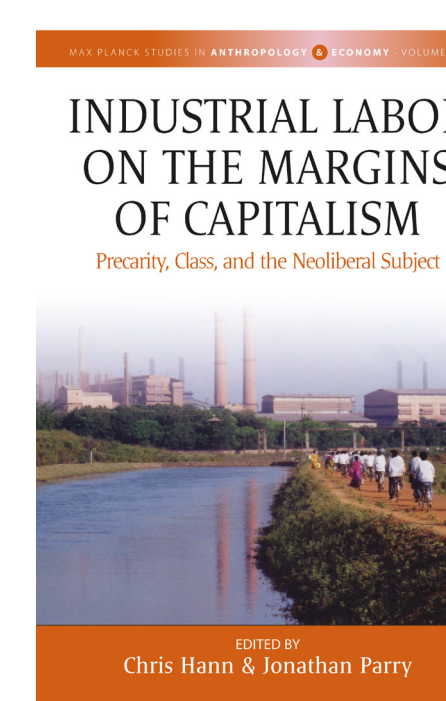
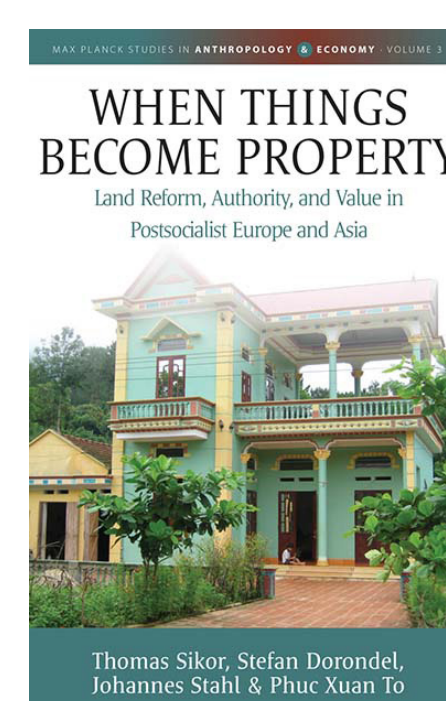
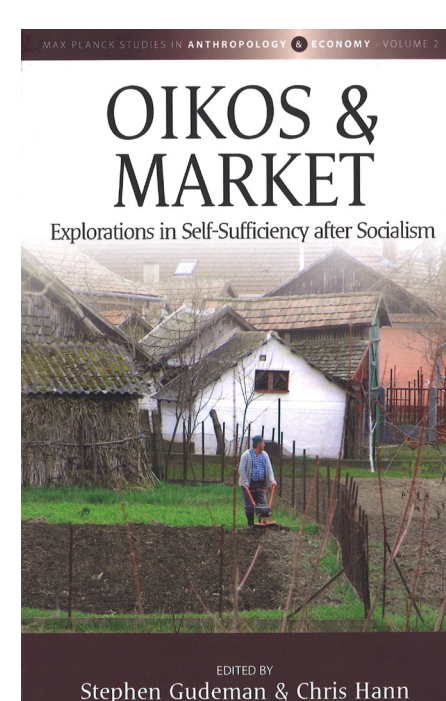
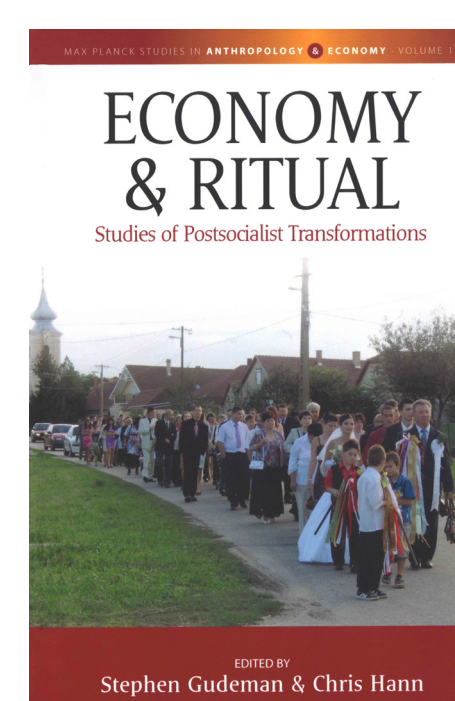
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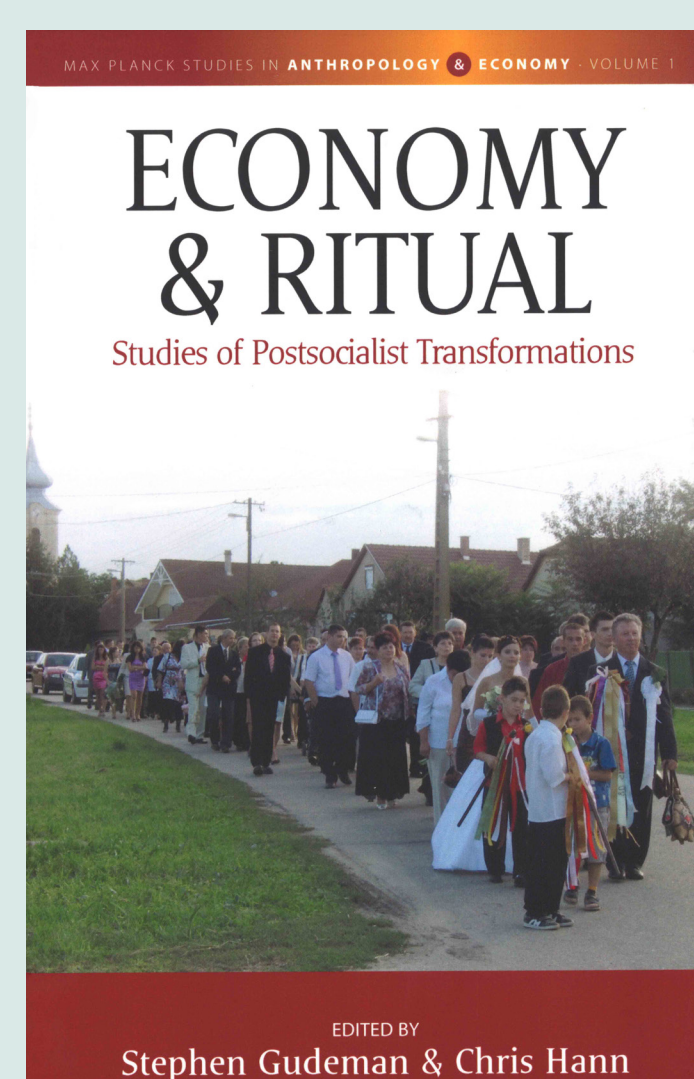
Definitions of economy and society, and their proper relationship to each other, have been the perennial concerns of social philosophers. In the early decades of the twenty-first century these became and remain matters of urgent political debate. At the forefront of this series are the approaches to these connections by anthropologists, whose explorations of the local ideas and institutions underpinning social and economic relations illuminate large fields ignored in other disciplines.

The primary goal of the series is to disseminate the results of collective projects at the Max Planck Institute. Works by external scholars on related themes are also eligible for consideration.



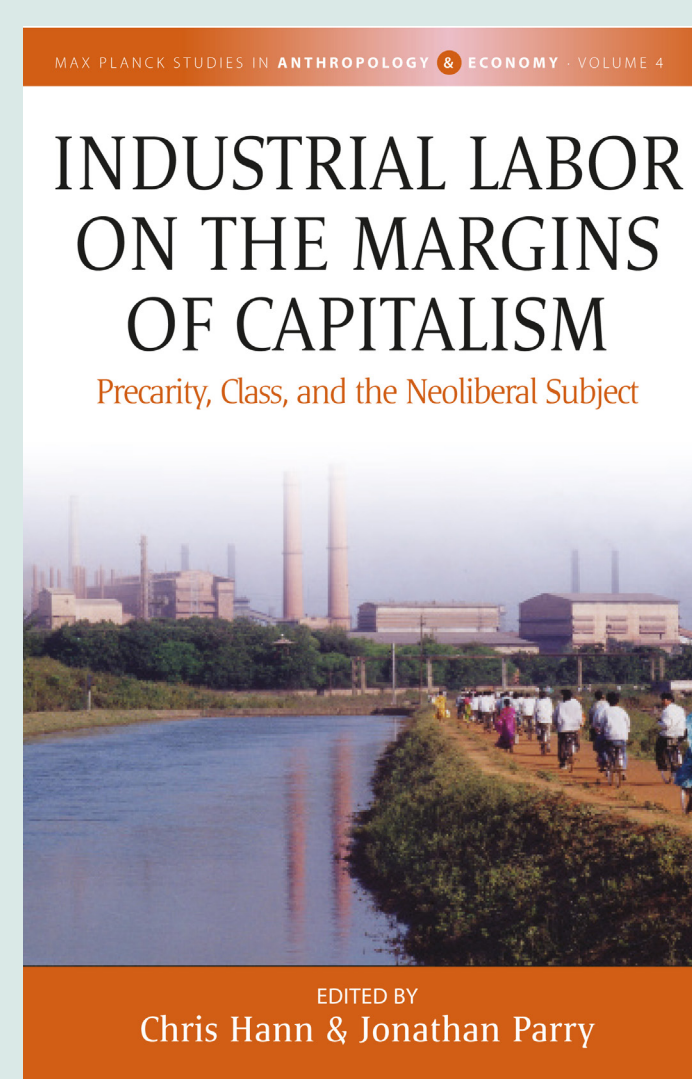
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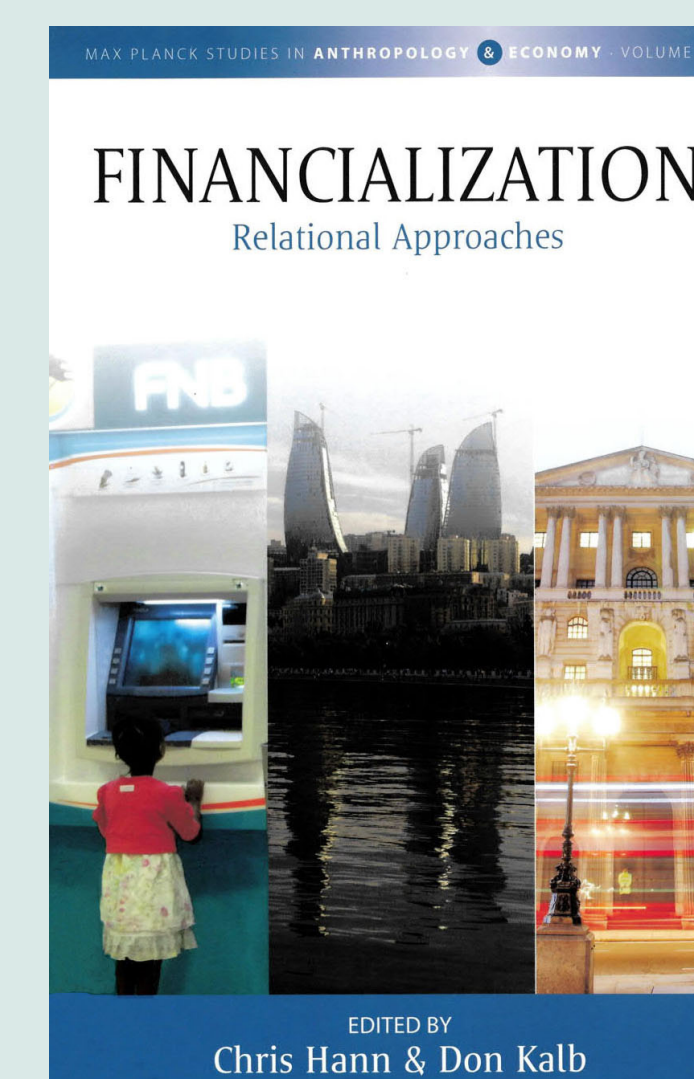
Economy and Ritual

The idea for this series came from Stephen Gudeman (University of Minnesota) towards the end of the three years in which he joined Chris Hann in Halle to head up a postdoctoral research team that investigated the connections between economy and ritual in six postsocialist locations (five of them in Southeast Europe). In two collective volumes, group members analyse the significance of a wide range of activities outside the market, many of them governed by ideals of self-sufficiency, in the uncertain conditions that followed the demise of socialism.



Industry and Inequality

In this group, led jointly by Catherine Alexander, Chris Hann and Jonathan Parry, the focus shifted from villages and small towns to urban industry. Postsocialist sites were balanced by case studies in other Eurasian states that had no experience of Marxism-Leninism. Fieldwork inside and outside factory boundaries illuminated hotly debated topics such as the penetration of neoliberal ideology among increasingly casualized workforces. Researchers debated new inequalities arising *within* the working classes and the usefulness of the concept of “precariat” in locations far removed from the original heartlands of capitalism.



Financialization

Led by Chris Hann and Don Kalb, the researchers of this group investigated how a hyper-financialized capitalism is impacting upon societies across contemporary Eurasia, from the social consequences of high-speed rail infrastructure in Spain to carbon offset forests in China. Particular attention was paid to the level of the household, but also to the relational analysis of new forms of class struggle and political contestation. Prominent topics on the agendas of this group included housing markets, financial education and social mechanisms (informal as well as formal-legal) for dealing with indebtedness.

Forthcoming in 2021:

Vol. 7: **Work, Society and the Ethical Self**: Chimeras of Freedom in the Neoliberal Era (edited by Chris Hann)

The Max Planck – Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change was launched in 2017 as a collaboration between Max Planck anthropologists in Halle (Chris Hann) and Göttingen (Peter van der Veer) and colleagues in the Department of Social Anthropology in Cambridge (James Laidlaw and Joel Robbins). The Centre’s first major conference, organized in Halle in December 2019, investigated changing worlds of work. The proceedings illustrate how economic anthropology can be fruitfully fertilized by the ‘new anthropology of ethics’.

Vol. 8: **Moral Economy at Work**: Ethnographic Investigations in Eurasia (edited by Lale Yalçın-Heckmann)

This volume derives from the project *Realizing Eurasia: Moral Economy and Civilization in the 21st Century*, an advanced grant awarded by the European Research Council to Chris Hann. The doctoral researchers, coordinated by Lale Yalçın-Heckmann, investigated how, in contemporary neoliberal conditions, relations between workers and employers in small and medium size enterprises, and between firms, families and households, are saturated in moral considerations.

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