International Workshop

Money is the most timeless, all-pervading and arbitrary thing in human history. By unifying notions of value, symbolism and fetish, it opens up a multiplicity of viewpoints on the people who use it. As a material manifestation, money is an integral part of the archaeological record, which therefore provides an unmatched perspective on its varying roles over space and time.

This international workshop aims to discuss the archaeology of money in a comprehensive global and diachronic approach from Eurasian prehistory to 20th century ethnographies. The ubiquitous presence of monetary objects across the world and through history offers an excellent framework within which to compare the material manifestations of money and its different intangible expressions. The archaeological record also provides an unequalled opportunity for studying human engagement with varying concepts of money and money forms.

In the workshop, we will bring together scholars from different academic backgrounds and research traditions in order to discuss new avenues and perspectives for studying the meaning of money and for developing our understanding of the complexity of functions that monetary objects perform, and how people deal with it – in the past and in our own present.

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**Programme**

**Thursday, 17 October 2013**

17.00  *Registration & refreshments*

18.00  *Welcome and opening remarks*  
*Jürgen Leonhardt* (Dean of Humanities)  
*Thomas Schäfer* (Head of Department)

18.15  *Key note lecture*  
*Bill Maurer* (UC Irvine)  
*Cashlessness, Ancient and Modern*

19.30  *Reception at the Museum of the University MUT, Ancient Cultures*

**Friday, 18 October 2013**

09.45  *Welcome notes*

10.00  *Lorenz Rahmstorf* (Saarbrücken)  
*Entangled conceptions of value, weight and money in Copper and Bronze Age societies: examples from Europe and Western Asia*

10.40  *Suzanne Frey-Kupper* (Warwick)  
*Coin finds from classical sites: the coffee grounds of numismatics?*

11.20  *Scott Fitzpatrick* (University of Oregon)  
*Traditional Money in Oceania*

12.00  *Lunch break*

14.00  *Hans Ulrich Vogel* (Tübingen)  
*"Coment le Grant Kaan fait despender chartre por monoe": Currencies under Kublai Khan (1215-1294) as reported by Marco Polo and in Chinese Source*

14.40  *Lynn H. Gamble* (UC Santa Barbara)  
*The Entangled Life of Shell Beads in North America*

15.20  *Stephanie Wynne-Jones* (York) & *Jeffrey Fleisher* (Rice University)  
*Aspects of value in Swahili coinage*

16.00  *Refreshments*

16.20  *Mark A. Hall* (Perth Museum)  
*Pennies from Heaven: Money in Ritual in Medieval Europe*

17.00  *Josephus Platenkamp* (Münster)  
*Money alive and money dead. On the cosmology of money transfers in the North Moluccas (Indonesia)*

17.40  *Conclusions and farewell*

19.00  *Conference dinner*

**Exhibition**

**More than Money**

A special exhibition of traditional monies from Africa, Asia and Oceania which illustrate the broad workshop’s theme can be visited at the Institut für Klassische Archäologie during the workshop.

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