Weber/ Simmel antagonisms: Staged dialogues

Old Library (Geography building), Drummond Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9XP

University of Edinburgh (UoE)

10/11 December 2015

A conference organized by the Max Weber Group of the British Sociological Association & Sociology
Edinburgh

DRAFT PROGRAMME

The setting is the old library of the Geography building, a wooden paned room of a capacity of about 40 or 50. We will install armchairs and photographs of Simmel’s and Weber’s house interiors will be projected as background. The room is next to a lounge where we will have our breaks and reception.

Thursday 10th of December

1:30 – 2:00 Introductions (Nick Prior, head of Sociology, UoE and Isabelle Darmon)

2:00 – 6:30 Stance, conflict and personality

2:00 – 2:40 Conflict, in 4 epochs: Thomas Kemple (Simmel) and Austin Harrington (Weber)

2:40 – 3:20 The corrosion of character: Vincenzo Mele (Simmel) and Gregor Fitzi (Weber)

3:20 – 3:40 Break

3:40 – 4:20 Sociological production today: Valerio Zanardi, Matias Zarlenga

4:20 – 5:00 Religion and personality: Francesca Montemaggi with co-actor

5:00 – 5:40 Philosophical/Political stance: Olli Pyyhtinen (Simmel) and Carlos Frade (Weber)

5:40 – 6:30 General discussion
Evening Reception and Max Weber Studies annual lecture

Lawrence Scaff, introduced by Max Weber Studies editor Sam Whimster, will deliver this year’s annual lecture: ‘Political Leadership and Political Education in a Subverted World’

Friday 11th of December

9:00 – 12:30 Arts

9:30 – 9:40 Introduction to 2nd day
9:40 – 10:20 The sociologists game: On Doing and Writing Sociology. Barbara Thériault (Simmel) and Rosalie Dion (Weber)
10:20 – 11:00 The sociological significance of picture frames: John Parker (Simmel) & Hilary Stanworth (Weber)
11:00 – 11:40 Sociology of music: Alejandro Romero with stage partner
11:40 – 12:15 General discussion

12:15 – 1:00 Lunch around the Launch of the ‘Young Weberians’ network (Victor Strazzeri)

1:00 – 5:00 Money, capitalism and law

1:30 – 2:10 Money: Nigel Dodd (Simmel) and Geoff Ingham (Weber)
2:10 – 2:50 Reification: Arthur Bueno (Simmel) and Mariana Teixeira (Weber)
2:50 – 3:10 Break
3:10 – 3:50 On the formation of norms, rules and laws: Claudius Härpfer (Simmel), Tom Kaden (Weber)
3:50 – 4:30 Capitalism/value: Scott Lash (Simmel) and Uta Gerhardt (Weber)
4:30 – 5:30 Final discussion
Participants

Arturo Bueno (University of Sao Paulo)
Isabelle Darmon (UoE)
Rosalie Dion (Collège Bois-de-Boulogne, Montreal)
Nigel Dodd (LSE)
Gregor Fitzi (University of Bielefeld)
Carlos Frade (University of Salford)
Helene Frossling Mattsson (UoE)
Uta Gerhardt (University of Heidelberg)
Claudius Härpfer (Goethe-University Frankfurt)
Austin Harrington (University of Leeds)
Geoff Ingham (University of Cambridge)
Tom Kaden (York University of Toronto)
Thomas Kemple (University of British Columbia)
Scott Lash (Goldsmiths)
Vincenzo Mele (University of Pisa)
Olli Pyyhtinen (University of Tampere)
John Parker (University of Swansea)
Sofia Polychronidou (UoE)
Nick Prior (UoE)
Alejandro Romero (University of Granada)
Lawrence Scaff (Wayne State University)
Hilary Stanworth (University of Swansea)
Victor Strazzeri (Freie Universität Berlin)
Mariana Teixeira (University of Campinas)
Barbara Theriault (University of Montreal)
Sam Whimster (Max Weber Studies)
Valerio Zanardi (University of Barcelona)
Matias Zarlenaga (University of Barcelona).