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Cambridge-Max Planck Exchange for Economic Life, 2nd Workshop
(CaMP-02)

What Do People Want?

11 – 12 January 2024

Organisers: Christoph Brumann (MPI for Social Anthropology)
Sian Lazar (University of Cambridge)
Andrew Sanchez (University of Cambridge)
Biao Xiang (MPI for Social Anthropology)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 10th January 2024

19.00 Informal get-together at restaurant 'Nexus'

Thursday, 11th January 2024

9.00 – 10.40 **Session I**

Chair: Samuel Williams (MPI for Social Anthropology)

Welcome and Introduction

Christoph Brumann, Sian Lazar, Andrew Sanchez and Biao Xiang



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Javier Ruiz

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“The Artisan is the Artisan, the Artist is the Artist”: Aspiration as an idle wish
in a Tuscan art industry

Sohail Jagat

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“If I had a Million Euros...”: Money, self, and an interpretation of daydreams

10.40 – 11.10 *Coffee break*

11.10 – 12.30 **Session II (short presentations)**

Chair: Garima Jaju (University of Cambridge)

Jeremy Rayner

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Desiring Collective Action

Sian Lazar

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Labour Agency and the Problem of False Consciousness

Biao Xiang

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The Decline of Personal Pride and Admiration in China

12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch break*



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13.30 – 15.30 **Session III**

Chair: Dolores Señorans (University of Cambridge)

Ghassan Hage

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The Political Economy of Dignity

Julia Perczel

University of Cambridge

E-waste as a Matter of Fact or a Matter of Concern: Who should anthropologists listen to?

Siqi Tu

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Flexible Futures: Chinese upper-middle-class families' global educational aspiration and its discontents

15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.30 **Session IV**

Chair: Andrew Haxby (MPI for Social Anthropology)

Joana Nascimento

University of Cambridge

Horizons of Possibility: Time, work and value

Iain Walker

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I want to be a King: Life goals and Comorian migrants' returns



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18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant 'Objekt 5'*

19.30 – 20.30 *Concluding discussion*

Friday, 12th January 2024

9.30 – 10.50 **Session V**

Chair: Jeremy Rayner (MPI for Social Anthropology)

Garima Jaju

University of Cambridge

What does Isha want? Money, love, and kinship at the margins of the city

Ikuno Naka

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Dredging out Incongruities

10.50 – 11.20 *Coffee break*

11.20 – 12.40 **Session VI (short presentations)**

Chair: Javier Ruiz (University of Cambridge)

Samuel Williams

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Andrew Sanchez

University of Cambridge

Certainty and Dignity in Indian Working Life

Christoph Brumann

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Is it Fairness that People want most?

12.40 – 13.40 *Lunch break*

13.40 – 15.40 **Session VII**

Chair: Joana Nascimento (University of Cambridge)

Andrew Haxby

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Courageous or Cunning? Kathmandu land and the contested ethics of accumulation

Dolores Señorans

University of Cambridge

On Expectations and Disagreement: Notes on the political experimentations with the economy among popular economy workers in Argentina

Wanjing Chen

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Chasing the Wind: Entrepreneurial migrants in Chinese state-mobilized investment tide to Laos

15.40 – 16.10 *Coffee break*



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16.10 – 17.30 **Session VIII**

Chair: Christoph Brumann (MPI for Social Anthropology)

Wrap-up discussion

18.30 – 19.30 *Dinner at restaurant 'Bay Vegan'*

19.30 – 20.30 *Final discussion*