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# Conference on Analytical Sociology and Social Mechanisms

Faculty of Political Science and Sociology,  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**7-8 June 2010**



Departament de Sociologia  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

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## Programme

Monday, 7 June

9:00h

**Welcome**

**José A. Noguera**

GSADI, Department of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**Opening Speech**

*Analytical Sociology: Intellectual Background and Future Agenda*

**Peter Hedström**

Nuffield College, University of Oxford

Sala Actes

**A1 - B1 10:00h – 13:30h**

**Parallel sessions (coffee break 11:30h - 12:00h)**

**A1. Explanation by Mechanisms: Theoretical Issues**

Chair: **Peter Hedström** (Nuffield College, Oxford University)

Aula 1

**Making Sense of How Possibly Explanations**

**Petri Ylikoski**  
University of Tampere

**How Organization Explains:**

**The Failure of Aggregativity and Agent-Based Simulation**

**Jaakko Kuorikoski**  
University of Helsinki

**In Search for Identity: Analytical Sociology and the Macro-Micro Link**

**Christofer Edling**  
Jacobs University

**Jens Rydgren**  
Stockholm University

**Explanation by Mechanism:**

**A Heuristic Idea or a Methodological Tool?**  
**Hannu Ruonavaara**  
University of Turku

**Contextualism and Analytical Sociology:**

**Are Universal Social Concepts Possible?**  
**Fernando Aguiar**  
IESA-CSIC, SPAIN

**Analytical Sociology and the Classics**

**Radim Marada**  
Masaryk University

**B1. Social Networks, Groups, and Interaction**

Chair: **Filippo Barbera** (University of Torino)

Seminar A

**Multiple Mechanisms in Group Formation**

**Peter Abell**  
London School of Economics and Political Science

**Emergence of Homophily: A Micro-Mechanism**

**Approach**  
**Thomas Grund**  
University of Oxford

**Mobbing and Social Networks: Determinants and Consequences of Negative Relationships in Organizations**

**Daive Barrera**  
ICS/Utrecht University

**Massimo Follis**  
Università degli Studi di Torino

**Opinion Environments and the Dynamics of Political Discussion: Mechanisms Driving**

**Participation in Ideologically Aligned Debates**  
**Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon**

University of Oxford  
**Meredith Rolfe**  
University of Oxford

**Social Infra-Structures and Network Structure Evolution: Team Assembly Mechanisms in an Emerging Academic Field**

**Duncan A. Robertson**  
Warwick Business School

**François H. Collet**  
ESADE Business School

**Multi-Agent Simulation of a Network Protocol for the Production of Step-Level Public Goods**

**Francisco J. León**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Universitat de Girona

**Francisco J. Miguel**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**Vanessa Alcaide**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Universitat de Barcelona

13:30h Lunch

Seminar H

**A2 - B2 15:00h – 18:30h**

**Parallel sessions (coffee break 16:30h - 17:00h)**

**A2. Experimental Sociology, Rationality, and Norms**

Chair: **Petri Ylikoski** (University of Tampere)

Aula 1

**Scanning the Humean Brain: The Neural Basis of Social Conventions and Norms**

**Francesco Guala**  
University of Milan

**Tim Hodgson**  
University of Exeter

**Decision Rules in Multilateral Bargaining**

**Luis Miller**  
University of Oxford

**Christoph Vanberg**  
University of Heidelberg

**Ethnic Discrimination in the German Housing Market. A Field Experiment on the Underlying Mechanisms**

**Clemens Kroneberg**  
University of Mannheim

**Gilligan Revisited. An Experimental Study of Sex Differences in Moral Reasoning and Empathy**

**Ana Leon-Mejía**  
Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona and Spanish Council for Scientific Research

**The Informative Power of Law: An Experimental Test**

**Jordi Tena Sánchez**  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**B2. Trust, Reputation, and Social Capital**

Chair: **Sandra González-Bailón** (OII, University of Oxford)

Seminar A

**Trust and Career Chances: An Empirical Study of the Effect of Trust on Pursuing Managerial Positions**

**Barbara Menara**  
Institute for Social and Economic Research – University of Essex

**The Effect of Ethnic Diversity and Community Disadvantage on Social Cohesion, and the Intervening Role of Social Networks: A Multi-Level Analysis of Social Capital and Interethnic Relations in UK Communities**

**James Laurence**  
Oxford University

**An Analytical Perspective on Reputation: Concept, Formation Mechanisms and Implications for Institutional Design in Principal-Agent Relationships**

**Mauricio García Ojeda**  
Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona / Universidad de la Frontera, Chile

**Income Inequality and Generalized Trust – the Effect and the Cause?**

**Jani Erola**  
University of Turku  
**Antti Kouvo**  
University of Turku

# Conference on Analytical Sociology and Social Mechanisms

Tuesday, 8 June

**A3 - B3** 10:00h – 13:30h

Parallel sessions (coffee break 11:30h - 12:00h - Seminar A)

## A3. Pro-Social Motivations and Preferences

Chair: **Luis Miller** (CESS, University of Oxford)

Aula 1

### Feeling Cooperation

**Andrés de Francisco**

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

### An Integrative Theory of Action Applied: Explaining the Rescue of Jews in WWII

**Clemens Kroneberg**,

University of Mannheim

### How Much do you Want to Pay? Pro-Social Motivations, Reciprocity and Self-Interest in El Trato

**Francisco J. León Medina**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**José A. Noguera**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

**Jordi Tena Sánchez**

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

### The Dynamics of Charitable Giving

**Stéphane Reissfelder**

Oxford University

## B3. Social Conflict and Violence

Chair: **Gianluca Manzo** (CNRS-GEMAS, University of Paris IV – Sorbonne)

Seminar A

### Mechanisms of Conflict Escalation

**Martin Neumann**

RWTH Aachen University

**Thomas Kron**

RWTH Aachen University

### Ethnic Composition and the Extreme Right: A Multilevel Spatial Analysis of Membership in the British National Party

**Michael Biggs**

University of Oxford

**Steve Knauus**

Binghamton University

### Variations in Violence: What Explains Why Some Towns are Peaceful, Others Not? A Focus on Gujarat and the 1990-93 and 2002 Waves of Hindu-Muslim Violence

**Raheel Dhattiwala**

University of Oxford

### How Norms Can Generate Conflict

**Fabian Winter**

IMPRS Uncertainty, Max-Planck-Institute of Economics, Germany

**Heiko Rauhut**

ETH Zürich

**Dirk Helbing**

ETH Zürich

### 'It's the Rationality, Stupid!' The Dynamic of Property Riots and Looting in a Context of Natural Disasters

**Mauricio Salgado**

University of Surrey

13:30h Lunch

Seminar H

**A4 - B4** 15:00h – 18:30h

Parallel sessions (coffee break 16:30h - 17:00h)

## A4. Social Mechanisms and Survey Data Sets

Chair: **Thomas Grund** (Nuffield College, University of Oxford)

Aula 1

### Social Origins and Tracking in Italian Upper Secondary Education: an Empirical-Calibrated Agent-Based Model

**Gianluca Manzo**

University of Paris IV-Sorbonne

**Carlo Barone**

University of Trento

### Embedded Investments: The Case of Gender-Differences in Post-Schooling Skill Investments

**Javier G. Polavieja**

IMDEA · Social Sciences, Madrid

### Testing Social Mechanisms in Cross-National Research: A Systematic Literature Review of the European Social Survey

**Cláudia Abreu Lopes**

London School of Economics and Political Science

### Endogenous Shocks and Exogenous Recovery. A Behavioural Model of Income and Happiness

**Jon Fahlander**

University of Oxford

### Is European Parliament an Elitist Institution? Sociological Aspects Regarding the Recruitment of European Political Elite (Romanian Case)

**Corina Barbaros**

University AL. I. Cuza, Iasi, Romania

## B4. Social Evolution, Learning, and Innovation

Chair: **David Casassas** (GSADI, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Seminar A

### Rationality and Evolution

**Tamás Meleghy**

Innsbruck University

**Heinz-Jürgen Niedenzu**

Innsbruck University

### Learning to Be Satisfied with the Status Quo

**Jerker Denrell**

University of Oxford

**Gaël Le Mens**

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

### A Micro Perspective on an Institutional Innovation Process. Exploring the Participation of Actors Through the DBO Model

**Sandro Busso**

University of Turin

18:30h

Aula 1

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Farewell

## Scientific Committee

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Line **Barcelona/Sabadell S2** or **Barcelona/Universitat Autònoma S55**, from Pl. Catalunya, Provença, Gràcia, Sant Gervasi, Muntaner, La Bonanova, Les Tres Torres and/or Sarrià stations to **Universitat Autònoma station**.

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