

Social Mechanisms

Conference to be held at The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, June 6-7, 1996*

Thursday, June 6

- 09.00 The conference opens. Room: Sessionssalen.
- 09.15 Peter Hedström and Richard Swedberg (Stockholm University, Sociology), "Social Mechanisms: Their Theoretical Status and Use in Sociology". Commentator: Aage Sørensen (Harvard University)
- 10.00 Jon Elster (Columbia University, Political Science), "A Plea for Mechanisms". Commentator: Arthur Stinchcombe (Northwestern University)
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 Mario Bunge (McGill University, Philosophy of Science), "Mechanisms and Explanation". Commentator: Charles Tilly (Columbia University)
- 12.00 Lunch at Klubbvillan.
- 13.45 Thomas Schelling (University of Maryland, Economics), "Feedbackloops and Differential Equations". Commentator: Gudmund Hernes (Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Norway)
- 14.30 Tyler Cowen (George Mason University, Economics), "Do Economists Use Social Mechanisms to Explain?". Commentator: Assar Lindbeck (Stockholm University)
- 15.15 Coffee
- 15.45 Timur Kuran (University of Southern California, Economics), "Social Mechanisms
-16.30 of Dissonance Reduction". Commentator: Andrew Abbott (University of Chicago)
- 19.00 Dinner at Norrlands Bar & Grill. Address: Norrlandsgatan 24.

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Friday, June 7

Please observe that during the second day of the conference there will be two parallel sessions.

Group 1. Presider: Peter Hedström. Room: Dahlénsalen

09.00 Andrew Abbott (University of Chicago, Sociology), "Mechanisms and Relations".
Commentator: Jon Elster (Columbia University)

09.45 Michael Hannan (Stanford University, Sociology), "Selection Mechanisms: Organizations and Other Corporate Actors". Commentator: Ole-Jørgen Skog (Oslo University)

10.30 Coffee

11.00 Arthur Stinchcombe (Northwestern University, Sociology), "Monopolistic Competition as a Mechanism: Corporations, Universities, and Nations in Competitive Fields". Commentator: Tyler Cowen (George Mason University)

11.45 Lunch at Klubbvillan

13.30 Daniel Klein (University of California at Irvine, Economics), "Coordination Differentiated: Emergent Order versus Spontaneous Order". Commentator: Thomas Schelling (Maryland University)

14.15 Axel van den Berg (McGill University, Sociology), "Is Sociological Theory too Grand for Mechanisms?" Commentator: Lars Udéhn (Uppsala University)

15.00 Coffee

15.30 Diego Gambetta (Oxford University, Sociology), "Mechanisms as Elementary Behavioral Principles: A Case from Educational Decisions". Commentator: Robert Erikson (Stockholm University)

Group 2. Presider: Richard Swedberg. Room: Sessionssalen

- 09.00 Gudmund Hernes (Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Norway), "Learning by Doing".
Commentator: Timur Kuran (University of Southern California)
- 09.45 Peter Marsden (Harvard University, Sociology), "Social Mechanisms in Network Models".
Commentator: Ronald Burt (University of Chicago)
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Aage Sørensen (Harvard University, Sociology), "Social Mechanisms and Their Bearing on Empirical Research". Commentator: Mario Bunge (McGill University)
- 11.45 Lunch at Klubbvillan
- 13.30 Ronald Burt (University of Chicago, Sociology), "Mechanisms of Contagion".
Commentator: Trond Petersen (University of California at Berkeley)
- 14.15 Charles Tilly (Columbia University, Sociology), "Mechanisms of Inequality".
Commentator: Walter Korpi (Stockholm University)
- 15.00 Coffee
- 15.30 Michael Hechter (Oxford University, Sociology), "The Mechanisms of Nationalism".
-16.15 Commentator: Göran Ahrne (Stockholm University)