Masterclass 2014

Gifts of Cooperation

Date: 22nd-26th September 2014
Venue: Essen Germany

Abstract

To give, to accept and to reciprocate – according to Marcel Mauss’ famous essay “The Gift”, the conjunction of these three activities is the basis of social and cultural life. This claim is increasingly being discussed not only by cultural and social anthropologists, but by a wide range of authors in philosophy and sociology and beyond. While sociologists following Bourdieu or Callé concentrate on symmetrical gifts, philosophers in the tradition of Derrida, Marion or Hénaff are debating the asymmetry of relations based on gifts. Either way, the evolving gift-paradigm is used in many fruitful ways to challenge both rationalist and normativist theories of action and society.

From different angles, the Masterclass discusses the claim that modern societies depend on their ability to constitute and reproduce social relations through giving and recognition. Apart from the market and the state, giving and reciprocating have to be considered basic principles of association: Whether in face-to-face interaction, in associations of civil society, in networks of all kinds, alternative economies, intergenerational relations or arrangements of the welfare state. It is widely acknowledged that various types of gift-giving play a central role. Beyond these issues, the Masterclass will also ask the question of the role the logic of the gift plays on the level of global cooperation. Can the gift generate an anti-utilitarian basis for forms of international recognition and solidarity (e.g. in development cooperation, international philanthropy or debt reliefs)?

Where do relations based on the gift underlie, strengthen or disrupt markets and hierarchies? What exactly is the place of gifts in a range of social relations? What is role of an ethics of the gift-giving in the context of urgent global challenges?
### Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September 2014

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Tuesday 23rd September 2014

09:45 – 11:15  Aysmmetrical Giving and the Public Sphere
Ilana Silber
Bar-Ilan University, Israel

14:00 – 17:00  Symposium:
Die Gabe der Kooperation / The Gift of Cooperation
(Venue: Gebläsehalle, Duisburg)

- The Good Gift-Returning: Approaching Gastroosophical Anthropology
  Harald Lemke, Centre for Gastroosophy, Salzburg

- Who Eats Where and With Whom? Eating with the other instead of eating the other
  Schamma Schahadat, University of Tübingen

- Brown bags and Dead Chicken - or how we (s)eat together alone and alone together
  Sebastian Schellhaas, University of Frankfurt/Main and
  Mario Schmidt, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg

- On the Table – Handling with Abundance
  Stephan Lorenz, University of Jena

- Feast from the Trash: Dumpster Diving between Rescuing, Hunting and Giving
  Christine Unrau, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg / University of Cologne

Get Together
Wednesday 24th September 2014

09:45 – 11:15  The Gift in Social Theory
Frank Adloff
University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany

11:30 – 13:00  From Elementary Forms of Gift and Ritual to Reciprocities of Constitutive Practice: Social Fact Making in Durkheim and Mauss
Anne Rawls
Bentley University, USA

14:30 – 16:00  Reversing the Essai sur le don’s pareidolian interpretation
Mario Schmidt
Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Germany
The Absent Gift of Performativity. Derrida's Social Theory of the Gift
Nicola Tams
University of Freiburg, Germany

16:15 – 17:45  The Vitality of Reciprocity: Money and the Gift on a Threefold Perspective
Arthur Bueno Oliveira
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany/ University of São Paulo, Brazil
Cooperation and Punishment among Heterogeneous Agents
Martin Schmidt
University of Göttingen, Germany
Thursday 25th September 2014

09:45 – 11:15  The Organization of trans-national giving: The United Jewish Appeal and the nationalization of American Jews  
Dan Lainer-Vos  
University of Southern California, USA

11:30 – 13:00  The Gift to the Distant Other in a Global World  
Elena Pulcini  
University of Florence, Italy

14:30 – 16:00  Transnational Care Arrangements  
Verena Rossow  
University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf, Germany  
Transnational Philantropy and the (Re-)creation of National Ideologies  
Ildikó Zakariás  
Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

16:15 – 17:45  The Ambivalence of Reciprocity: An Anthropological and Postcolonial Analysis of Volunteer Services in Development Cooperation  
Benjamin Haas  
Leiden University, Netherlands  
Loans and Grants as Modalities of (Arab) Development Assistance in the Light of Theories of the Gift  
Inken Wiese  
University of Konstanz, Germany
Friday 26th September 2014

09:45 – 11:15  The Gift as Debt Cancellation
Grégoire Mallard
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

11:30 – 12:15  Relating Reciprocity and Asymmetry in Social Art Practice
Erik Hagoort
Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Belgium/ University of Antwerp, Belgium

14:30 – 16:00  The Gift
Jochen Gerz

16:15 – 17:45  Roundtable Discussion: Putting the Cards on the Table: Social and Political Implication of the Gift Paradigm