

2015 Spring

## MaxPo Newsletter



### Visitors and Speakers



MaxPo Visiting Scholar  
March/April 2015

**Ronald S. Burt's** work describes social networks creating advantage, focusing on personal networks and the network structure of markets. He coined the famous concept of *Structural Holes* (1992, Harvard University Press), which redefines social capital. His last book, *Neighbor Networks: Competitive Advantage Local and Personal* (2010, Oxford University Press), shows the extent to which network advantage depends

on the person at the center of the network. Since obtaining his sociology PhD from the University of Chicago, he has been affiliated with several institutions, including the University of California, Berkeley, Columbia University and INSEAD. He is now Professor of Sociology and Strategy at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar  
May 2015

**Fabien Accominotti** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, which he joined after graduating from Columbia University. His work spans the areas of economic, cultural, and historical sociology. Using art worlds as an empirical backdrop, his research explores issues of valuation, inequality formation, and inno-

vation. His first book, to be published by Princeton University Press, studies the role of the market in the development of modern art in Paris between the 1870s and the 1930s. Other current projects include an experimental study of winner-take-all inequality in cultural markets, and a quantitative analysis of subscribers to the New York Philharmonic in the Gilded Age.

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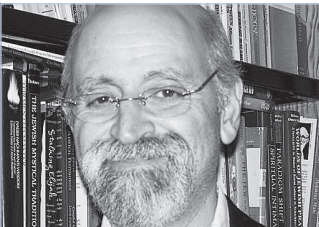


MaxPo Visiting Scholar  
June 2015

**Sébastien Chauvin** is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam, and Researcher at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research. His work focuses on the different types of enactment, reproduction and contestation of social inequalities.

In this framework, he has dealt with employment relationships, immigration and citizenship. He is currently working on a research program on social capital and global economic elites.

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June 2015

**Mitchel Y. Abolafia** is Professor at the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at State University of New York–Albany. He has also taught at Sloan School of Management at MIT and Johnson School of Management at Cornell. Professor Abolafia's research interests include economic sociology, organization theory, and ethnographic

methods. He is the author of *Making Markets: Opportunism and Restraint on Wall Street* (1997, Harvard University Press). He has published in both sociological and organizational journals. He is currently working on a book about the Federal Reserve's response to the financial crisis.

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## Activities

### Seminar Series

#### SCOOPS

**April 10, 2015, 10:00 am – 12 noon**

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

**Ronald S. Burt, University of Chicago:**  
**Network Governance: Closure, Trust,  
Status, and Reputation**

Discussant: **Sean Safford**, CSO

**June 1, 2015, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

**Mitchel Y. Abolafia, State University  
of New York–Albany: Taming the  
Market in 2007: Epistemic Failure at the  
Federal Reserve**

Discussant: **Eric Monnet**, École  
d'économie de Paris

**June 15, 2015, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

**Sébastien Chauvin, University of  
Amsterdam: Sociologie culturelle des  
élites économiques**

Discussant: **Patrick Le Galès**, CEE

## Activities

### Seminar Series

#### COOPS

May 4, 2015, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

**Fabien Accominotti, London School of Economics and Political Science: The Price of Purity: Brokerage as Consecration in the Market for Modern Art**

Discussant: **Catherine Comet**,  
Université de Lille

### Conference

#### Workshop 7 – Joint Workshop Series “States and Markets” MPIfG–MaxPo **POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN THE AGE OF FINANCIALIZATION**

April 16–17, 2015

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Paulstr. 3, 50676 Cologne

Financial markets, their regulation, and the effects of finance on households have become major research fields in economic sociology and political economy. Financialization has been identified as a major trend in socio-economic development. The financial

crisis of 2007 and its repercussions on the economy, the state, and households have sparked interest in political science and sociology to understand the operation of financial markets and possibilities for their regulation. At the workshop in Cologne, scholars from both disciplines present findings from ongoing research projects.

 **Conference program**

## About

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