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Abstract

The rediscovery of the economy as a legitimate object of sociological and cultural enquiry is in full swing. This is long overdue, and follows a remarkable neglect of such issues for many decades. Organization theorists, sociologists and others have long

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paper argues for a particular way of analysing the economy and its constituent practices. Most generally, this means suggesting a focus on the governing of economic life, the linkages and interdependencies between calculative practices and programmes for governing, and the assemblages formed.

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Notes

1. See for instance MacKenzie, et al. (2007), Miller (2002) and a reply from Callon (2005).



- 5. The index does not even feature the word accounting, although the chapter by Carruthers is notable for its coverage of measurement problems and the roles of accounting.
- 6. The recently emergent sociology of finance confirms the relatively distinct nature of finance as discipline and practice (see Beunza & Stark 2004; Kalthoff 2005; Knorr-Cetina & Bruegger 2002; Knorr-Cetina & Preda 2005; Mackenzie 2003, 2004, 2006; Mackenzie & Millo 2003).
- 7. Of course, any such assemblage is highly permeable, and subject to a more or less permanent process of 'hybridisation' (Miller, Kurunmäki & O'Leary 2007 forthcoming; see also Miller et al. forthcoming).
- 8. See, for instance, Miller and Rose (1986).
- 9. See Miller and O'Leary (2007 forthcoming); Kurunmäki (2004); Mennicken (2007 forthcoming).
- 10. On this, see also Mirowski and Nik-Khan (2007).
- 11. See Miller, Kurunmäki and O'Leary (2007 forthcoming).
- 12. The writings of John Meyer are consistently an exception. See for instance: Meyer and Rowan (1977), and more recently Drori et al. (2003).



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