



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

With the
financial
support of



John S. Latsis
Public Benefit Foundation

12th Trento Summer School
Intensive course in

Evolution of Social Preferences

CEEL program in Adaptive Economic Dynamics
27 June - 08 July 2011
Trento, Italy - Hotel Villa Madruzzo



Evolution of Social Preferences

Summary of the Course

Human choices are driven not just by direct material self-interest, but also by moral sentiments such as guilt and shame, love and respect, and by the urge to help friends and to punish miscreants. Such sentiments give traction to group norms, or moral codes — our shared understanding of proper behavior. Revealed social preferences arise from the interaction of moral sentiments and group norms.

It is crucial to understand social preferences because they undergird the institutions that have always shaped our world, from ancient tribal gatherings, through classic city-states, down to our modern market, political and legal systems.

The 2011 Trento Summer School will trace the coevolution of moral sentiments, group norms and social institutions. Drawing on recent insights from biology, evolutionary psychology, moral philosophy, neuroscience and anthropology as well as experimental economics and institutional economics, the summer school lecturers will trace how

- biological evolution shaped our capacities for moral sentiments,
- cultural evolution gives content to other-regarding preferences, and
- institutions and norms co-evolve;

and will note many implications for the modern world.

The ideal candidates for the School are students from many different backgrounds.

Co-Directors of the school Dan Friedman, Santa Cruz University CA
Luigi Mittone, University of Trento

Honorary lecturer Werner Güth, Max Plank Institute, Jena

Guest lecturers Luigi Bonatti, University of Trento
Sam Bowles, Santa Fe Institute and University of Siena
Rosaria Conte, ISTC-CNR, Rome
Simon Gaechter, University of Nottingham
Ugo Pagano, University of Siena
J. Peter Richerson, University of California Davis

Program Directors Axel Leijonhufvud, UCLA and University of Trento
Enrico Zaninotto, CIFREM University of Trento

Lab Technical Assistant Marco Tecilla, University of Trento

This is the 12th of a series of intensive courses to be offered by the Computable and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL) with the financial support of John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation, an Athens-based Foundation supporting public benefit activities in Greece and abroad: www.latsis-foundation.org.

Previous intensive courses were offered in:

Computable Economics (2000): Professor Kumaraswamy Vela Velupillai of the University of Trento with guest lecture appearances by Professors Daniel Heymann, Scott Kelso and Francesco Luna.

Experimental Economics (2001): Professor Daniel Friedman of the University of California, Santa Cruz with guest lecture appearances by Professors Massimo Egidi, Peter Howitt, Steffen Huck, Rosemarie Nagel and Reinhard Selten.

Adaptive Economic Processes (2002): Professor Peter Howitt of Brown University with guest lecture appearances by Professors Masanao Aoki, Jasmina Arifovic, Robert Axtell, Richard Day and Seppo Honkapohja.

Behavioral Economics (2003): Professors Daniel Friedman of the University of California, Santa Cruz and David Laibson of Harvard with guest lecture appearances by Professors Colin Camerer, Stefano Della Vigna, Massimo Egidi, Ernst Fehr, George Loewenstein and Ulrike Malmendier.

Institutional Economics (2004): Professor Richard N. Langlois of the University of Connecticut with guest lecture appearances by Professors Meir Kohn, Ugo Pagano, Scott E. Page, Nicolaas J. Vriend, Enrico Zaninotto, Junfu Zhang.

Evolutionary Economic Dynamics (2005): Professors Ken Binmore of the University College, London and Larry Samuelson of the University of Wisconsin with guest lecture appearances by Professors Giovanni Dosi, Dan Friedman, Peter Howitt, Axel Leijonhufvud and Richard Nelson.

Agent-Based Computational Economics (2006): Professors Leigh Tesfatsion, Iowa State University and Robert Axtell, The Brookings Institution, with guest lecturer appearances by Professors John Duffy, Dan Friedman, Mauro Gallegati, Herbert Gintis, Peter Howitt and Axel Leijonhufvud.

Agent-Based Finance (2007): Professors Cars Hommes, University of Amsterdam and Thomas Lux, University of Kiel, with guest lecturer appearances by Professors Jasmina Arifovic, Attilio Stella, Doyne Farmer, Klaus Rainer Schenk-Hoppè and Shyam Sunder.

Financial Instability and Crises (2008): Professors Domenico Delli Gatti, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano and Mauro Gallegati, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona, with guest lecturer appearances by Professors Stefano Battiston, Michael Bordo, Claudio Borio, Edoardo Gaffeo, Axel Leijonhufvud, Didier Sornette, Roberto Tamborini and Gianni Toniolo.

Networks and Innovation (2009): Professors John Padgett, University of Trento and University of Chicago, Lee Fleming, Harvard Business School and Massimo Riccaboni, University of Trento, with guest lecturer appearances by Professors James Evans, Sanjeev Goyal and Fernando Vega-Redondo.

Macroeconomics and Financial Crises (2010): Professors Peter Howitt, Brown University, Daniel Heymann, University of Buenos Aires, Axel Leijonhufvud, UCLA and University of Trento, with guest lecturer appearance by Professors Michael Bordo, Rutgers University, Claudio Borio, Head of Research, Bank of International Settlements, Basel, Marcello De Cecco, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Haldane, Executive Director of Financial Stability, Bank of England, Soeren Johannsen, University of Copenhagen, Lars Jonung, Economic and Financial Directorate, European Commission, Katarina Juselius, University of Copenhagen, Werner Roeger, Economic and Financial, Directorate, European Commission and Roberto Tamborini, University of Trento.

Application Procedure

Persons interested in participating in the Summer School should fill-in the application form online and submit the following:

1. a detailed Curriculum Vitae (please mention any previous summer school or similar activity attended)
2. a two-page essay describing their interest in evolution of social preferences
3. a course transcript from their Ph.D program including advanced examinations passed
4. two letters of recommendation
5. statements about their current or projected research

The Trento Summer Schools are intended for Ph.D students and post-doctoral scholars.

The deadline for application is 15 April 2011.

Admissions decisions will be made and announced by 30 April 2011. All applicants will be informed by e-mail about the results.

Participation at the summer school is free of charge. Food and accommodation will be covered by the School (except for meals during the weekend 2 and 3 July) and participants will have to cover travel expenses. Note: in order to be admitted students are required to attend the entire two weeks of the school.

A limited amount of grants are available for applicants from outside Western and Northern Europe and North America. A request of grant together with the motivational letter should be submitted together with the application.

Lessons will begin on Monday 27 June 2011 in the morning (Sunday evening: social dinner) and will end on Friday 08 July 2011 at 13.00. Participants are expected to arrive on Sunday 26 June 2011 in the afternoon and leave on Friday 08 July 2011 in the afternoon (or Saturday morning by 10.00).

For logistical questions and application forms please contact the Summer School secretary at ccschool@economia.unitn.it or consult our web page at

www-ceel.economia.unitn.it



Computable and Experimental Economics Laboratory (CEEL)

Dipartimento di Economia
Università degli Studi di Trento
Via Inama 5, 38122 Trento (ITALY)
