

EASA 2008 Workshop

FLEXIBLE CAPITALISM:

NEW FORMS OF MUTUALITY AND DIVERSITY AT WORK?

CALL FOR PAPERS

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'Work' as distinctive from other domains of exchange and reciprocity is a recent phenomenon of "Western" origin. As such work (employment) remains an important part of social life, where relationships of mutuality and diversity are continuously at issue. The emergence of novel visions, conditions and practices of work, e.g. in terms of 'new' or 'flexible' capitalism over the past decades, provides impetus for new inquiries and theoretical engagements.

Under New Capitalism, stable forms of work organization are superseded by more volatile environments, at once pregnant with opportunity and fraught with insecurity: less clearly bounded 'networks' are promoted, as are engagements framed as short-term projects and teamwork. New dimensions to work practice are sought measured or rendered auditable, while more personalized and mutual relations between management and employees are also pursued.

The workshop aims at exploring the potentials of ethnographic research and anthropological imagination in examining experiences of, and changes in, work under such contemporary circumstances.

DETAILS ON SUBMISSION OF PAPERS AND THE CONFERENCE:

The call for papers closes on March 31, 2008. Paper abstracts should be maximum 250 words.

Paper proposals must be submitted online, at:

<http://www.nomadit.co.uk/easa/easa08/panels.php5?PanelID=284>

Submission of a paper proposal requires EASA membership. To enroll online in EASA, visit:

<http://www.easaonline.org/membership.htm>

The workshop is part of the biennial conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), held August 26-30 2008 in Ljubljana, Slovenia under the general title "Experiencing Diversity and Mutuality". For further details on the conference, visit:

<http://www.easa2008.eu/>

Feel free to forward questions regarding the workshop to Jakob Krause-Jensen or Jens Kjaerulff (email above).