



# THE MONEY WORKSHOP

## 1 & 2 NOVEMBER 2019

### 1 | THEME

New forms of money raise a number of puzzles: How can money have a virtual existence? Can the institution of money function without state support and if so how? Is it possible to develop a unified theory of commodity, fiat and electronic money? The ontological issues here often lie close to normative questions. For instance: Will new forms of money eventually violate the public's trust in stability and justice? Is there a moral right to choose whatever currency one wants? This conference brings together experts on the ontology, economics, ethics and politics of money to develop novel answers to questions such as these.

### 2 | ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS

- Financial Ethics Research Group of the University of Gothenburg
- Department of Financial Economics of the Faculty of Economics and Business
- Centre for Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) of the University of Groningen

Organizing committee: Frank Hindriks (f.a.hindriks@rug.nl), Joakim Sandberg (joakim.sandberg@gu.se), Marit de Jong (marit.de.jong@rug.nl)

### 3 | DEADLINES WORKSHOP AND JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM (JSO)

A central goal of the workshop is to publish a special issue with selected papers in the *Journal of Social Ontology* (JSO), 2021, Volume 6, issue 2. Because of this, the workshop should provide participants with feedback for improving their papers. To this end, and as announced, the workshop will be pre-read. Please submit your paper three weeks advance, so it can be distributed to everybody in a timely manner. The deadline for submitting the paper to JSO is six months later. All presenters are invited and encouraged to submit their papers. The special issue is expected to feature up to 8 papers. Submissions will undergo peer-review.

Submission to workshop: **October 11, 2019**

Submission to JSO: **April 30, 2020**

Submission guidelines: papers should not exceed 60,000 characters (roughly 9,500 words)

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The special issue will be edited by Hans Bernhard Schmid, Frank Hindriks and Joakim Sandberg

## 4 | PROGRAM

### **Friday**

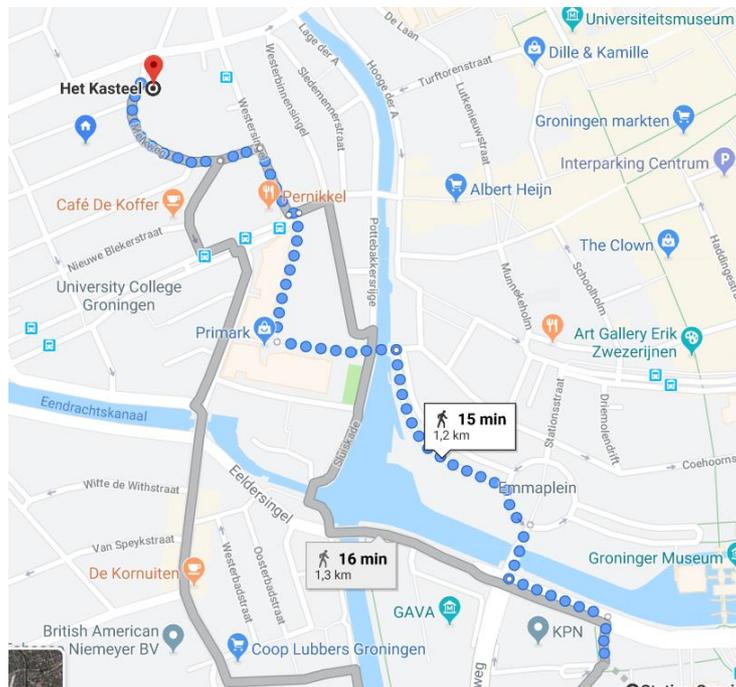
- 9.30 - 10.00 Coffee and tea  
10.00 - 10.15 Opening  
10.15 - 11.30 Uskali Mäki (Helsinki) | *The Ontology of Money*
- 11:30 - 12:00 *Break*
- 12.00 - 12.45 Lennart Ackermans (Erasmus) | *Money, Credit and Property Rights*
- 12:45 - 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 - 14.45 Benjamin Neeser (Geneva) | *Money is Power*  
14.45 - 15.30 Frank Hindriks (Groningen) | *Money Rules*
- 15:30 - 16:00 *Break*
- 16.00 - 17.15 Eyja Brynjarsdóttir (Iceland) | *Money Holders and Merit*

### **Saturday**

- 9.30 – 10.45 Francesco Guala (Milan) | *The Folk Ontology of Money*
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Break*
- 11.00 - 11.45 Asya Passinsky (Dartmouth) | *Is Bitcoin Money?*  
11.45 - 12.30 Craig Warmke (Northern Illinois) | *What Bitcoin is Not*
- 12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 - 14.15 Mark Garron (York, Canada) | *A Set Theory of Money*  
14.15 - 15.00 Simon Boeke (Leiden) | *Whither Cryptomoney?*
- 15:00 - 15:30 *Break*
- 15.30 - 16.15 David Dick (Calgary) | *What Money Is and Ought To Be*  
16.15 - 17.00 Garl David Mildenberger (St Gallen) | *Against Monetary Utopias*

## 5 | LOCATION

The venue for the conference is *Het Kasteel* (Melkweg 1), room 1.04. It is a 15-minute walk from the station (see the map below; follow the blue route).



## 6 | TRAVELLING

### Travel by air & train

The closest airports to the University of Groningen are Eelde Airport, Groningen (45 mins), Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam (2hr 10 mins) and Bremen Airport, Bremen, Germany (2hr).

### *Schiphol – Groningen*

If you are travelling a long distance, you are likely to fly into Schiphol Airport. It can be daunting, but it is easy to find your way round due to the clear signage. The easiest way to travel to Groningen is to take the train that stops on the platforms directly below the Schiphol Plaza and leaves hourly to Groningen Central Station. Additional connections involve just one change of trains. Tickets from Schiphol to Groningen will cost around €25, - for a second-class ticket. Tickets can be bought at the ticket machine as well as at the Service Centre at Schiphol Airport. If, upon your arrival at Schiphol, you already know your departure date, we advise you to also purchase your return ticket (Groningen Central Station – Schiphol) at this service centre. On your departure day, do not forget to validate your return ticket upon entering the station/platform!

### *Bremen – Groningen*

Another way to arrive in the Netherlands is via Bremen Airport, Germany. The cheapest and easiest way to travel from Bremen to Groningen is to take the [Flixbus](#). This will take you from Bremen to Groningen in about 2,5 hours and costs around €11,- euro, depending on the time you travel. You can book your ticket online or buy one directly from the driver. The buses run about 8 times a day, from 6.30h to 23.30h.

### *Eelde Airport - Groningen*

The closest airport to the city of Groningen is Eelde Airport, which is 15km from Groningen. The Qbuzz number 2 bus travels between Groningen Airport Eelde and Groningen Central Station and the trip lasts roughly 50 minutes.

[You can plan your journey online](#), or download the app: NS Reisplanner ([Android](#), [Apple](#)).

### **From Groningen Central Station**

The city of Groningen has many bus routes, many of which will stop in the city centre (*Grote Markt*). Tickets can be purchased on the bus.

To plan your journey, you may want to use the [9292](#) journeyplanner. There you can find information on both bus and train travel times.

## **7 | ACCOMODATION**

### **Hotel**

For those with a hotel reservation, you will be staying at Hotel Corps de Garde (Oude Boteringestraat 74). You can check in between 14:00 and 23:00, and check out until noon. It is a 10-minute walk from the venue (*Het Kasteel*) and a 15-minute walk from the station.

For more information about the hotel itself, please visit their website: [www.corpsdegarde.nl](http://www.corpsdegarde.nl)  
If you have any questions regarding your reservation, please send an email to Marit de Jong ([marit.de.jong@rug.nl](mailto:marit.de.jong@rug.nl)).

### **Tips on where to stay**

Some recommendations as to where you can stay are:

- Hotel Corps de Garde
- NH Hotels (<https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-groningen>, <https://bit.ly/2zFYPhF>)
- Airbnb
- *Budget option:* Simplon Hostel (<https://simplonhostel.nl/?lang=en>)