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Abstract

The paper focuses on how money's quantity is understood to be multiple in Kaleko, a small market center in Western Kenya. Residents of Kaleko conceptualize money's quantity as abstracting, concretizing and recursive. Theorizing this ethnographic data allows for an understanding of money as a sign which stands against itself. Money's quantity's abstractness and concreteness symbolize what it means to be coerced to do something while its recursive property, its ability to suspend the distinction between part and whole, symbolizes what it means to act freely in a world that is dominated by socio-economic and epistemological uncertainty. The paper concludes by scrutinizing how anthropology would look like if anthropologists imagined their science as entailing a form of mereological skepticism similar to the one employed in Western Kenya.