

Program for Nuffield Workshop on Mechanisms and Analytical Sociology, April 18 and 19 2008. Venue: Senior Common Room, Nuffield College.

Friday April 18	
9:30 – 9:45	Peter Hedström, Nuffield College: <i>What is analytical sociology all about?</i>
9:50 – 10:20	Petri Ylikoski, University of Helsinki: <i>Social mechanisms and the illusion of understanding.</i>
10:20 – 10:35	Discussion.
10:40 – 11:10	Michael Schmidt, Universität der Bundeswehr München: <i>The problem of aggregation in mechanistic explanations.</i>
11:10 – 11:25	Discussion.
11:30 – 12:00	José Antonio Noguera, Autonomous University of Barcelona: <i>The naked emperors of social theory.</i>
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion.
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch.
13:30 – 14:00	Uskali Mäki, University of Helsinki: <i>How the realist uses unrealistic assumptions to access the social world.</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Discussion.
14:20 – 14:50	Peter Abell, London School of Economics: <i>Balance and groups.</i>
14:50 – 15:05	Discussion.
15:05 – 15:30	Coffee.
15:30 – 16:00	Clemens Kroneberg, University of Mannheim: <i>The diversity and unity of analytical sociology: On the importance of different theories of action.</i>
16:00 – 16:15	Discussion.
16:20 – 16:50	Filippo Barbera, University of Turin: <i>Analytical sociology and social structure.</i>
16:50 – 17:05	Discussion.
19:00 –	Dinner.

Saturday April 19	
9:30 – 10:00	Diego Gambetta, Nuffield College: <i>Self-harm as a signal.</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Discussion.
10:20 – 10:50	Michael Biggs, University of Oxford: <i>The diffusion of self-immolation as a protest tactic.</i>
10:50 – 11:05	Discussion.
11:05 – 11:20	Coffee.
11:20 – 11:50	P.O. Wikström, University of Cambridge: <i>Explaining moral action and crime. A situational action theory.</i>
11:50 – 12:05	Discussion.
12:10 – 12:40	Andreas Diekmann, ETH Zurich: <i>The evolution of cooperation and institutional rules on anonymous markets.</i>
12:40 – 12:55	Discussion.
12:55 – 14:15	Lunch.
14:15 – 14:45	Hartmut Esser, University of Mannheim: <i>Assimilation, ethnic stratification, and ethnic pluralism.</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Discussion.
15:05 – 15:35	Andrea Maurer, Universität der Bundeswehr München: <i>Authority: A social mechanism with effects.</i>
15:35 – 15:50	Discussion.
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee.
16:10 – 16:40	Pierre Demeulenaere, Sorbonne: <i>What is the meaning of 'cost' and 'benefit' in cost-benefit analysis?</i>
16:40 – 16:55	Discussion.
17:00 – 17:30	Rafael Wittek, University of Groningen: <i>The interplay between trust and job satisfaction.</i>
17:30 – 17:45	Discussion.