**The European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences**

**The Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable**

**First joint European/American Conference**

**University of Venice Ca’ Foscari**  
**3-4 September, 2013**

**Conference Programme**

**Format of conference**

On each day there will be 3 parallel sessions in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, followed by a keynote speaker’s talk.

Each session will include three speakers. The time allocated for each paper is 50 minutes including discussion. Presentations should be 25-30 minutes leaving 20 minutes for discussion.

There will be a 10 minute break after each paper, and a coffee break mid morning/afternoon.

**The conference at a glance**

DAY 1 DAY 2

***Morning***

Sess 1. Agency and Social Ontology The Social and the Neural

Sess 2. Concepts in Soc/Pol Science Causation in Social Science

Sess 3. Modelling Explaining Social Action

***Afternoon***

Sess 4. RCT and Social Mechanisms Perspectives on Normativity

Sess 5. Individualism and Games Belief and Preferences

***Keynote speaker***: N Cartwright C Bicchieri

**Details**

**3 September, 2013**

**MORNING**

9.00-9.15 Introduction to the conference (E.Montuschi)

***SESSION 1. AGENCY AND SOCIAL ONTOLOGY***

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***

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. MODELLING**

9.30-10.20 Models and credibility **Hsiang-Ke Chao** (National Tsing Hua University) and **Szu-Ting Chen** (National Tsing Hua University)

10.30-11.20 Not-so minimal models. The case of asset pricing **Lorenzo Casini** (Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München).

*11.20-11.40 coffee break*

11.40-12.30 Explaining principles and predicting patterns: potentials and limitations of rational choice theory for modelling complex phenomena in economics **Catherine Herfeld** (LMU Munich).

*12.30-14.00 lunch break*

**AFTERNOON**

**SESSION 4.**  ***RCTs AND SOCIAL MECHANISMS***

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***

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*

16.10-17.00 The last dictator? Experimenter effects in experimental economics and social science **Maria Jimenez-Buedo (**UNED**).**

17.30-18.45**. Keynote speaker’s talk**: Testing what you think you are testing? **Nancy Cartwright** (University of Durham/University of California San Diego)

**4 September, 2013**

**MORNING**

**SESSION 6. *THE SOCIAL AND THE NEURAL***

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***

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)

**SESSION 8.** ***EXPLAINING SOCIAL ACTION***

9.30-10.20 Explaining by reference to norms is only natural (or should be) **David Henderson** (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

10.30-11.20 A series of unfortunate events: on the emergence of social norms **Ryan Muldoon** (University of Pennsylvania)

*11.20-11.40 coffee break*

11.40-12.30 Which methods for the epistemology of history? **Florence Hulak** (Université Paris 1)

*12.30-14.00 lunch break*

**AFTERNOON**

**SESSION 9.** ***PERSPECTIVES ON NORMATIVITY***

15.00-15.50 Explanation, rationality and normativity: overcoming the realism-instrumentailism 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 10.** ***BELIEF AND PREFERENCES IN CONTEXT***

14.00-14.50 Why an evidential account of preferences is not enough **Gil Hertshten** (University of California San Diego)

15.00-15.50 Interpretation, first-person authority and the corrigibility of self-ascriptions of beliefs **Eivind Balsvik** (University of Oslo)

*15.50-16.10 coffee break*

16.10-17.00 Epistemic context and structural explanation of belief **Ouzilou Olivier** (Aix-Marseille Université)

17.30-18.45**. Keynote speaker’s talk**: (title TBA) **Cristina Bicchieri** (University of Pennsylvania)