Special Issue of Global Perspectives, ‘Moralizing Political Economy’

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Recent years have seen a resurgence of interest in the relationship between morality and political economy. This special issue aims to advance debates about the moral economy by considering key issues from a range of disciplinary perspectives and in different geographical contexts. Papers will cover all periods.

Questions addressed by the special issue will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- How do debates around private and common ownership draw on a framework of moral principles?
- To what extent have past efforts aimed at promoting environmental justice, tackling inequalities, and ensuring intergenerational responsibility relied on appeals to moral sensibility?
- How far has morality been shaped by imperial encounters?
- To what extent have anticolonial movements relied on appeals to moral economy to further their objectives?
- To what extent are developmental discourses predicated on moralising frameworks?
- In what ways do debt, credit, and money create particular varieties of moralised subjects?
- How have social movements and campaigns been animated by concepts of economic justice?
- What values, ideas, and institutions shape the economic behaviour of individuals and groups?
- Do different religious cultures lead to diverse social and economic outcomes?
- How has capitalism been presented as a moral project?
• To what extent do policymakers utilise the concept of morality in their work?

The editors invite proposals from scholars working across the humanities and social sciences, and we particularly welcome papers from lesser represented global locales and demographic groups.

At this stage we encourage all those interested to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words by 22 April 2022. Please send abstracts to Sean Irving (sean.irving@essex.ac.uk) or Patrick Doyle (Patrick.doyle@ul.ie) with the subject heading ‘Moral Economy’.

The final papers will be no more than 9,000 words.

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