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Strategies for Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe



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ELITE MASTER'S PROGRAM
Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures

Joint-Workshop IKGf & SDAC
June 3rd – 4th, 2019

Rethinking interdisciplinary approaches to decision-making: Choice, culture, and context

The academic study of decision-making provides a highly interdisciplinary field that incorporates research from a variety of disciplines, including, but not limited to, branches of behavioral economics, political science, economic anthropology, business management, and social and cultural anthropology. At the moment, the Elite Master's Program "Standards of Decision-Making Across Cultures" (SDAC) is hoping to broaden its disciplinary horizons by opening a discourse exploring different cultural approaches to decision-making processes, which we will contextualize within the program's emerging theoretical perspective. Drawing from the IKGf's comprehensive experience in studying issues related to modes of prognostication, as well as the relationship between prognostication and forms of goal-oriented behavior, the SDAC and IKGf will jointly host a workshop on the 3rd through the 4th of June 2019 titled "Rethinking interdisciplinary approaches to decision-making: Choice, culture, and context".

One of the workshop's primary goals will be to address the complexity of the term 'decision-making' itself and explore its variable usage across the disciplines represented by the workshop participants. Additionally, the scope of the workshop will include questions of intercultural rationality, time as an aspect of decision making, and the comparative cultural dynamics of different decision-making processes.

In order to catalyze a shared conversation on the subject, in addition to their principal presentation, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What is your disciplinary understanding of decision-making?
- Is your understanding of decision-making linked to broader discourses on rationality, ethics, or free will? If so, how?
- In what way is your research relevant to the concept of decision-making?
- Is the study of theoretical and material decision-making tools or processes relevant in your research?

At the participants' discretion, selected submissions to the workshop proceedings will be published in an edited volume.



Venue

International Consortium for Research in the Humanities (IKGF) "Fate, Freedom and Prognostication. Strategies for Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe," Hartmannstr. 14, 91052 Erlangen.

Monday, 3 June 2019

9:00 *Welcome of participants*

9:15 **Prof. Michael Lackner**
Opening remarks

Morning Session

Chair: Prof. Michael Lackner

9:30 **Prof. Klaus Hock**
Power and Destiny: Decision-Making Between Agency and Contingency. Perspectives from Religious Studies.

10:15 **Dr. Esther-Maria Guggenmos**
„Decision-making“ and religious studies - A fruitful endeavor?

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **Prof. Alexander Smith**
Through a glass darkly: the specter of 'savage thought' in social anthropology

12:15 **Dr. Christof Niederwieser**
Decision-Making in Human Resource Management: Science or Superstition?

13:00 *Lunch break*

Afternoon Session

Chair: Prof. Stephanie Homola

14:00 **Prof. Aida Bosch**
Decision Making – The Pitfalls of Rational Organization Theory

14:45 **Anna Schneider**
“Fighting tunnel vision: working around biased information processes”

15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00 **Yasmine Nawar**
Two Shades of Blackness: The Impact of Double Consciousness on Collective Decision-Making in African American Sports Activism

16:45 **Sven Grundmann**
Concepts of decision-making in Political Science in an interdisciplinary perspective



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Tuesday, 4 June 2019

9:00 *Welcome of participants*

Morning Session

Chair: Prof. Alexander Smith

9:15 **Prof. Robert Lafleur**

The Emperor's teacher: decision-making in the world's greatest empire

10:00 **Prof. Stephanie Homola**

Categorizing and selecting: modular counting procedures in decision-making processes

10:45 *Coffee break*

11:15 **Dr. Dimitri Drettas**

Unclogging strategies: the challenges of establishing sinology-based heuristics

12:00 **Dr. Martina Gottwald-Belinic**

Decision making processes and cultural values in China: rethinking approaches with social media application

12:45 *Lunch break*

13:45 – 15:00 Discussion of workshop proceedings

18:15 Keynote lecture by **Prof. Joachim Gentz**