
Introduction

I said in the Introduction to this handbook that economic anthropologists, like anthropologists generally, are concerned with contexts and linkages. While this concern is apparent throughout this handbook, it is the specific focus of Part IV. Chapters here consider the relationship between economic life and important areas that might be considered extrinsic to it: culture, gender, religion, ethnicity and, finally, people's relationships with their natural environs. Taken together, these chapters show how economic activity cannot be understood without careful attention to its relationships with other areas of social life.