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"'Caught in the Image': A Literary Approach to Transgressing Boundaries in New York City in the 1920s"

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"The vicious cycle of Moral Hazard - Moral Hazard(s) in Shakespeare’s The Merchant of Venice and Kate Jennings’ Moral Hazard (2002)"

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"Economy, Ecology, Ecopoiesis: Trace and Plasticity in Jane Urquhart’s A Map of Glass"

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"Buying Back Grace: The Economics of Redemption"

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Sarah Chevalier
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"The Value of English in Multilingual Families"

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"Teaching and learning English in Geneva: questions of economy, identity, globality and usefulness."
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"Counterfeiting Hamlet"

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"Counterfeit Fictions: Charles Brockden Brown, Money and the Circulation of Texts"
“The Economics of Misattribution and Cupids Cabinet Unlock’d, ‘By W. Shakespeare’”

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"The Value of and in Learning Foreign Languages"
Indira Ghose  
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"Honour and Cultural Capital in Renaissance Courtesy Literature"

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"The Market of Black Print: Strategies of Resistance in Toni Morrison’s The Bluest Eye and Vincent O. Carter’s Such Sweet Thunder"
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Alice Leonard
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"The Economy of Foreignness in Henry V and The Dutch Courtesan"
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"'Scrupulous Meanness,' Joyce’s Gift, and the Symbolic Economy of Dubliners"

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"Spillage and Banditry: Anne Carson’s Derivatives"
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"Re-reading Economics: Analyzing the Financial Superstructure through the Lens of Literary Analysis"

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"The Rhizombie Novel | An Alternative to a Capitalist Narrativity"

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Chathurika Senanayake
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"Linguistic Journey Towards Economic Success in Martin Wickramasinghe's Koggala Trilogy"
Barbara Straumann
University of Zurich

"How to Live Well on Nothing a Year: Money, Credit and Debt in William Makepeace Thackeray's Vanity Fair"
Crispin Thurlow
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"“A world apart”: Language, materiality and the global semioscape of super-elite status"
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"Putting the monetary and linguistic house of early modern England in order: ‘Gresham’s law’ and ‘the King’s English’"

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