

Malinowski and the Argonauts:

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economic anthropology
and the ethnographic method



Centenary Workshop – LSE (Marshall and Old Buildings) 4–5 July, 2022

Organizers: Deborah James (Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics)
Chris Hann (Max Planck/Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change)

Programme

Day 1 (MAR 1.06 – Marshall Building)

9.00–11.00 Welcome: Deborah James and Chris Hann

Session I

Michael Young: Tenerife 1921: The Writing of Argonauts

Grażyna Kubica-Heller: Malinowski's socio-economic background and later myths

Discussion

11.00–11.30 Coffee Break

11.30–1.15 *Session II*

Adam Kuper: Malinowski and Modernism

Freddie Foks: Malinowski in Melbourne, 1916: between imperial trusteeship and colonial trade

Discussion

1.15–2.15 Lunch (**OLD 5.13A: CDR/DDR – Chairman's Dining Room – for paper givers/discussants**)

(Move to **OLD6.05 Old Anthropology Library – Old Building**)

2.15–4.00 *Session III*

Richard Staley: The Economic Explanation

Chris Gregory: Magic, Science and Economics: Malinowski, Keynes and the question of uncertainty

Discussion

4.00–4.30 Coffee Break

4.30–6.15 *Session IV*

Rachel Smith: Compulsion to work? Malinowski and the Labour Question

Stephanie and Geoffrey Hobbis: The Digital Argonauts of the Western Pacific

Discussion

6.15 Drinks

7.30 Dinner (**OLD 5.13A: CDR/DDR – Chairman's Dining Room – for paper givers/discussants**)

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Day 2 (MAR 1.06 – Marshall Building)

9.15–11.00 Session V

Mark S. Mosko: Baloma: The Spirits of the Kula in the Trobriand Islands

Yongjia Liang: Interpreting Kula with Laozi

Discussion

11.00–11.15 Coffee Break

11.15–1.00 Session VI

Maxim Bolt: Inheritance Flows and the Circuits of Deceased Estates

Ariel Wilkis: With the Help of Friends: Malinowski's legacy, economic anthropology and the limits of the sociology of money

Discussion

1.00–2.00 Lunch (**Marshall Building/8th floor terrace - for paper givers/discussants**)

2.00–3.45 Session VII

Hans Steinmuller: The Archaeology of the Kula and Malinowski's notion of 'economy'

Benoit de l'Estoile: Can economic anthropology escape from Primitive Economics? Thinking ethnographically from the house

Discussion

3.45–4.00 Coffee Break

4.00–5.30 Session VIII

Concluding Round Table (chaired by Deborah James)

Economy and Ethnography: past, present and future

With contributions from inter alia

Aleksandar Bošković (Belgrade)

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Chris Fuller (LSE)

Stephen Levinson (Max Planck, Nijmegen)

Jonathan Parry (LSE)

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