In 2011 *Economy and Society* celebrated its 40th year of publication. As a tribute to the wealth of contributions to the journal over those 40 years the editors have chosen a variety of articles from the journal’s archive which highlight the breadth of content and demonstrate its continued relevance to today’s research.

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In the past twenty years *Economy and Society* has been decisive in developing Michel Foucault's analyses of 'governmentality', pressing this concept into service in new domains. In a wide range of articles written from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, scholars have clarified the conceptual vocabulary and empirical vitality of the notion of 'the conduct of conduct' for political and social analysis.

In addition to a special issue dedicated to this theme ('Liberalism, Neo-Liberalism and Governmentality' 22.3, 1993), there has been debate about the relationships that may pertain between liberal government, despotism and authoritarianism (Valverde 1996, Dean 2001), consideration of the ways in which Foucault's conceptual vocabulary can help to re-frame key problems in political theory (Burchell 1993, Hunter 1990, Hindess 1997, Pasquino 1993), analysis of the implications of Foucault's work for the methodological assumptions of the human sciences, and for the analysis of the social, including the government of diverse fields such as health, poverty, unemployment, policing, risk, and ethical conduct (Osborne 1993, Rose 1996, Dean 1992, O'Malley 1992, 1996, Cruikshank 1993).

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*Peter Miller* and *Nikolas Rose*, Volume 19, Issue 1, 1990

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*Pat O’Malley*, Volume 21, Issue 3, 1992

**Liberal government and techniques of the self**

**Revolutions within: self-government and self-esteem**
*Barbara Cruikshank*, Volume 22, Issue 3, 1993

**The death of the social? Re-figuring the territory of government**

"Despotism " and ethical liberal governance

**Politics and governmentality**
*Barry Hindess*, Volume 26, Issue 2, 1997

**Governing through risk and uncertainty**
*Richard Ericson*, Volume 34, Issue 4, 2005

Michel Foucault and liberal intelligence
*Jacques Donzelot (translated by Graham Burchell)*, Volume 37, Issue 1, 2008
Economy and Society has been an important site for the production of social theory. Over the past two decades the journal has carried special issues on the work of Gabriel Tarde (36.4, 2007), the College de sociologie and French social thought (32.1, 2003), Georges Canguilheim (27.2/3, 1998), as well as thematic issues such as Scenographies of Suicide (34.2, 2005), Configurations of Risk (29.4, 2000), and Dynamics of Ideas (33.4, 2004). Work published in the journal has, from a variety of perspectives, made significant contribution to theorising the sociology of money, religion, risk, time, technology and biology, amongst other topics. The examples that follow offer some distinctive interventions into ongoing debates.

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**Grahame F. Thompson**, Volume 36, Issue 1, 2007

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**Barry Hindess**, Volume 36, Issue 1, 2007

Reinventing monies in Europe
**Nigel Dodd**, Volume 34, Issue 4, 2005

Enacting the social

‘Fundamentalism’, modernity and the new Jacobins
**Larry Ray**, Volume 28, Issue 2, 1999

Reframing Orientalism: Weber and Islam
**Mohammad R. Nafissi**, Volume 27, Issue 1, 1998

Against “modernity”: a dissident rant
**Anthony Woodiwiss**, Volume 26, Issue 1, 1997

The death of the social? Refiguring the territory of government

Is there a Muslim society? Ernest Gellner’s sociology of Islam
**Sami Zubaida**, Volume 24, Issue 2, 1995

Sociology, liberalism and the historicity of conduct
**Thomas Osborne**, Volume 23, Issue 4, 1994
This set of articles from *Economy and Society* addresses two related features of the relationship between knowledge and the economy. First, it deals with the changing forms of production and invention of knowledge - highlighting the growing role of users, mediators, non-experts etc., in the production and invention of knowledge. Secondly, it focuses on the critical importance of the production of economic knowledge in the formation of economies and markets. The journal has played a key role in the development of new approaches to the social and cultural study of markets over the last decade, including the publication of two special issues [31(2) and 36(3)] and two recent review articles (by Caliskan and Callon). Although there are significant differences between different authors, recent work is marked by an interest in the various devices - theoretical, technical and legal - through which markets are formed and transformed. Many of the papers published in the journal focus on specific markets (e.g. mortgages) and devices (e.g. the Black-Scholes equation). There has been considerable debate within the journal, in particular, on the approach taken by Michel Callon and which has been developed further in more recent papers published in the journal and elsewhere.

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The Economy of Qualities
*Michel Callon, Cécile Méadel* and *Vololona Rabeharisoa*, Volume 31, Issue 2, 2002

Market Technologies and the Pragmatics of Prices

Re-inventing Invention: New Tendencies in Capitalist Commodification

On Mediators: Intellectuals and the Ideas Trade in the Knowledge Society
*Thomas Osborne*, Volume 33, Issue 4, 2004

Getting to Know the Knowledge Economy: ICTs, Networks and Governance
*Grahame F. Thompson*, Volume 33, Issue 4, 2004

Logics of Interdisciplinarity
*Andrew Barry, Georgina Born* and *Gisa Weszkalnys*, Volume 37, Issue 1, 2008

From Calculation to Alienation: Disentangling Economic Abstractions
*Don Slater*, Volume 31, Issue 2, 2002

Long-term Capital Management and the Sociology of Arbitrage
Economy and Society has a critical concern with the spatial organization of economic and social processes. Over the last four decades the journal has led debates on regional economies and governance (Saxenian 18.1, 1989; Trigilia 20.3, 1991; Barry 22.3, 1993; Amin and Thrift 24.1 1995; Duina 33.3, 2004); on globalization and the transnational (Held 20.2, 1991; Hirst and Thompson 24.3, 1995; Tickell and Peck 24.3, 1995); on the diversity of capitalist economies (Schmidt 32.4, 2003; Lane and Wood 38.4, 2009; Boyer 34.4, 2005); the special issue on Latin American capitalism (38.1, 2009); and on global value chains and network economies (see the special issue on global chains 37.3, 2008).

Economy and Society has played a key role in analysing geographies of financial and virtual exchange (Pryke and Allen 29.2, 2000; Leyshon et al. 34.3, 2005; LiPuma and Lee 24.3, 2005; MacKenzie 36.3, 2007), as well as spaces of political mobilization by both state and non-state actors (Walby 31.4, 2002, Hale 40.2, 2011). The articles collected here reflect this engagement with the complex territories of economic, social and political forms.

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Paul Hirst and Grahame Thompson, Volume 21, Issue 4, 1992

‘The Militarization of all Hindudom’? The Bharatiya Janata Party, the Bomb, and the Political Spaces of Hindu Nationalism
Stuart Corbridge, Volume 28, Issue 2, 1999

Regionalist Governance and Transnational Collective Action in Latin America
Jean Grugel, Volume 35, Issue 2, 2006

Carbon Democracy
Timothy Mitchell, Volume 38, Issue 3, 2009

The City and its ‘Other’ in Islamic Political Ideas and Movements
Sami Zubaida, Volume 14, Issue 3, 1985

Local Community on Trial
Ash Amin, Volume 34, Number 4, 2005

Remitting Subjects: Migrants, Money and States
Ester Hernandez and Susan Bibler Coutin, Volume 35, Issue 2, 2006

Money’s Eyes: The Visual Preparation of Financial Markets
Michael Pryke, Volume 39, Issue 4, 2010