

The **Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society**,
the **Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology**, and
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Bourdieu as an Anthropologist of Social Viability



Over the years, I have tried to develop what I have called an anthropology of viability: an anthropology concerned with the way individuals and groups struggle to make their lives viable. Without wishing to reduce Bourdieu to an anthropologist of viability, my book can be read as an attempt to highlight what I see as Bourdieu's contribution to an anthropology of viability. In this talk I will try to show how a struggle for viability is an enduring dimension of Bourdieu's analytical disposition toward society. Analysts who inherit and internalize this disposition start seeing struggles for viability in everything. Whether they are analysing someone picking flowers in the countryside, talking about the latest Netflix series they have seen, looking for a job, or demonstrating for or against asylum seekers, they find themselves asking, What conception of a viable life is behind what is being done here?

Respondent: Jan David Hauck (RCC)

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