

**V-SAK 4: Forslag til endring av pensum for ANTH4610 - Work, Capital and Business**

Saken legges frem for Programrådet:

TIL ORIENTERING:

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TIL BEHANDLING:

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Programrådet bes behandle forslaget fra emneansvarlig Theodoros Rakopoulos:

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I am envisioning a more research-oriented pedagogical approach for next year, with more SAI scholars' texts present in the curriculum. We have just introduced Ståle Wig's paper last year. I now add my recent book and a Hege Leivestad paper. My book *Passport island: The market for EU citizenship in Cyprus* (2023, Manchester University Press) should substitute the Ilana Gershon book *Down and out in the new economy*, at least to test the waters. This is as it articulates with the course design: when the course was set on track (2019), I was beginning the research that ended in this book – so both the course and the book focus on elites, business, corporations, wealth, and a global market. The book was published earlier this year and reflects the structure of the course: it is an ethnography of elite mobility, an international business venture, and the labour experience of brokers. This is the first time I assign a book of mine in my 7-year teaching experience in SAI, but in this occasion given the more seminar-based research-oriented environment of an elective at MA level calls for research-based teaching of an engaged ethnography that the lecturer knows well and can articulate to lectures with real-life examples, too. This is not least due to UiO LINK's suggestions to promote research-based education more.



Please note a new paper by Gershon whose inputs on labour are precious, is added to the material (lecture 4). I would also take out the paper by the Comaroffs (lecture 6) for a number of reasons but also given that it had not been contributing to seminar discussion much, and add a more ethnographic paper from two active scholars on the pertinent subject of class -currently wanting in the curriculum- and how it articulates with citizenship (Koch & Davey). Lecture 3 will be further bumped up with an excellent ethnography of labour from SAI's Hege Leivestad published at the JRAI, who can also present her work in class. Finally, the week on elites will be based on material from the book, rather than Osburg (the paper has not worked with students much) and Glucksberg (as the paper has been in the curriculum too long, and has a report format).

## Reading

Week 1: A global economy: World changes in our predicament. READ: Ong (1988), Shaxson (2015), Rakopoulos (2023, introduction, pp. 1-47, chapter 1, pp.47-92)

Week 2: Working: Getting and keeping a job and a life. READ: Willis (2000), Gill (2001), Leivestad (2021)

Week 3: Work activities: Industry, services, time. READ: Burawoy (1979), Stein (2018), Parry (1999)

Week 4: Self as business: Trade and self-presentation. READ: Gershon (2011), Wig (2021), Zaloom (2006)

Week 5: The firm: The social life of companies. READ: Yanagisako (2013), Rakopoulos (2023, chapter 2, pp. 92-128 and 3, pp. 128-160)

Week 6: Corporations: Personhood, citizenship, expansion. READ: Foster (2014), Gardner (2015), Koch & Davey (2021).

Week 7: Wealth: Accumulation, inheritance, property. READ: Rakopoulos & Rio (2018), Ferguson (1992), Bähre (2020).

Week 8. Elites: Ethnography among difficult tribes. READ: Abbink & Salverda (2014), Rakopoulos (2023, chapters 4 and 5 and conclusion, pp.160-235)

**OUT**

- Comaroff John & Comaroff Jean. 2014. *Ethnicity, inc.: On the affective economy of belonging*. In: *Corporations and Citizenship*. Philadelphia : Baltimore, Md. University of Pennsylvania Press.
- Muehlebach, Andrea. 2011. On affective labour in post-Fordist Italy. *Cultural anthropology*26(1)
- Glucksberg, Luna. 2018. A gendered ethnography of elites. *Focaal*.
- Book: Gershon, Ilana, 2017. *Down and out in the new economy*. University of Chicago Press.

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- Gershon, Ilana. 2011 "Neoliberal Agency" *Current Anthropology* 52(4): 537-555.
- Leivestad, Hege. 2021. 'Kinship on the -Waterfront. Logistics Labour in a Global Port'. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 27(3): 518-533.
- Koch, Insa and Ryan Davey. 2021. Everyday authoritarianism: class and coercion on housing estates in neoliberal Britain" *POLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 44(1): 43-59
- Book: Rakopoulos, Theodoros. 2023. *Passport island: The market for EU citizenship in Cyprus*. Manchester University Press.

**Plus:**

- Ong, Aihwa. The production of possession: spirits and the multinational corporation in Malaysia. *American ethnologist*. Accepted 5 October 198715(1)1988-02. Sidespenn 28 – 52. (Week 1. A global economy: World changes in our predicament)
- Stein, Felix. *Selling Speed: Management Consultants, Acceleration, and Temporal Angst*. *PolAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*41(S1)2018-09. Sidespenn pp. 103 - 117. (Week 3. Work activities: Industry, services, time)
- Parry, Jonathan P. *Lords of labour: Working and shirking in Bhilai*. *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 33(1-2)1999-02. Sidespenn pp. 107 - 140. (Week 3. Work activities: Industry, services, time)

- Wig, Ståle. Imagined individuality cultivating separated personhood in Cuba and beyond. *Focaal*2021(90)2021-06-01. Sidespenn 58 – 69. (Week 4. Self as business: Trade and self-presentation)
- Yanagisako, Sylvia Junkoi Vital. Transnational Family Capitalism: Producing 'Made in Italy' in China relations: modernity and the persistent life of kinship, redigert av McKinnon, Susan ; Cannell, Fenella Santa Fe SAR[2013 ]Sidespenn 63 – 84. (Week 5: The firm: The social life of companies)
- Foster, Robert Poplar: Corporations as Partners: "Connected Capitalism" and The Coca-Cola Company. *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*37(2)2014-11. Sidespenn pp. 246 - 258. (Week 6: Corporations: Personhood, citizenship, expansion)
- Gardner, Katy. Chevron's gift of CSR: moral economies of connection and disconnection in a transnational Bangladeshi village. *Economy and society*44(4)2016-01-06. Sidespenn 495 – 51. (Week 6: Corporations: Personhood, citizenship, expansion)
- Rakopoulos, T. ; Rio, K. Introduction to an anthropology of wealth. *History and Anthropology*29(3)2018-05-27. Sidespenn pp. 275 - 291. (Week 7: Wealth: Accumulation, inheritance, property)
- Ferguson, James. The Cultural Topography of Wealth: Commodity Paths and the Structure of Property in Rural Lesotho. *American anthropologist*94(1)1992-03-01. Sidespenn 55 – 73. (Week 7: Wealth: Accumulation, inheritance, property)
- Bahre, Erik. Wealth-in-people and practical rationality: Aspirations and decisions about money in South Africa. *Economic anthropology*7(2)2020-06. Sidespenn 267 – 278. (Week 7: Wealth: Accumulation, inheritance, property)
- Salverda, T. ; Abbink, J. Introduction: An anthropological perspective on elite power and the cultural politics of elites. *The Anthropology of Elites: Power, Culture, and the Complexities of Distinction*2012-01-01. Sidespenn 1 – 28. (Week 8: Ethnography among difficult tribes)