

BROKERAGE UNDER SCRUTINY: practices of intermediation in a globalising world

Workshop @ Monash University 23 May 2019

Clayton Campus, Menzies Building, N102

9:30am – 4pm

Introduction: 9:30-10:00

Session 1: Gender and indigeneity

10:00: Sara Niner (Monash University)

'Who brokers gender equality in East Timor?'

10:15: Birgit Braeuchler (Monash University)

'Facilitating resonance: brokerage in indigenous activism'

10:30: Discussion

Coffee break: 10:50-11:15

Session 2: Political and religious intermediation

11:15: Ricardo Garcia-Marquez (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

'Interpreting colonialism: Johnny Baleng I (c.1890-1960) and the making of a king in the Cameroonian Grassfields'

11:30: Julian Millie (Monash University)

'Muslim brokerage in civic media'

11:45: Discussion

Session 3: Humanitarianism and development

12:05: Kathrin Knodel (Goethe University Frankfurt)

'NGO-actors in Burkina Faso: brokers between local needs and global norms'

12:20: Till Mostowlansky (The Graduate Institute Geneva / Monash University)

'Brokering for god's sake: navigating Muslim humanitarianism between Asia, Europe and Africa'

12:35: Discussion

Lunch: 12:55-13:55

Session 4: International trade

13:55: Andrea Whittaker (Monash University)

'Brokerage in the international surrogacy industry'

14:10: Ute Roeschenthaler (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

'Brokers in the tea trade between China and West Africa'

14:25: Discussion

Coffee break: 14:45-15:00

Discussion: 15:00-16:00

Along the following key questions:

1. What are brokers, what are their qualifications, skills and networks?
2. What are their principal activities and strategies?
3. What key terms are related to the figure and the activities of the broker?
4. What do their life stories look like?
5. What is the wider social impact of their activity?
6. Moral ambiguity of the broker?

16:00: Close