Hardwired Sociality?

How the New Behavioral Disciplines Change Our Understanding of Economic, Social, and Moral Action

Workshop 29-30 November 2019

Vienna University of Economics and Business Room AD.o.o90 Conference Room 6

The study of economic, social, and moral action is at the center of the classical social sciences. However, social phenomena are also a matter of interest in behavioral and cognitive disciplines, which gained influence and popularity in the last few decades. This interdisciplinary two-day workshop explores different conceptions of 'the social' in the behavioral sciences and the social sciences.

This workshop brings together scholars working on concrete topics of (human) sociality and morality within the behavioral and the social sciences as well as researchers engaging with methodological questions at the intersection of these disciplines.

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Friday, 29.11.2019

9.00 Welcome and Introduction

9.30-11.10 Session 1: Levels and Timescales of Behavioural Analysis

Petri Ylikoski (University of Helsinki): Sociological theory of action and the sciences of cognition

Sabine Frerichs (Vienna University of Economics and Business): What Role for Institutions in Brain-Centred Economics?

Discussant: Christophe Heintz (Central European University)

11.40-13.20 Session 2: Morality in Behavioral Economics

Sylvie Thoron (Université Paris-Est Créteil): *Hardwired social preferences? From species' evolutionary rationality to the individual's empathetic learning process*

Natalie Gold (University of Oxford): *Testing team reasoning: Group identification is related to coordination in pure coordination games*

Discussant: Michiru Nagatsu (University of Helsinki)

14.30-16.10 Session 3: Sociality in Behavioral Economics

Abigail Barr (University of Nottingham): Love and Marriage

Christian Thöni (University of Lausanne): *Cross-cultural behavioral experiments:* potential and challenges

Discussant: Rupert Sausgruber (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

16.35-18.15 Session 4: Behavioral Economics and Market-Making

Nora Szech (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology): $Moral\ Ignorance$

Fabian Muniesa (Ecole des Mines de Paris): Working out Von Foerster's Conjecture: The culture of behavior, the empire of information and the estrangement of meaning

Discussant: Verena Fetscher (University of Hamburg)

Saturday, 30.11.2019

9.00-10.40 Session 5: Between Biology and Sociology

Maurizio Meloni (Deakin University): Is hardwired still a plausible term in postgenomic biology? Arguments and questions for the behavioural sciences in the age of epigenetics and plasticity

Josep Call (University of St. Andrews): Bargains that primates make

Discussant: Thomas Bugnyar (University of Vienna)

11.10-12.50 Session 6: From Neuroeconomics to Critical Neuroscience

Arno Riedl (Maastricht University): Neural roots of altruistic punishment and reward

Claus Lamm (University of Vienna): *The neural bases of empathy - hardwired, or not?*

Discussant: Manuel Guerrero Antequera (University of Uppsala/University of Chile)

14.00-15.40 Session 7: Sociology of Morality

Gabriel Abend (University of Lucerne): *Morality isn't the same as moral judgment and decision-making (and other lessons from the sociology of morality)*

Georg Kanitsar (Vienna University of Economics and Business): *Markets, Morals, and the Economic Laboratory*

Discussant: Sarah Songhorian (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University)

15.40-16.00 Concluding Remark