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The Infusion of Relational Market Obligations into the Austrian Agenda—Some Lessons Learned from Economic Sociology

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Abstract. Given its dictum of market equilibrium, economics in general obviously does poorly in shouldering market dynamics. Pervading obligatory traits of the market (other than mere dyadic contracting) is yet another area where not much attention is devoted. Whereas the Austrian agenda fills the first of these voids in a most sophisticated manner, its current discourse appears so oblivious concerning the manner in which market exchange transforms into relational interconnected obligations. That is, to say, exchange is hardly understood as an indispensable facet of durable market obligations such as relationships 'constituting the market', but *ex-facto* as immediate entrepreneurial arbitrage. Apart from an outright peculiar failure to recognize some of its own roots in this regard this omission unnecessarily delimits the manner in which Austrians can proceed and deepen their market analysis. The principal idea of this paper is to scrutinize the manner in which relational market obligations can be introduced into Austrian reasoning by drawing on ideas from within economic sociology. Max Weber's dictum on market openness takes on a particular role in this regard. An adjacent contribution strived for is to let this scrutiny foreshadow the manner in which such a partial reconciliation of market ideas from within economic sociology and Austrian economics could proceed.

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Introduction

Imagine a tiny neighborhood and its citizens' demand for milk which, it is assumed, can only be bought within the boundaries of that particular neighborhood. To saturate the demand for milk consumers could turn to either of two stores, one of which is a since-long traditional provider whereas the other newly opened store sells milk in a manner not heard of before. Discount schemes for the purchase of milk over a certain period of time period combined with a supply guarantee of different milk qualities embody the novelty thus discerned by consumers. Assume further that this second store does well during its first few days of operations. After all (some) people (at least) are curious on what is new. But then, everything else aside, milk demand there suddenly and relentlessly drops. People stick to what they have got in the first place and go on to buy their milk where they 'always' have.

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