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MaxPo Newsletter



New MaxPo Co-Director Jenny Andersson



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since November 2015
Jenny Andersson

Jenny Andersson is the new co-director of the Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) in Paris. Having taken up her work in November 2015, she succeeds former co-director Cornelia Woll and will direct the Center together with Olivier Godechot.

Jenny Andersson is an economic historian and CNRS Research Professor at the Center for European Studies (CEE) in Paris. She is an ERC Principal Investigator of FUTUREPOL, a Sciences Po project on the political history of the future, knowledge production, and future governance in the postwar period. At MaxPo, she will continue her research on the role of the future for economic action and the conditions of political action for a post-crisis age, investigating forms of forecast, scenarios, and future anticipation in extending key forms of interests and value orders into time, and the role of forecasting expertise in this process. She will establish an interdisciplinary research group

between history and political science examining the conditions of political action for a post-crisis age, focusing in particular on the effects of austerity on the Left–Right divide.

Jenny Andersson holds a PhD in Economic History from Uppsala University (2003). Before joining Sciences Po in October 2009, she was a postdoctoral fellow and a visiting scholar at the European University Institute, Florence, and at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University. Her dissertation *Between Growth and Security: Swedish Social Democracy from a Strong Society to a Third Way* about the transformations of the Swedish social democracy after World War II was published in 2006 by Manchester University Press. Her second book, *The Library and the Workshop: Social Democracy and Capitalism in an Age of Knowledge*, was published in 2009 by Stanford University Press. Jenny Andersson was awarded the CNRS bronze medal for her research in 2015.

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Lisa Kastner Awarded Journal Prize



Lisa Kastner
wins Journal Prize

The jury of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) awarded **Lisa Kastner** this year's journal prize for her article *Much Ado about Nothing? Transnational Civil Society, Consumer Protection and Financial Regulatory Reform* (Review of International Political Economy 21, 2014). The 750 euro prize is awarded for the best article by a researcher at the MPIfG to

be published in a refereed journal. Lisa Kastner was a doctoral student from 2012–2015 at MaxPo under the supervision of Cornelia Woll. She completed her Franco-German doctorate from the University of Cologne and Sciences Po Paris as part of a *cotutelle*, the Franco-German doctoral program.

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Visitors and Speakers



MaxPo Visiting Scholar
February 2016

Francesco Boldizzoni is research professor in economic history at the University of Turin and a life member of Clare Hall, Cambridge. He has held visiting appointments at several academic institutions in Europe and the United States, including the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Dartmouth College, the London School of Economics and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. Boldizzoni's main interests are the history of capitalism and the history of economic ideas, concepts and ideologies. Over the past few years, he has also contributed to the philosophy of history and the study of non-European historiographies in the

context of a broader reflection on the power and limits of historical explanation. Boldizzoni's chief publications include *Means and Ends: The Idea of Capital in the West, 1500–1970* (Macmillan, 2008), *The Poverty of Clio: Resurrecting Economic History* (Princeton University Press, 2011), *On History and Policy: Time in the Age of Neoliberalism* (Journal of the Philosophy of History 9, 2015) and the *Routledge Handbook of Global Economic History*, co-edited with Pat Hudson (Routledge, 2015). His new book, *Welfare States: A History*, will be published by Polity Press in 2016.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
March 2016

Angèle Christin is a postdoctoral fellow in sociology at The New School for Social Research, New York, the Data & Society Research Institute, and the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme. She is interested in sectors and organizations where the rise of "big data" and individualized metrics challenge professional values, expertise, and work practices. Her current research project explores these questions by focusing on the role of web metrics ("clicks") in an occupation that is currently undergoing dramatic transformations: journalism, with a specific focus on news websites

in the United States and France. She recently conducted a year-long ethnography of a courthouse in the outskirts of Paris, published as *Comparutions immédiates: Enquête sur une pratique judiciaire* (La Découverte, 2008), in which she examined the standardization of criminal sentencing when judges and prosecutors operate under strong time constraints. She obtained her PhD in Sociology at Princeton University and the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales in 2014.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
December 2015

Thomas Reverdy teaches economic sociology, the sociology of work and the sociology of organizations at Grenoble Institute of Technology. His research at PACTE – Social Science Research Laboratory – investigates the shaping of the market in the energy sector and the management of technological uncertainty within complex organizations. He has published a book about the liberalization of the French energy sector (Sciences Po Press, 2015) and articles on energy traders and purchasers. He

is currently working on the interplay between economic, political, and institutional actors in the processes of "valuation" of demand response services through the wholesale electricity market. He is also studying technological projects in high-risk industries, seeking to understand the links between the practice of forecasting, planning and contracting, and the need for adaptation and resilience.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
January to April 2016

David Stark is Arthur Lehman Professor of Sociology at Columbia University, where he directs the Center on Organizational Innovation. His book, *The Sense of Dissonance: Accounts of Worth in Economic Life* (Princeton University Press, 2009), is an ethnographic account of how organizations and their members search for what is valuable. His recent article on cognitive diversity and network social structures, *Game Changer: The Topology of Creativity*, appeared in the January 2015 issue of *American Journal of Sociology* (AJS). Stark has published widely in the field of economic sociology in the AJS

(2006 and 2010) and the *American Sociological Review* (2012). His essay on observation theory was published in *Sociologica* 2/2013. Within the social studies of finance, Stark has conducted ethnographic field research with Daniel Beunza and network analysis of patterns of attention with Matteo Prato. He has also done experimental lab work on ethnic diversity and market bubbles with Sheen Levine and recently published *This Place, These People: Life and Shadow on the Great Plains* (Columbia University Press, 2013) with photographer Nancy Warner.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
March 2016

Boris Vormann is a visiting professor of urban political economy and political science at Freie Universität Berlin's John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies and a research associate at Harvard University's Mahindra Humanities Center in the winter term 2015/2016. His research foci include the relationship between urbanization and globalization, urban and state theory,

and changes in state-market relations in infrastructure provision. Boris Vormann has recently published his monograph *Global Port Cities in North America: Urbanization Processes and Global Production Networks* (Routledge, 2015) and a co-edited handbook *Handbuch Politik USA* (Springer VS, 2015).

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Publications

MaxPo Discussion Paper

Olivier Godechot

Financialization Is Marketization! A Study on the Respective Impact of Various Dimensions of Financialization on the Increase in Global Inequality.

MaxPo Discussion Paper 15/3 (forthcoming).

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Recent Publications

Olivier Godechot

Variétés de financiarisation et accroissement des inégalités.

Revue Française de Socio-Économie 2015/2, 51–72 (2015).

Lisa Kastner

Delayed Industry Capture: A Lobbying Analysis of the EU Financial Transaction Tax.

AICGS Essay Series. Washington, DC: American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS), Johns Hopkins University, 2015. Published online: November 2, 2015.

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Olivier Godechot and Claudia Senik

Wage Comparisons in and out of the Firm: Evidence from a Matched Employer–Employee French Database. Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization 117(3), 395–410 (2015).

Activities

Seminar Series

SCOOPS

December 18, 2015, 12:30–2:30 pm

Salle 01,

28 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Thomas Reverdy, Grenoble Institute of

Technology: Political Construction of Energy Prices. Sociology of a Liberal Reform

Reform

Discussant: David Spector, Paris School of Economics, CNRS

Activities

Seminar Series

SCOOPS

January 29, 2016, 10:00–12:00 am

Salle de conseil

13 rue de l'Université, 75007 Paris

Organized jointly with the CSO

David Stark, Columbia University: Attention Networks in Financial Markets

Discussant: Olivier Godechot, MaxPo, OSC-CNRS, Sciences Po

February 19, 2016, 12:30–2:30 pm

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Francesco Boldizzoni, University of Turin, University of Cambridge: Imagining the End of Capitalism

Discussant: TBA

February 22, 2016, 12:30–2:30 pm

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Orfeo Fioretos, Temple University, Philadelphia: The Origins of Informal Global Economic Governance. The Emergence of the G7

Discussant: Thomas Cayet, EHESS, Esopp-Centre de recherches historiques

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March 7, 2016, 10:00–12:00 am

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Angèle Christin, New School for Social Research, New York: Counting Clicks.**Quantification and Commensuration in Web Journalism in the United States and France**

Discussant: Heather A. Haveman, University of California–Berkeley

March 22, 2016, 12:30–2:00 pm

Salle: TBA

Boris Vormann, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Harvard University: Infrastructures of American Empire.**State Politics and the Expansion of Global Trade Networks**

Discussant: Sukriti Issar, Sciences Po, OSC

 **MaxPo COOPS**

About

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