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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear reader,

In 2002, Daniel Miller wrote a critique of Michel Callon's *Laws of the Market*; this critique, published in *Economy and Society*, raises a number of issues fundamental to economic sociology, yet a debate never ensued. The newsletter asked Michel Callon to write a response to Miller, and is pleased to publish it in this issue. In the mean time, Daniel Miller has agreed to follow up in the next one.

In the article, Callon defends his highly debated performativity program, showing the complexity of market devices and describing the agencies involved in detail. In particular, he addresses the criticism that his program is weak and a-political: 'I can understand why economic sociology and anthropology tend to concentrate on [entanglement] mechanisms. They are a godsend for scholars who feel that they are invested with the mission of rehabilitating social relations – values threatened by cold and inhuman economics.' Yet, Callon writes, 'That's only half the story.'

Later in the newsletter, Patrik Aspers of Stockholm University argues that Callon's program is empirically valid in exchange role markets (such as financial markets), but not so in fixed role markets (such as production markets studied by Harrison White). In another article, Mabel Berezin of Cornell University presents a typology that should help economic sociologists explore the path from feeling an emotion to action.

The newsletter is also starting two new columns. First of all, each issue a leading scholar will answer ten questions about economic sociology in Europe. We are very pleased that Karin Knorr Cetina (University of Konstanz and the University of Chicago) has agreed to go first. In the second new column, one scholar will recommend three recent books and articles in economic sociology. Richard Swedberg, who does not need any introduction, starts off. Apart from two book reviews (of Jens Beckert's latest book on the sociology of inheritance and of Axel Paul's book on the society of money), you will find, as usual, job ads, conference announcements and calls for papers in this newsletter.

In the mean time, the newsletter is about to celebrate its 1000th subscriber. The distribution list is growing rapidly: since July last year, 134 new subscribers have been added. The Cologne-based Max Planck Institute that is hosting the newsletter, is gratefully acknowledged for making this possible.

Finally, the Heterodox Economics Newsletter, published by Frederic Lee of the University of Missouri in Kansas City is highly recommended to readers. Each issue contains many announcements (conferences, jobs, books, etc.) that may be of interest: <http://l.web.umkc.edu/leefs/htn.htm>. Furthermore, for French speakers, a noteworthy bibliography is available at <http://forum.u-paris10.fr/CD/fr/programmes/socioeco/index.asp>

As always, articles, announcements, book reviews and conference reports can be submitted by email. The deadline for the next issue is May 15th.

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