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INTERSECTIONS OF FINANCE AND SOCIETY 2017

Conference organisers: Martijn Konings (University of Sydney) and Amin Samman (City, University of London)

In association with the journal Finance and Society, the Social Studies of Finance Research Network at the University of Sydney, and the City Political Economy Research Centre (CITYPERC) at City, University of London. With support from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney and the Department of International Politics at City, University of London.

In the wake of the global financial crisis, the various political responses it has triggered, and the emergence of new forms of fiscal and monetary policy, the need for a more sophisticated encounter between economic theory and the social sciences has become pressing. Following on from the success of our inaugural conference last year, this two-day event aims to foster further dialogue between the diverse camps that make up the new field of ‘finance and society’ studies. In particular, it seeks to identify new synergies between heterodox political economy and various sociological, historical, and philosophical perspectives on the intersections of finance and society.

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Finance and Society is an independent and fully open-access journal dedicated to publishing empirical and theoretical research in which the social substance of finance takes precedence. It offers a unique post-disciplinary platform, exploring tensions and forging synergies between ongoing research in fields such as political economy, economic sociology, cultural economy, organisational studies, and the social studies of finance, as well as philosophy, literary criticism, and the contemporary arts. It was founded in 2015. For more information visit financeandsociety.ed.ac.uk

The Social Studies of Finance Research Network at the University of Sydney was established in 2012 to generate new perspectives on the proliferation of financial logics in contemporary society. It brings together scholars who research the cultural, social, and political aspects of financial market expansion.

The City Political Economy Research Centre (CITYPERC) at City, University of London was established in 2012 to address the rift between academic economics and public policy. It brings together world-leading expertise from academia, public policy, the financial sector, and civil society.
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  •  The vicarious ontology of catallaxy
     Tim Christiaens, University of Leuven

  •  The rationale as a fetish: Emotions and financial markets in theory and praxis
     Marco Hohmann, Goethe University Frankfurt

  •  Abstraction, digital capital, and economic theology – or, how paranoid should you be?
     Marcia Klotz, University of Arizona

  •  Money in time: Old and new money as indices of historicity
     Noam Yuran, Tel Aviv University

Panel 1B – DIMENSIONS OF FINANCIALISATION I – Northampton B – Chair: Erin Lockwood

  •  Strains of interdisciplinarity: Constructing sovereign credit in pre-modern England
     Nicholas Dorn, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

  •  The financialisation of risk liabilities: Folding the actuarial
     Charalampos Fytros, University of Piraeus

  •  The financialisation of the state
     Reijer Hendrikse, Vrije Universiteit Brussel/Andrea Lagna, Loughborough University

  •  Towards a social history of financialisation
     Samuel Knafo, University of Sussex

  •  New currencies and the future of money: Monetary transformations and the modern subject
     Tobias Pforr, University of Warwick

Panel 1C – FINANCIAL HOUSEHOLDS – Convocation Suite – Chair: Daniel Mertens

  •  Digital financial services and financial inclusion: Leveraging technology to reach the last mile
     Dana Lunberry, London School of Economics

  •  Framing household debt: Understanding emerging discourses of vulnerability in financial regulation
     Heather McKeen-Edwards, Bishop’s University
• *Unraveling false choice inclusion*
  Dylan Simone, University of Toronto

• *Finance and household wealth composition as determinants of inequality in USA since 1989*
  Hanna Szymborska, University of Leeds

• *Household debt, income inequality, and financial instability*
  James Wood, King’s College London

Panel 1D – **INTERNATIONAL MONEY AND FINANCE** – A110 – Chair: Sandy Hager

• *The US dollar’s continuing hegemony as an international currency: A double-matrix analysis*
  Annina Kaltenbrunner, Leeds University Business School
  Photis Lysandrou, City, University of London

• *Ghosts of James Tobin and the problem of system design for patient capital*
  Sylvia Maxfield, Providence College School of Business
  Robyn Klingler-Vidra, King’s College London

• *A credit money perspective on the post-2008 international monetary system*
  Steffen Murau, City, University of London

• *Governing global liquidity: The Federal Reserve’s liquidity swap lines in historical perspective*
  Fabian Pape, University of Warwick

12.00–13.00 Lunch, Northampton C

13.00–14.45 Panel 2A – **FINANCE AND PSYCHOANALYSIS** – Northampton A – Chair: Marcia Klotz

• ‘*All that is solid melts into air*: Psychoanalytic reflections on the economic crisis*
  David Bell, British Psychoanalytic Society

• *Psychoanalysing the credimus of the credit industry*
  Daniel Cheng, New York University

• *Money: The sine qua non of the symbolic order*
  Andrew Conio, University of Kent

• *Loss, exchange, compulsion: What does psychoanalysis have to say about money?*
  Owen Hewitson, LacanOnline.com
Panel 2B – MONETARY POLICY AND CHANGE – Northampton B – Chair: Anne Henow

- Designing new money: The policy trilemma of central bank digital currency
  Ole Bjerg, Copenhagen Business School

- The political economy of monetary financing
  Josh Ryan-Collins and Frank van Lerven, New Economics Foundation

- Back from the wilderness? Credit controls, past and future
  Josh Ryan-Collins*, Lu Zhang, Dirk Bezemer, *New Economics Foundation

- How central bankers learned to love financialisation
  Timo Walter, University of Erfurt/Leon Wansleben, London School of Economics

- Confronting the trilemma: Polanyi’s double movement and exchange rate policy
  Dave Zalewski, Providence College School of Business

Panel 2C – ALTERNATIVE FINANCE – Convocation Suite – Chair: Richard Murphy

- Let’s work: A critical study of the aims and practices of a Local Exchange Trading Scheme
  Arianna Bove, Queen Mary University of London

- How’s that for being different? Social banking as alternative organizing
  Sara Dahlman, Copenhagen Business School

- Competing visions at the heart of the social investment market
  David Harvie, Geoff Lightfoot, Simon Lilley and Ken Weir, University of Leicester

- The role of trust in the development of alternative lending channels in the UK and Germany post-2008
  Robert Wardrop, University of Cambridge

Panel 2D – FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE I – B104 – Chair: Nathan Coombs

- The changing value of safety
  Nina Boy, Peace Research Institute Oslo

- Hocus pocus: Debt-crisis management and legitimation in Greece
  Jesse Hembruff, King’s College London

- The defender of last resort: Financial-political power and the role of the ECB since the crisis
  Manolis Kalaitzakke, University College Dublin

- Central bank asset eligibility: The case of the ECB
  Jens van ‘t Klooster, University of Cambridge

- A new infrastructure for the market: Central counterparties, supervision & resilient market-based finance
  Matthias Thiemann* et al., *Sciences Po Paris
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- Financial time and temporal flows in Wall Street movies
  Christian Klöckner, University of Bonn

- Abstraction and/as catachresis in financial fiction
  John McIntosh, University of Maryland

- Visual and narrative struggles in offshore taxation and tax planning
  Silke Ötsch, University of Innsbruck

- Financial sentiment: Mortgage markets and political crisis in Spain
  Quentin Ravelli, Centre Maurice Halbwachs

Panel 3B – FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGIES I – Northampton B – Chair: Anastasia Nesvetailova

- Financialisation through the post-crisis prism of FinTech and the melancholia of money regulators
  Ismail Ertürk, University of Manchester

- Soft spots of hard code: The emergence, proliferation, and pitfalls of Blockchain technology
  Moritz Hütten, Goethe University Frankfurt

- From shadow banking to digital financial inclusion: Regulatory negotiations between China and the FSB
  Peter Knaack, University of Oxford
  Julian Gruin, University of Amsterdam

- From Bitcoin to Blockchain: Decentralised currency versus financial cooptation
  Ilan Talmud, University of Haifa

Panel 3C – FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT – Convocation Suite – Chair: Elizabeth Cobbett

- Financialising the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals: Challenges to law in/and its governance
  Siobhan Airey, University of Ottawa

- State-banking sector relationships and the politics of Basel standard adoption in Angola and Nigeria
  Florence Dafe, London School of Economics
  Rebecca Engebretsen, University of Oxford

- Money and dependency in West Africa
  Kai Koddenbrock, University of Duisburg-Essen

- Directed credit in a world of globalised finance: State intervention in the Bolivian financial sector
  Natalya Naqvi, University of Oxford
Roundtable 1 – CHAINS OF FINANCE – ELG01

Chains of Finance: How Investment Management is Shaped (Oxford University Press, 2017), by Diane-Laure Arjaliès, Philip Grant, Iain Hardie, Donald MacKenzie, and Ekaterina Svetlova

- Gordon Clark, University of Oxford
- Horacio Ortiz, Université Paris Dauphine
- Ekaterina Svetlova, University of Leicester
- Zsuzsanna Vargha, University of Leicester
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• Financial personality, performativity, and second order observation
  Erik Caparros Højbjerg, Copenhagen Business School

• Financial theorists as social theorists
  Huon Curtis, University of Technology Sydney

• Value-at-risk: Infrastructural devices and the obduracy of financial market practice
  Arjen van der Heide and Julius Kob, University of Edinburgh

• Bootstrapping the market: Towards a meta-semiotics of fickle finance
  Timo Walter, University of Erfurt

Panel 4B – FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGIES II – Northampton B – Chair: Dave Elder-Vass

• Understanding technological change in global finance through infrastructures
  Nick Bernards, Queen’s University Canada
  Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn, Balsillie School of International Affairs

• New financial technologies: Ending global poverty (again) through haute finance
  Elizabeth Cobbett, University of East Anglia

• Mandatory clearing after the crisis: The infrastructural authority of clearing houses in global finance
  Lorenzo Genito, University of Warwick

• New platforms for politics? FinTech, algorithmic governance, and the Chinese party-state
  Julian Gruin, University of Amsterdam

• Development finance 2.0: Do participation and information technologies matter?
  J.P. Singh, University of Edinburgh

Panel 4C – SHADOW BANKING – AG21 – Chair: Photis Lysandrou

• Making money in the shadows: Banking in the age of the Great Leveraging
  Stefano Sgambati, City, University of London

• Reviving European shadow banking for the sake of credit intermediation? ABCP and MMF regulation
  Matthias Thiemann, Sciences Po Paris/Vanessa Endrejat, Goethe University Frankfurt

• Shadow money in nineteenth-century England: Lessons for understanding contemporary shadow money
  Ramaa Vasudevan, Colorado State University
Panel 4D – DIMENSIONS OF FINANCIALISATION II – ELG02 – Chair: Andrei Sandu

- **Doll-ers and cents: The financialisation of childhood and the gamification of finance**
  Joyce Goggin, University of Amsterdam

- **Designing a financialised city: The cladding and decisions that destroyed Grenfell Tower**
  Priya Gupta, King’s College London

- **Simple financialisation: From credit scores to urban development**
  Mark Kear, University of Arizona

- **Financialisation of ailment: A critical analysis of the transnational trade in elderly care**
  Tiina Vaittinen* et al., *University of Tampere

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- **Imitation and liquidation: Lessons from the 2007 quant quake**
  Kristian Bondo Hansen, Copenhagen Business School

- **This time it’s different? What’s new and what’s old about the 2017 technology bubble?**
  Debra Howcroft, University of Manchester/Adam Leaver, University of Sheffield

  Kathryn Lavelle, Case Western Reserve University

- **From bets to bombs to boons: The legitimacy of global derivatives markets before the 2008 crisis**
  Erin Lockwood, University of California, Berkeley

Panel 5B – FINANCE AND IDENTITY – Northampton B – Chair: John Morris

- **The politics and economics of the financialisation of citizenship**
  Parul Baxi and Luis Guarnizo, University of California, Davis

- **Muslim women accountants and the gaze**
  Pauline Gleadle* et al., *University of Westminster

- **Imaginaries of price in cross-border investment in China: Calculation, personal trajectory, and organisation**
  Horacio Ortiz, Université Paris Dauphine

- **Tracing an ‘emerging market’ to its ‘makers’**
  Leslie Salzinger, University of California, Berkeley
Panel 5C – **FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE II** – AG21 – Chair: Samuel Knafo

- **Capital Markets Union and the quest for stabilisation and risk sharing in the EMU**
  Benjamin Braun and Marina Hübner, Max Planck Institute

- **Narratives, law, and interest coalitions behind the European Commission’s Capital Markets Union**
  Ewald Engelen and Anna Glasmacher, University of Amsterdam

- **Chasing unicorns: The European safe asset project**
  Daniela Gabor, University of West England
  Jakob Vestergaard, Danish Institute for International Studies

- **The role of state-owned development banks in stabilising market-based finance in the EU**
  Daniel Mertens and Matthias Thiemann, Goethe University Frankfurt

Panel 5D – **THE FINANCIAL GAZE** – ELG02 – Chairs: Katleen Vermeir and Ronny Heiremans

- **Film screening: Masquerade**
  Katleen Vermeir and Ronny Heiremans, Independent artists

- **The impersonal is political: Abstract subjectivity in political economy**
  Steyn Bergs, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

- **Financial vision and the disinterested gaze of power**
  Emily Rosamond, Goldsmiths, University of London

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15.15–17.00 Panel 6A – **HOPES, DREAMS, AND NIGHTMARES** – Northampton A – Chair: Melinda Cooper

- **In the short run, we’re all dead – or, how financial volatility conceals environmental signals**
  Ivan Ascher, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

- **Ghosts of our future: Disentangling hope from the promises of financial capitalism**
  Francesca Coin, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

- **Financial dystopias and alternative futures: Towards a political economy of imagination**
  Aris Komporozos-Athanasioou, University College London

- **Between financial relocation and sovereign dislocation: The futures of the European Union**
  Andreas Langenohl, University of Giessen

- **Trading systems: Bio-economic fairytales in the Anthropocene**
  Stephanie Rothenburg, State University of New York Buffalo
Panel 6B – REGULATION AND FAILURE – Northampton B – Chair: Stefano Pagliari

- Does the time fit the crime? The division of responsibilities in the Libor scandal
  Thomas Angeletti, CNRS-University Paris Dauphine

- Structural impediments to deleverage: Why the credit-money nexus hampered macro-prudential reforms
  Josta de Hoog and Bart Stellinga, Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy

- ‘Do me a favour’: Identity, status, and favour exchange in the Libor manipulation scandal
  Adam Leaver* et al., *University of Sheffield

- Regulation as a driver of changing financial market expertise: The case of UK life insurance
  Arjen van der Heide, University of Edinburgh

- Between quantification and the incalculable: Expertise and responsibility for financial stability
  Carola Westermeier, University of Giessen

Panel 6C – STRESS TESTING THE FUTURE – AG21 – Chair: Sian Lewin

- The power of non-transparency: Stress testing as covert ops. capital reform
  Nathan Coombs, University of Edinburgh

- Developments in stress testing: Multiple scenarios, multiple derivative logics
  John Morris, Coventry University

- What stress testing is really about: A regulator’s view
  Tim Murnaghan, Analytic Risk Technology

- On why tools are retained in the face of questionable performance: The case of stress testing
  Nina Seega and Jochen Runde, University of Cambridge

Roundtable 2 – LIBERALISING CONTRACTS – ELG02

Anat Rosenberg’s Liberalizing Contracts: Nineteenth Century Promises Through Literature, Law and History (Routledge, 2018)

- Lauren Goodlad, University of Illinois
- Anat Rosenberg, IDC Herzliya
- Frederik van Dam, Radboud University
- Noam Yuran, Tel Aviv University

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**SESSIONS** will take place in College (A), University (B), Drysdale (E) and Centenary (H) buildings, all of which can be accessed from Spencer Street and Northampton Square:

- **REGISTRATION** – Northampton Suite, on 4th floor of University Building
- **KEYNOTES** – Room AG21/Great Hall, on ground/first floor of College Building
- **PANEL SESSIONS** – Northampton Rooms A/B, Convocation Suite, A110, B104, ELG01/02

**LUNCH/COFFEE** will be provided for registered delegates in Northampton Suite Room C.

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