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Dear reader,

It is my pleasure to offer you the first issue of the Newsletter under the new editorship. The team, which includes Brooke Harrington as book review editor, Sebastian Kohl as editorial assistant and Christina Glasmacher who puts it all together, will publish this and the next two issues.

We will keep the spirit of the Newsletter, and have a thematic structure of each issue. In the three issues, for which I serve as the editor of the Newsletter, it will focus on other disciplines than sociology. The first field to be covered is economic-anthropology. There is no doubt that much research is being done outside the field of economic sociology, but few of us can say that we know much of what goes on in other fields.

This issue includes a text that we have written together with an expert in the field, Asaf Darr. This text aims to introduce the field of economic anthropology. We have also an interview with the prominent economic anthropologist Keith Hart.

We are also happy to inform you that a new research centre for economic sociology has been launched at Essex University, headed by Mark Harvey. The website http://econsoc.mpifg.de continues to be a resource for anyone interested in a new position, conferences, teaching material, academic programs or related journals and websites.

Please continue to submit material that you think should be published in the Newsletter.

It is hard to take over after a good editor, and I wish to thank Nina Bandelj for what she has done for the Newsletter, and wish her the best for the future.

Sincerely Yours,

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