

Course structure & indicative readings

OSUN Summer School 2024, Budapest

The Human Mind and the Open Society

Course Structure

The course will have four main themes: *Political thinking & inequality; Moral cognition & the rule of law; Deliberation, trust & the public sphere; Cooperation at micro & macro scales*. We will survey research on the cognitive and evolutionary basis of each theme, and explore potential policy implications.

Each theme will include two guest faculty, and will consist of:

- One ‘outside the box’ session: An informal introduction to each new theme, opening up the major issues and questions for students of diverse disciplinary backgrounds. These sessions will be varied in format.
- Traditional lectures
- Guest faculty seminars
- Course director seminar
- Extended public dialogues with guest faculty, moderated by course directors

Indicative Readings

Below are **indicative readings**. *This is not a final reading list*. Rather, it is indicative of the kind and range of themes that the course shall cover.

A formal reading list will be made available to enrolled students before the summer school.

General

- Lilla, M., & Ignatieff, M. (2018). Open society as an oxymoron: A conversation between Mark Lilla & Michael Ignatieff. In: M. Ignatieff & S. Roch (Eds.), *Rethinking Open Society: New Adversaries & New Opportunities* (pp. 19-30). CEU Press.
- Sheehy-Skeffington, J. (2016). Human nature in society. *British Academy Review*, 28.
- Popper, K. (1988). The open society and its enemies revisited. *The Economist*, 23, 19-22.
- Scott-Phillips, T. (2023). Human nature & the open society. In: C. Royer & L. Matei (Eds.), *Open Society Unresolved: The Contemporary Relevance of a Contested Idea* (pp. 23-37). CEU Press.
- Szegőfi, Á., & Heintz, C. (2022). Institutions of epistemic vigilance: The case of the press. *Social Epistemology*, 36(5), 613-628.

Political thinking & inequality (Nettle; Sheehy-Skeffington)

- de Courson, B., & Nettle, D. (2021). Why do inequality and deprivation produce high crime and low trust? *Scientific reports*, *11*(1), 1937.
- Waldfogel, H., Sheehy-Skeffington, J., Hauser, O., Ho, A. K., & Kteily, N. S. (2021). Ideology selectively shapes attention to inequality. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *118*(14) e2023985118.
- von Rueden, C. (2020). Making and unmaking egalitarianism in small-scale human societies. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, *33*, 167-171.
- Shibuya, H. (2014). Piketty, inequality, and noblesse oblige. Manuscript (available online).

Moral cognition & the rule of law (DeScioli; Prochownik)

- Bor, A., Mazepus, H., Bokemper, S. E., & DeScioli, P. (2021). When should the majority rule? Experimental evidence for Madisonian judgments in five cultures. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *8*, 41-50.
- DeScioli, P. (2023). On the origin of laws by natural selection. *Evolution & Human Behavior*, *44*, 195-209.
- Engelmann, N., Almeida, G., Sousa, F. O. D., Prochownik, K., Hannikainen, I., Struchiner, N., & Magen, S. (2023). Is there a duty to apply immoral laws? (Preprint, available online.)
- Prochownik, K. M. (2021). The experimental philosophy of law: New ways, old questions, and how not to get lost. *Philosophy Compass*, *16*(12), e12791.

Deliberation, trust & the public sphere (Umbres; Williams)

- Dryzek, J. S., Bächtiger, A., Chambers, S., Cohen, J., Druckman, J. N., Felicetti, A., Fishkin, J. S., Farrell, D. M., Fung, A., Gutmann, A., Landemore, H., Mansbridge, J., Marien, S., Neblo, M. A., Niemeyer, S., Setälä, M., Slothuus, R., Suiter, J., Thompson, D., & Warren, M. E. (2019). The crisis of democracy and the science of deliberation. *Science*, *363*(6432), 1144-1146.
- Mercier, H., & Landemore, H. (2012). Reasoning is for arguing: Understanding the successes and failures of deliberation. *Political Psychology*, *33*(2), 243-258.
- Umbreş, R. (2022). Chapter 1 ('The deep play of tavern distrust') in: *Living With Distrust: Morality & Cooperation in a Romanian Village*. OUP.
- Williams, D. (2023). The marketplace of rationalizations. *Economics & Philosophy*, *39*(1), 99-123.

Cooperation at micro & macro scales (Sebanz; +1 TBA)

- Hindriks, F., & Guala, F. (2021). The functions of institutions: Etiology and teleology. *Synthese*, *198*(3), 2027-2043.
- Glowacki, L., & Lew-Levy, S. (2022). How small-scale societies achieve large-scale cooperation. *Current Opinion in Psychology*, *44*, 44-48.
- Lo Iacono, S., Przepiorka, W., Buskens, V., Corten, R., van Assen, M., & van de Rijt, A. (2023). The competitive advantage of sanctioning institutions revisited: A multilab replication. *PNAS Nexus*, *2*(5), pgad091.
- Sebanz, N., & Knoblich, G. (2021). Progress in joint-action research. *Current Directions in Psychological Science*, *30*(2), 138-143.