

Workshop 7: Masterclasses: Sustainable Cooperation Overview

This workshop consists of lectures and masterclasses. During the masterclasses, the lecturers discuss selected questions about their work, prepared by the participants, and reflect on the implications for the study of sustainable cooperation. Topics of the lectures and masterclasses, as well as lecturers change each year.

Workshop 8: Analytical Strategy I: Bridging the Macro-Micro Divide

Though research on cooperation has flourished during the past two decades, a major shortcoming of current explanations in the humanities and the social and behavioral sciences is that there is a disconnect and little co-creation between the different literatures. This holds in particular with regard to a gap between institutional approaches interested in macro-level societal processes and outcomes, and micro-level approaches adopting individual level behavioral theories to explain cooperation. Second, comparatively little attention has been paid to the question of what makes cooperation sustainable. This is reflected in the analytical scope of the dominant frameworks applied in the science of cooperation, with most of them focusing on what gets cooperation going, but being ill-equipped to capture and theorize problems of cooperation decay.

This course day presents an analytical strategy to link the macro- and the micro-level. In this social mechanism approach, institutional context conditions are linked to behavioral level processes in three analytical steps, specifying, respectively, a situational, an action-generating, and an aggregation mechanism. Case examples will be used to illustrate this analytical strategy, and participants will apply it to their own projects.

Workshop 9: Analytical Strategy II: The Meso Level -Resilience and dynamics of institutions for collective action

In this workshop, students will focus on the role of meso-level cooperation for their own project. Specifically, they will be able to identify the different kinds of value creation, dilemmas and threats that are present in families, communities and organizations and conceptualize cooperation at a more abstract level, e.g. at the level of a society, cooperative arrangements between groups or categories of societal stakeholders. In addition, students will get an overview of the theories explaining variation in cooperation and value creation at the meso-level.



Work package meetings: Applications I: Synthesis and Sustainable Value Creation in Care, Inclusion and Work

The work package meetings reflect on how the progress made in the individual projects relates to answering the overarching questions of the challenge of which it is part. At the same time, the meetings serve to sharpen the key questions in the challenge, and facilitate exchange of ideas. Work package meetings are also a major tool to realize SCOOP's ambition for achieving theoretical and empirical synthesis. Discussing different theoretical frameworks as they are used in the individual projects contributes to identify and disentangle the underlying key mechanisms.