

Program for  
The Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable  
April 1-2, 2022  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

All talks will take place at Bailey Library, Andrews Hall [https://maps.unl.edu/images/unl\\_campusmaps.pdf](https://maps.unl.edu/images/unl_campusmaps.pdf).  
All sessions will be available via Zoom, details TBA  
All times are CST, UTC-6

**Friday April 1**

8:30-9:00	<b>Coffee and Introductions</b>
9:00-9:50	Samuel Maia "Thickness in the concept and measures of poverty" (virtual only)
10:00-10:50	Rosa Runhardt and Michael Daimond-Hunter "Legitimate Reactivity in Measuring Social Categories"
11:00-11:50	Kino Zhao "Measuring the non-existent: validity before measurement"
12:00-2:00	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-2:50	Nadia Ruiz "Methodology (Model Diversity) and Policy Making
3:00-3:50	Daniel Saunders "Similarity-biased learning in the evolution of unfairness"
3:50-4:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:30-6:00	<b>Keynote: Cailin O'Connor</b> "Measuring Conventionality" Abstract: Standard accounts of convention include notions of arbitrariness. But many have conceived of conventionality as an all or nothing affair. In this paper, I develop a framework for thinking of conventions as coming in degrees of arbitrariness. In doing so, I introduce an information theoretic measure intended to capture the degree to which a solution to a certain social problem could have been otherwise. As the paper argues, this framework can help improve explanation aimed at the cultural evolution of social traits. Good evolutionary explanations recognize that most functional traits are also conventional, at least to some degree, and vice versa.

**Dinner Reception at 6:30 p.m. at Morrill Hall for speakers and by reservation.**

**Saturday, April 2**

9:00-9:50	Valerii Shevchenko "Coordination as naturalized social ontology" (virtual only)
10:00-10:50	Sahar Heydari Fard "Diversity, Networks, and Polarization"
11:00-11:50	Richard Lauer "Social Structural Explanations as Causal Statistical Explanations"
12:00-2:00	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-2:50	August Faller "Social Causation and Holism"
3:00-3:50	David Miguel Gray "Amelioration, Normativity, and Self-Realization: Haslanger, Biko, Du Bois on Race"
4:00-4:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:30-5:20	Rachel Cooper "An Explanatory Critique of Social-Positional Accounts of the Metaphysics of Social Categories"

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