



**Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**

Workshop

**Murdock and Goody Re-visited: (Pre)history and evolution of
Eurasian and African family systems**

16-17 April 2015*

Organisers: Patrick Heady and Mikołaj Szoltysek

Programme

Wednesday, April 15th: Arrival

19:30 *Informal get-together of the workshop participants at "Café Nexus"*

Thursday, April 16th

09:00 *Registration*

09:15 **Chris Hann**
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Welcome Address and Introduction

**Session 1: Ontology and Epistemology (a.k.a. Assumptions and Methods)
09:30-14:30**

Chair: John Eidson, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Laura Fortunato
University of Oxford, UK
Human Family Organization: key concepts in evolutionary anthropology

Alexander Pashos
MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Kin Selection Theory – predicting and measuring grand-parental investment

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Andrey Korotayev

National Research University, Moscow, Russia

Evolution of Eurasian and African Family Systems, Cross-Cultural Research,
Comparative Linguistics, and Deep History

Bradley Ensor

Eastern Michigan University, Michigan, U.S.A.

Archaeological Kinship Analysis for Testing Theory-Guided Assumptions and
Methods

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

Chair: Dimitra Kofti, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Stella Souvatzi

University of Thrace, Turkey

Identifying Household as Process in Prehistoric Archaeology: on concepts and
methods

Patrick Heady

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Researching Family Systems: a structuralist approach to kinship-cognition and
practice

Auke Rijkma, Sarah Carmichael

University of Utrecht, NL

Testing Todd and Matching Murdock: possibilities for the creation of a global
data set on family systems from ethnographic and historical sources

Mikołaj Szoltysek

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

From Household Structure to an Index of Patriarchy, or what Historical
Demographers Mean when They Talk about Family Systems

13:00 *Lunch break*

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Session II: Current Findings and Future Questions
Part 1 Understanding Recent Historical and Current Variation
14:30-18:00

Chair: Eeva Keskiö, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Mikołaj Szoltysek

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Family Systems in Historic Europe: a century long debate

Auke Rijpma, Sarah Carmichael

University of Utrecht, NL

Measuring Agency Through Family Systems

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

Alexander Pashos

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Results on Proximate Causes of Asymmetric Caregiving by Grandparents and other Kin

Patrick Heady

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Murdock and Goody in Present-Day Europe: residence, property, marriage and terminology

19:30 *Dinner at the restaurant "Alchimistenklause"*

Friday, April 17th

Session II: Current Findings and Future Questions
Part 2 Reconstructing Deep History
09:00-13:00

Chair: Martine Guichard, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Günther Schlee

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Kinship Terminology Types: global distribution patterns and how they may have come about

Laura Fortunato

University of Oxford, UK

Variation in Human Family Systems: theoretical and empirical insights

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National Research University, Moscow, Russia

An Application of the Proposed Methodology to the Study of the Clan and Family Organisation of the Proto-IndoEuropeans

10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

Stella Souvatzi

University of Thrace, Turkey

Household and Kinship in the First Farming Communities of Eurasia

Bradley Ensor

Eastern Michigan University, Michigan, U.S.A.

Evaluating Theoretical Models on Prehistoric Kinship: Two case studies in archaeological kinship analysis

13:00 *Lunch break*

Technical Session

14:30-16:40

Chair: Christian Laheij, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

14:30 **Mikołaj Szoltysek, Siegfried Gruber**

MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
University of Graz, Austria

Reconstructing the Familial History of Europe and Asia Through Surviving Census Records (IPUMS, NAPP and Mosaic projects)

14:55 **Laura Fortunato**

University of Oxford, UK

Methods and Data for Cross-Cultural Investigations of the Human Family

15:20 **Bradley Ensor**

Eastern Michigan University, Michigan, U.S.A.

Archaeological Kinship Analysis: scales of analysis, data collection, and stimulating interdisciplinary research

15:45-16:15 *Coffee break*

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Patrick Heady

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From Kinship Editor to KNQ2: measuring and analysing interactions within kinship networks

**Discussion: What are the Prospects for a Unified Deep-And-Shallow History of
16:00-21:00 Family Systems?**

16:40-17:30

discussion in the conference hall

Chair: Günther Schlee, MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

19:00

Dinner at the restaurant “Schad” (city centre branch) – continuation of discussion, feedback and further procedures