

The European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences The Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable

First Joint European/American Conference

Ca' Foscari University of Venice
3-4 September, 2013

Conference Programme at a glance

DAY 1

Morning

Sess 1. Agency and Social Ontology

Sess 2. Concepts in Soc/Pol Science

Sess 3. Belief and Preferences

Afternoon

Sess 4. RCT and Social Mechanisms

Sess 5. Individualism and Games

DAY 2

The Social and the Neural

Causation in Social Science

Normativity/Explanation in Social Action

Modelling

Keynote speaker:

N Cartwright

C Bicchieri

Conference Programme – details

FROM 8.45: REGISTRATION, AULA MORELLI GROUND FLOOR

9.15 INTRODUCTION TO CONFERENCE. **Eleonora Montuschi** (Aula Morelli)

SESSION 1. AGENCY AND SOCIAL ONTOLOGY

AULA MORELLI GROUND FLOOR

Chair: Byron Kaldis (Hellenic Open University)

9.30-10.20 Situational Action in Strategic Games **Corinna Elsenboich** (University of Surrey)

10.30-11.20 Agent-base models and causation **Isabelle Drouet** (Université Paris Sorbonne)
and Philippe Huneman (IHPST).

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.30 Groups as proxy agents **Matti Heinonen** (University of Helsinki)

SESSION 2. CONCEPTS IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

SEMINAR ROOM 3RD FLOOR

Chair: Alison Wylie (U. of Washington)

9.30-10.20 Social constructionism and the possibility of emancipation **Abigail Klassen** (York University).

10.30-11.20 Interpreting political change: governance as research programme **Antonino Palumbo** (Palermo University).

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.30 The sense of commitment **John Michael** (Copenhagen University).

SESSION 3.

BELIEF AND PREFERENCES IN CONTEXT

SEMINAR ROOM 4TH FLOOR

Chair: Cristina Bicchieri (Pennsylvania)

9.30-10.20 Why an evidential account of preferences is not enough **Gil Hertshten** (University of California San Diego)

10.30-11.20 Interpretation, first-person authority and the corrigibility of self-ascriptions of beliefs **Eivind Balsvik** (University of Oslo)

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.30 Epistemic context and structural explanation of belief **Ouzilou Olivier** (Aix-Marseille Université)

12.30-14.00 lunch break

AFTERNOON

SESSION 4. *RCTs AND SOCIAL MECHANISMS*

SEMINAR ROOM 3RD FLOOR

Chair: Paul Roth (University of California Santa Cruz)

14.00-14.50 Mechanisms and capacities in social science: what are RCTs capable of? **Vincent Guillin** (Université du Québec à Montréal).

15.00-15.50 On the external validity of causal effects and their relevance to policy making **Attilia Ruzzene** (EUR).

15.50-16.10 coffee break

16.10-17.00 Evidence-based policy: has the problem of external validity been solved? **Alexandre Marcellesi** (UC San Diego).

SESSION 5. *INDIVIDUALISM AND GAMES*

SEMINAR ROOM 4TH FLOOR

Chair: Jesus Zamora Bonilla (University of Madrid)

14.00-14.50 Collectivism about moral responsibility and two conceptions of group control **Andras Szigeti** (Lund University).

15.00-15.50 Beyond Invariance: How Psychology Deepens Social Scientific Understanding **Christopher Clarke** (University of Cambridge).

15.50-16.10 coffee break

17.30-18.45. **Keynote speaker's talk**

AULA BARATTO, CA' FOSCARI

Chair: Carlo Carraro, The Rector of Ca' Foscari

Will Your Policy Work? Experiments vs. Models

Nancy Cartwright (University of Durham/University of California San Diego)

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MORNING

SESSION 6. THE SOCIAL AND THE NEURAL

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Chair: Stephen Turner (University of South Florida)

9.30-10.20 Neural data, economic models and the case in favour of neuroeconomics **Roberto Fumagalli** (London School of Economics, University of Bayreuth).

10.30-11.20 Addiction as a neuro-social kind **Petri Ylikoski** (University of Helsinki) **and Samuli Pöyhönen** (University of Helsinki).

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.30 Testing the theory of moral sentiments **Michiru Nagatsu** (University of Helsinki)

SESSION 7. CAUSATION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Chair: Nancy Cartwright (Durham/UCSD)

9.30-10.20 Social mechanisms and social causation **Friedel Weinert** (University of Bradford)

10.30-11.20 The causes of poverty **David Piachaud** (London School of Economics)

11.20-11.40 coffee break

11.40-12.30 Social science and manipulability **Alexander Prescott-Couch** (Harvard University)

AFTERNOON

SESSION 8. NORMATIVITY AND EXPLANATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

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Chair: Julie Zahle (University of Copenhagen)

14.00-14.50 Explaining by reference to norms is only natural (or should be) **David Henderson** (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

15.00-15.50 Explanation, rationality and normativity: overcoming the realism-instrumentalism debate in the social sciences **Christine Tiefensee** (University of Bamberg)

15.50-16.10 coffee break

16.10-17.00 Normativity and social practices: S Turner's cold shower thrown upon **Rafał Paweł Wierzchosławski** (Catholic University of Lublin)

SESSION 9. MODELLING

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Chair: Alban Bouvier (Institut Jean Nicod)

14.00-14.50 Models and credibility **Hsiang-Ke Chao** (National Tsing Hua University).

15.00-15.50 Not-so minimal models. The case of asset pricing **Lorenzo Casini** (Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München).

15.50-16.10 coffee break

16.10-17.00 Explaining principles and predicting patterns: potentials and limitations of rational choice theory for modelling complex phenomena in economics **Catherine Herfeld** (LMU Munich).

17.30-18.45. **Keynote speaker's talk II**

AULA BARATTO, CA' FOSCARI

Chair: Eleonora Montuschi (Ca' Foscari/LSE; local organizer)

Punishment, Reward and Compensation in Ultimatum Interactions

Cristina Bicchieri (University of Pennsylvania)

END OF CONFERENCE