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Employment

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Research overview

Books

- 2021** *Vertiginous Life: An Anthropology of Time and the Unforeseen*. Oxford: Berghahn.
2019 *The Anthropology of the Future*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (co-authored with Rebecca Bryant)
2017 *Ethnographies of Austerity*. London: Routledge. ([with new Afterword], co-edited with Charles Stewart)
2015 *History, Time, and Economic Crisis in Central Greece*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Edited Journal Collections

- 2020** Emptiness. *Cultural Anthropology, Theorizing the Contemporary* (with Dace Dzenovska)
2019 Orientations to the Future. *American Ethnologist*. (with Rebecca Bryant)
2017 Alternatives to Austerity. *Anthropology Today* 33(5). (with Laura Bear)
2016 Ethnographies of Austerity: Temporality, Crisis and Affect in Southern Europe. *History and Anthropology* 27(1). (with Charles Stewart)

Biography

Dr Daniel M. Knight is Reader in the Department of Social Anthropology and Director of the Centre for Cosmopolitan Studies at the University of St Andrews. He has held positions at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Durham University and collaborates closely with the British School at Athens. He holds a PhD in Anthropology from Durham University and a BA from University of Wales, Lampeter.

Daniel has conducted ethnographic research in Thessaly, central Greece, since 2003, writing on the economic crisis, time and temporality, neoliberalism and neocolonialism, and renewable energy. His first book, "History, Time, and Economic Crisis in Central Greece" (Palgrave, 2015) explores how moments of the past are intricately woven together and embodied during eras of social upheaval. Turning his attention from the past to the future, Daniel is co-author of "The Anthropology of the Future" (Cambridge University Press, 2019), where he presents the concept of 'orientations' as a way to study the indefinite teleologies of everyday life. His most recent monograph, *Vertiginous Life: An Anthropology of Time and the Unforeseen* (Berghahn, 2021) presents a theory of temporal vertigo and associated affects induced by a period of chronic crisis in Greece.

His recent Leverhulme Trust project focused on the temporal complexity of renewable energy initiatives in austerity Greece, addressing how economic uncertainty has created dynamic spaces for entrepreneurial opportunism while renewables are locally perceived as neo-colonial programs and new extractive economies. This research is currently being written-up as a monograph under the provisional title "Renewable Energy in the Age of Austerity".

Daniel is co-editor of "Ethnographies of Austerity: Temporality, Crisis and Affect in Southern Europe" (Routledge, 2017) and has edited special collections on "Alternatives to Austerity", "Orientations to the Future", and "Emptiness". He is co-editor of "History and Anthropology" journal, an Associate of the Higher Education Academy, and his research has been funded by the ESRC, EPSRC, Leverhulme Trust, British Academy and National Bank of Greece.

Research Interests / Supervision Topics:

History and Anthropology, Economic Anthropology, Anthropology of the Future, Anthropology of Crisis, Time and Temporality, Renewable Energy and Sustainable Economic Development, Modern Greece, European (especially Balkan and Mediterranean) Anthropology, Michel Serres

Research outputs

Emptiness: an introduction

Knight, D. M. & Dzenovska, D., 15 Dec 2020, *Theorizing the Contemporary*.

Greece's Stockholm Syndrome: futility in a time of crisis

Knight, D. M., 16 Oct 2020, *Anthropological Theory Commons*.

Emptiness and Chronic Crisis

Knight, D. M., 2020, In: *Cultural Anthropology*.

Sun Grab: Failing Futures in Greece

Knight, D. M., 2020, In: *Cultural Anthropology*.

Fossilized Futures: Topologies and Topographies of Crisis Experience in Central Greece

Knight, D. M., Apr 2019, *Post-Ottoman Topologies: The Presence of the Past in the Era of the Nation-State*. Argenti, N. (ed.). Oxford: Berghahn

The anthropology of the future

Bryant, R. & Knight, D. M., 28 Mar 2019, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 226 p. (New departures in anthropology)

Orientations to the future

Byrant, R. (ed.) & Knight, D. M. (ed.), 8 Mar 2019, *American Ethnologist: Conversations*.

Orientations to the future: an introduction

Byrant, R. & Knight, D. M., 8 Mar 2019, *American Ethnologist: Conversations*.

Time of crisis: permanence as orientation

Knight, D., 8 Mar 2019, *American Ethnologist: Conversations*.

Green economy and promises for the future in Greece

Knight, D. M., Jan 2019, Allegra Lab.

Ships in the Sky: Mythhistories of Seafaring in the Pindos Mountains

Knight, D. M., Jan 2019, *The Culture of Ships and Maritime Narratives*. Papadopoulou, C. (ed.). London: Routledge, (British School at Athens Series in Modern Greek & Byzantine Studies).

Special Issue: Sustainability and Recycling

Knight, D. M. & Ortar, N., 2019, (In preparation) In: *Natures Sciences Sociétés*.

Perceptions of Balkan Belonging in Post-dictatorship Greece

Knight, D. M., Dec 2018, *Everyday Life in the Balkans*. Montgomery, D. (ed.). Bloomington: Indiana University Press

The desire for disinheritance in austerity Greece

Knight, D. M., 1 Mar 2018, In: *Focaal*. 80, p. 30-42

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Knight, D. M., Jan 2018, *Global Encyclopaedia of Informality: Understanding Social and Cultural Complexity*. Ledeneva, A. (ed.). London: UCL Press, Vol. 1. p. 182-184 (Fringe).

For One Day you Eat the Cucumber

Knight, D. M., 2018, (Submitted) *Neoliberal Slogans*. Makovicky, N. (ed.). Oxford University Press

Les Temporalités de l'énergie renouvelable. l'heure de l'austerité grecque.

Knight, D. M., 2018, *L'énergie et ses usages domestiques. anthropologie d'une transition en cours.* Ortar, N. & Subremon, H. (eds.). Paris: Petra

Renewable energy in the age of austerity: extractive economies and neo-colonialism in Central Greece

Knight, D. M., 2018, (Submitted) Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

Memory, Hope and Recovery in Greece

Knight, D. M., Nov 2017, *Memory and Recovery in Times of Crisis*. Larkan, F. & Murphy, F. (eds.). London: Routledge

Alternatives to austerity

Bear, L. & Knight, D. M., 3 Oct 2017, In: *Anthropology Today*. 33, 5, p. 1-2

Alternatives to Austerity

Bear, L. (ed.) & Knight, D. M. (ed.), 3 Oct 2017, In: *Anthropology Today*. 33, 5

The green economy as sustainable alternative?

Knight, D. M., 3 Oct 2017, In: *Anthropology Today*. 33, 5, p. 28-31

Anxiety and cosmopolitan futures: Brexit and Scotland

Knight, D. M., May 2017, In: *American Ethnologist*. 44, 2, p. 237-242

Energy talk, temporality, and belonging in austerity Greece

Knight, D. M., 13 Apr 2017, In: *Anthropological Quarterly*. 90, 1, p. 167-191

Fossilized futures: topologies and topographies of crisis experience in Central Greece

Knight, D. M., 1 Mar 2017, In: *Social Analysis*. 61, 1, p. 26-40

Living through the Greek crisis: an anthropologist reports from Thessaly

Knight, D. M., 16 Feb 2017, *The Conversation*.

Fakelaki

Knight, D. M., Jan 2017, In: *Encyclopaedia of Informality* (Online).

Keeping Cash: Assessing the Arguments about Cash and Crime

Knight, D. M. & Dalinghaus, U., 2017, *Keeping Cash: Assessing the Arguments about Cash and Crime*. European Commission

Ethnographies of austerity: temporality, crisis and affect in Southern Europe

Knight, D. M. (ed.) & Stewart, C. (ed.), 23 Nov 2016, London: Routledge. 144 p.

Temporal vertigo and time vortices on Greece's Central Plain

Knight, D. M., 1 Mar 2016, In: *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*. 34, 1, p. 32-44 13 p.

Ethnographies of austerity: temporality, crisis and affect in Southern Europe

Knight, D. M. & Stewart, C., 2016, In: *History and Anthropology*. 27, 1, p. 1-18 18 p.

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Knight, D. M., 2016, In: *Journal of Modern Greek Studies*.

Special Issue: Ethnographies of austerity: temporality, crisis and affect in Southern Europe

Knight, D. M. (ed.) & Stewart, C. (ed.), 2016, In: History and Anthropology. 27, 1

Sun, wind, and the rebirth of extractive economies: renewable energy investment and metanarratives of crisis in Greece

Argenti, N. & Knight, D. M., Dec 2015, In: Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute. 21, 4, p. 781-802 22 p.

History, time, and economic crisis in Central Greece

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Wit and Greece's economic crisis: ironic slogans, food, and antiausterity sentiments

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Blog Post: Poignant Pasts and Uncertain Futures in the Greek Crisis: Ethnographic Snippets from ATM Queues

Knight, D. M., 2015, In: Allegra Lab.

Blog Post: Provoking the Past in the Greek Referendum

Knight, D. M., 2015, In: Huffington Post (AAA Blog).

Opportunism and diversification: entrepreneurship and livelihood strategies in uncertain times

Knight, D. M., 2015, In: Ethnos. 80, 1, p. 117-144 28 p.

Review: No Billionaire Left Behind: Satirical Activism in America, by Haugerud, A.

Knight, D. M., 2015, History and Anthropology, 26, 2, p. 255-259.

Mushrooms, knowledge exchange and polytemporality in Kalloni, Greek Macedonia

Knight, D. M., Jun 2014, In: Food, Culture and Society. 17, 2, p. 183-201 19 p.

A critical perspective on economy, modernity and temporality in contemporary Greece through the prism of energy practice

Knight, D. M., Jan 2014, London School of Economics and Political Science, p. 1-44, (GreeSE Working Paper Series; no. 81).

You money or your life: misunderstandings of Greek austerity

Knight, D. M., Jun 2013, In: Anthropology News. 54, 6

Pandora's box: photovoltaic energy and economic crisis in Greece

Knight, D. M. & Bell, S., May 2013, In: Journal of Renewable and Sustainable Energy. 5, 3, 033110.

The Greek economic crisis as trope

Knight, D. M., 1 Mar 2013, In: Focaal. 65, p. 147-159 13 p.

Localising national protest the nuances of Greek political allegiance

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Famine, suicide, and photovoltaics: narratives of the Greek crisis

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Blog Post: Europe's Politics of Blame: In Europe, ordinary Greek citizens are seen as the proponents of crisis, not as its victims

Knight, D. M., 2013, In: The European Magazine.

Blog Post: Greece Is Used To Justify Unpopular Domestic Reforms

Knight, D. M., 2013, In: Social Europe Journal.

Can Solar Help Save Greece?

Knight, D. M. & Bell, S., 2013, In: EurekAlert: American Association for the Advancement of Science.

European states are using the example of Greece to justify unpopular domestic reforms

Knight, D. M., 2013, In: London School of Economics. European Politics and Policy.

Review of Macedonia: the political, social, economic and cultural foundations of a Balkan State, by de Munck, V. and L. Risteski (eds.)

Knight, D. M., 2013, LSE Review of Books.

The desire to blame Greece for the eurocrisis ensures that the Greek people pay the price, while the elites responsible get away free

Knight, D. M., 2013, In: London School of Economics. European Politics and Policy.

Cultural proximity: crisis, time and social memory in central Greece

Knight, D. M., 2012, In: History and Anthropology. 23, 3, p. 349-374 26 p.

Turn of the screw: narratives of history and economy in the Greek crisis

Knight, D. M., 2012, In: Journal of Mediterranean Studies. 21, 1, p. 53-76 24 p.

The accepted other within: the Macedonian sub-nationalism

Knight, D. M., 2010, In: ARDAC - Anthropology Reviews: Dissent and Cultural Politics. 2, 1

Projects

ECF Renew Engy & Extract in Greek Crisis: Renewable Energy and Extractive Economies in the Greek Economic Crisis

Knight, D. M. & Rapport, N. J.

The Leverhulme Trust

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