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11.06.2025, 17:00 Uhr, Übungsraum (and online)  
IKSA, NIG, Universitätsstraße 7, 1010 Wien, 4. Stock

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Uncanny Recursions: Re-Becoming Other in Crisis Capitalism



Andreas Streinzer studied Cultural and Social Anthropology at the University of Vienna, Social Philosophy at Goethe University Frankfurt, and Sociology at Lancaster University.

He worked as a researcher

at the Institute for Social Research in Frankfurt am Main and at the University of St. Gallen, and joined the department as tenure track professor in economic anthropology in January 2025.

In his research, he focuses on the articulation of diverse forms of difference and relatedness, desire or racialization with the (re)production of capitalist socialisation. At the moment, he is working on his manuscript *Uncanny Recursions* for Stanford University Press.

In this talk, I present parts of my book manuscript *Uncanny Recursions*, which explores the interplay between time, capitalism, and personhood. The ethnographic material is based on fieldwork conducted in Volos, Greece, between 2014–2017.

During these years, a severe economic swept across Greece, erasing jobs, incomes, and ways of understanding oneself as a valuable person. My interlocutors felt thrown backwards, stuck in the present, or haunted by recursions of earlier forms of shame and pain. In the talk, I focus on two cases in which the loss of labor forced interlocutors into confrontations with earlier experiences of gendered and racialized devaluation.

These confrontations are a window into the entanglements of capitalist subjectivity with patriarchal structures, hegemonic whiteness and defensive forms of solidarity. Yet beyond the ethnography from the Greek crisis, “uncanny recursions” can also serve as a method for critical economic anthropology; a tool for analyzing how processes of valuation and devaluation articulate within capitalist subjectivities.

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25.06.2025 Sharryn Kasmir  
Reconsidering Politics in the U.S. Rust Belt:  
An Anthropological Perspective from Pennsylvania.

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