
Introduction

In the Introduction to the handbook I said that economic anthropologists generally see the economy as being the production, circulation and consumption of things. The chapters in Part II address different aspects of this sequence of activities. The part begins with a consideration of property, which is important in each of these stages. It then includes two chapters that deal with a central aspect of production, labour. Then follow two further related chapters, one on money and one on finance. This is followed by a consideration of forms of distribution, and then a consideration of forms of consumption. As is clear, this part does not address circulation as a distinct topic. This is because forms of circulation have long been a central concern of economic anthropologists, and indeed of anthropologists generally; so much so that the topic merits a part of its own, which follows this one.