

# Economies of Favour after Socialism: A Comparative Perspective

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One of the most pervasive features of 'actually existing socialism' of former state-socialist societies was the use of personalized connections to get access to goods, services, and information. Despite evidence that these practices and ideas have persisted well into the post-socialist era, the manner in which they are embedded in the socio-economic, political, and moral fabric of contemporary post-socialist societies has received only fragmentary attention from scholars to date. Economies of Favour after Socialism will gather scholars from across the Social Sciences to reflect on contexts and issues of contemporary 'economies of favour'; reevaluate the applicability and relevance of established approaches; and throw light on under-researched areas of study such as religion and spirituality, moral economies, creativity, and resistance.

Keynote lectures by Prof Alena Ledeneva, Prof Caroline Humphrey, and Prof Chris Hann.

Panels include:

Comparative Corruption

Chair: Prof Alena Ledeneva (UCL)

Dr Dimitris Dalakoglou (Sussex)

Dr Deema Kaneff (Birmingham)

Dr Steffen Gross (Brandenburg)

Spirit(uality) of Exchange

Chair: Prof Caroline Humphrey (Cambridge)

Dr David Henig (Kent)

Dr Katherine Swancutt (Oxford)

Prof Charles Stafford (LSE)

Resistance, Creativity and Moral Personhood

Chair: Prof Michael Carrithers (Durham)

Dr Tomasz Rakowski (Warsaw)

Dr Nicolette Makovicky (Oxford)

Dr Gareth Hamilton (Durham)

Dr Johan Rasangayam (Aberdeen)

Informal economy: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Chair: Prof Chris Hann (MPI, Halle)

Dr Christopher Davis (Oxford)

Dr Peter Rodgers (Leicester)

Dr Marrkku Lonkila (Helsinki)

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Attendance is subject to a registration fee of £35, which includes all materials, lunch, tea/coffee on both days, and dinner on Friday the 20th. Please register with Nicolette Makovicky or David Henig at [economies.of.favour@gmail.com](mailto:economies.of.favour@gmail.com) by January 1, 2011.

Economies of Favour after Socialism- a comparative perspective is organized jointly by School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, University of Oxford; Centre for Social Anthropology and Computing, School of Anthropology and Conservation, University of Kent; and Wolfson College, Oxford.