

# **Context and the Evolution of Mechanisms for Solving Collective Action Problems**

Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3, 2009  
Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis  
513 North Park Avenue  
Indiana University Bloomington

## **Conference Co-Organizers:**

Oliver Goodenough, Law, Vermont Law School

Monika Gruter Cheney, Gruter Institute

Elinor Ostrom, Political Science, Indiana University Bloomington

Peter J. Richerson, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, University of California, Davis

Vernon Smith, Economics and Law, Chapman University

Jeffrey Stake, Law, Indiana University Bloomington

All sessions will take place in the Tocqueville Room at the Workshop

## **Conference Sponsors:**

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## **Confirmed Participants**

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Rick Wilson

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## **Observers (Ph.D. Candidates)**

Esther Blanco

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**Arrival Day: Thursday, April 30**

6:30 p.m. Casual Dinner at Siam House, 430 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bloomington

**Day One: Friday, May 1**  
**Chair: Monika Gruter Cheney**

7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Workshop

8:30-9:30 a.m. Session 1

Lead Off Talk: Frans de Waal: "Prosocial Primates: Empathy, Reciprocity and Cooperation in Monkeys and Apes"

9:30-10:30 a.m. Roundtable 1 (papers presented, 5-10 pages, presenters someone other than authors)

Paper by TK Ahn and John Scholz, "Co-evolution of Networks and Cooperation: An Experimental Study," Presented by James Walker. Comment by TK Ahn and John Scholz.

Paper by Marco Janssen, "Crafting Institutions of Social-Ecological Systems in the Lab," Presented by Maria Claudia Lopez Perez. Comment by Marco Janssen.

Paper by Rob Kurzban, "Adaptationist Punishment in Humans," Presented by Simon Levin. Comment by Rob Kurzban.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

**Chair: Jeffrey Stake**

10:45 -12:15 p.m. Continue Roundtable 1 Discussion

12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break at Workshop

1:30-2:30 p.m. Session 2

**Chair: Peter J. Richerson**

Lead off Talk: Vernon Smith and Steve Gjerstad: "On Two Forms of Rationality: Constructivist and Ecological" (Skype meeting, we are calling from Workshop)

2:30-3:30 p.m. Roundtable 2 (papers presented, 5-10 pages, presenters someone other than authors)

Paper by Franz Weissing: "Causes and consequences of individual variation in behavior" Presented by Marco Janssen. Comment by Franz Weissing.

Paper by Paul Zak: "Empathy and Collective Action," Presented by Elinor Ostrom. Comment by Paul Zak.

Paper by James K. Rilling: "The Neurobiology of Cooperation and Altruism." Presented by Rick Wilson. Comment by James Rilling.

3:30-3:45 p.m. Break

3:45-5:15 p.m. Continue Roundtable 2 Discussion

5:15-5:30 p.m. Closing Discussion

6:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner at Uptown Café, 102 E. Kirkwood Avenue, Bloomington

## **Day Two: Saturday, May 2**

**Chair: Elinor Ostrom**

- 7:45-8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Workshop (topics for Afternoon Session Breakout Groups posted to board)
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Session 3
- Lead Off Talk: Pete Richerson and Joe Henrich
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. Roundtable 3 (papers presented, 5-10 pages, presenters someone other than authors)
- Paper by Dan Cole, "Cost-Benefit Analysis and Collective Action," Presented by Jeff Stake. Comment by Dan Cole.
- Paper by Gregory Todd Jones, "Social Contracts and Social Networks," Presented by John Scholz. Comment by Gregory Todd Jones.
- Paper by Louis Putterman, "Sorting, Communication, and Voting in the Presence of Type Heterogeneity," Presented by Kevin McCabe. Comment by Louis Putterman.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break

**Chair: Oliver Goodenough**

- 10:45 -12:15 p.m. Continue Roundtable 3 Discussion
- 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break at Workshop
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Breakout Groups (3-5 groups, topics self-organized at Workshop)
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. Break
- 3:45-5:15 p.m. ` Overviews (breakout groups provide summary to all participants)
- 5:15-5:30 p.m. Closing Discussion
- Free evening

## **Day Three, Sunday, May 3**

- 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in Room 218, Woodburn Hall
- 8:30- 12:00 p.m. Experimental Research Roundtable: In addition to the three Roundtables on May 1 and 2, we have set aside time on Sunday morning May 3 for a discussion about experimental work that would build upon and flow from the preceding discussions.

The IU Interdisciplinary Experimental Laboratory located in Woodburn Hall (not far from the IMU) has been reserved for this Sunday morning discussion.