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Note from the editor

Dear reader,

This issue of the economic sociology newsletter will be a special issue about globalization. In the opening essay, Fran Tonkiss argues that the conceptual apparatus of economic sociology may be ready for the task; nonetheless the discipline has failed to engage directly with issues of globalization. Valentina Mazzucato shows what such an engagement may look like by studying the linkages between the livelihood of Ghanaese migrants in the Netherlands and the ones they left behind in their home country. Donald Light argues that economic sociology should focus on the many unintended or side effects of globalization. The global market for patented drugs, where a limited number of multinational corporations make large profits at the expense of people in need of cheap treatment, is a case in point.

Also in this issue, Francesco Guala responds to the warning of Edward Nik-Khah in the previous issue of the newsletter that "the enthusiasm for the doctrine of performativity is fostering a situation where science studies will come to increasingly resemble neoclassical economics, if not serve as its cheerleader." Daniel Beunza writes about the art exhibition which he co-curated: *Derivatives, new art financial visions*, which will be on view this summer in Madrid. The exhibition shows the work of contemporary artists who are joining academics in their intellectual exploration of the world of finance. Finally, Jens Beckert, director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, answers ten questions about economic sociology.

In order to make the newsletter website a more active gateway to information that is relevant for the discipline, job announcements and calls for papers will not be published anymore in the pdf-version of the newsletter, but only on the website (<http://econsoc.mpifg.de/>). Also, we will soon start a section in the newsletter with abstracts and links to new papers in economic sociology that are available online. These can be discussion papers from a series or papers that are on the webpage of the author. Therefore, all subscribers are invited to submit abstracts and links to the editor of the newsletter.

This is the last issue that I had the pleasure of editing. The next editor of the newsletter is Nina Bandelj, the Slovenian economic sociologist that is now at the University of California, Irvine. Her first issue will focus on cross-national comparative economic sociology. Anyone interested in contributing short research pieces or book reviews can contact her at: nbandelj@uci.edu. On behalf of the editorial committee, I wish her good luck, and hope she enjoys her job as much as I did!

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