THE ETHICS AND POLITICS OF

OBJECTIFICATION, MEASUREMENT AND STANDARDIZATION

The second Cuff conference, Dokkhuset, Trondheim, October 25-27th, 2013.

Organized by the research *project The Cultural Logic of Facts and Figures: Objectification, Measurement and Standardization as Social Processes (Cuff)* at the Department of Social Anthropology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), financed by The Norwegian Research Council.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, October 25th

Session I: Redefining the Mental, the Natural and the Artificial

(Chair: TBA)

1300-1345: **Theodore Porter (History, UCLA):** *Asylums and the Data of Human Heredity.*

1245-1430: **Gitte Koksvik (Social Anthropology, NTNU):** *Human and Machine. A Phenomenological Approach to Human Existence in an Intensive Care Unit.*

1430-1450: **Coffee Break.**

1450-1535: **Charles Briggs (Anthropology, UC Berkeley):** *Making Epidemiology (Im)mobile: Bodies, Bad Medicine, and Multi-Species Intimacies in a Mysterious Epidemic.*

1535-1620: **Petter Almklov/Jens Røyrvik (NTNU Social Research):** *Objectification, Measurement and Standardization in Children's Services in Norway.*

1930: **Dinner.**

Saturday, October 26th

Session II: Relocating the Real, Commensurating the Heterogeneous

(Chair: TBA)

0900-0945: **Lawrence Busch (Sociology/Center for the Study of Standards in Society, Michigan State University):** *Markets, Measurements and Mammon. Remaking the World to fit the Theory.*

0945-1030: **Emil Røyrvik (Sintef Research Institute, Trondheim):** *Valuation and Commensuration: The Measure of Eurovegas.*

1030-1050: **Coffee Break.**

1050-1135: **Tian Sørhaug (Sociology, University of Oslo):** *The Value of Values. The Loss of Referents and the Fetishization of Relations.*

1135-1220: **Tord Larsen (Social Anthropology, NTNU):** *Secular Incarnations: the Meaning and Morality of Indicators.*

1220-1330: **LUNCH.**

Session III: Re-forming Heritage, Art and Perception

(Chair: TBA)

1330-1415: **Rosemary Coombe (Anthropology, York University**): *Standardizing and Stewarding Genetic Resources through "Traditional Means": Perspectives from the Peruvian Andes and Speculations on Rural Greece.*

1415-1500: **Allison Fish (Anthropology, York University):** *Comparing Creative Commons and Yogis Theories of Knowledge Transfer: The Place of Cultural Property in the Access to Knowledge Movement.*

1500-1520: **Coffee Break.**

1520-1605: **Alexandra Hui (History, Mississippi State University):** *Standardizing Sounds: Listening to Birdsong in the Twentieth Century.*

1605-1650: **Nigel Rapport (Social Anthropology, St. Andrews University):** *The Hands of Stanley Spencer: A Study in Distortion.*

1930: **Dinner.**

Sunday, October 27th

Session IV: Remaking Nations, Quantifying Humans, Transforming Spaces

(Chair: TBA)

1000-1045: **Mary Poovey/Kevin Brine (New York University):** *Calculating the Nation: The Modern Roots of National Accounts in the United States.*

1045-1130: **Håkon Fyhn (Interdicisplinary Studies of Culture, NTNU):** *Control by Calculation.*

1130-1150: **Coffee break.**

1150-1235: **Jason Sumich (Social Anthropology, NTNU):** *Tenuous Belonging: Citizenship and Democracy in Mozambique.*

1235-1320: **Michael Blim (Graduate Center/Anthropology, CUNY):** *Kinship Studies in the Age of Statistics.*

1320-1405: **Kenneth Olwig (Landscape Architecture, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences):** *Diabolical Space: "Nazi" Spatial Theory and the Transformation and Objectification of Nordic Geography's Landscape.*

1405-1500: **Lunch.**

1930: **Dinner.**