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Alternatives to Austerity?

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Hashtag for Twitter users: #LSEausterity
Social Collateral: possibilities of solidarity in austere times?

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Collateral: assets to secure a loan that can be seized in the event of default

—“I DON’T KNOW. I WAS JUST IN A BORROWING MOOD”
“Once we look beyond formal market techniques, audit, and fiscal discipline, we uncover the various conducts of life the produce forms of accumulation” (Bear 2015: 80)
Financialization of the conduct of life? The microcredit imaginary of solidarity — assumption that networks of women will mobilize themselves and one another to make claims on financial resources.
Setting solidarity motion—knitting and unraveling interdependency over the life course of a loan.
Making interdependence explicit in an austere world

“Too big to fail” global financial system...coming to look like “too small to fail” microcredit programs?