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PHILOSOPHY OF PREFERENCES

The concept of preferences is fundamental to the social sciences, especially economics and decision theory. Here preferences play both a descriptive and normative role. Preferences are key to explanation and to evaluation of individual and collective action. The purpose of this course is to examine and discuss the concept of preference, the relationship of preference and choice, the measurement of preference, and how preferences relate to notions of individual wellbeing and social welfare.

Prof. Roberto Fumagalli is Senior Lecturer in Political Economy and Philosophy and Director of Public Policy Program, King's College London. His research interests cover a wide range of areas, including philosophy of economics, philosophy of science, moral and political philosophy, philosophy and public policy. Fumagalli has published articles in *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Economics and Philosophy*, *Biology and Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Theory and Decision*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, the *Journal of Social Philosophy*, the *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Moral Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, *Studia Leibnitiana*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* and the *Journal of Economic Methodology*. He has given more than 140 talks at conferences and workshops around the world and is also research associate at the London School of Economics (since 2011) and visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania (since 2013) and has also been visiting scholar at the Finnish Centre for Excellence in Helsinki (2013), the University of California San Diego (2014), the Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy (2015), the University of Oxford (Blackfriars Hall and Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics, 2021) and New York University (2024).

JULY 01 - 05

PROF. PETER GRAJZL, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

COMPUTATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS

Machine learning (ML) and associated computational advances have opened entirely new avenues for processing and analyzing large datasets, especially those containing text. Drawing on pre-19th century England and related historical contexts, this applied course explores how the combined use of ML and conventional econometrics can facilitate new quantitative insights into the origins, change, and impact of institutions and culture. The applicable models, algorithms, and routines will be introduced intuitively as a means of addressing specific empirical problems or answering pertinent research questions. The course will alternate between lectures, in-class discussions of assigned readings, and shorter hands-on empirical exercises. Course participants are expected to possess a basic understanding of statistics, but there is no requirement of prior exposure to either ML or advanced econometrics.

Peter Grajzl is John F. Hendon Professor of Economics at Washington and Lee University, a CESifo Research Network Fellow, and a non-resident visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 2005 and taught at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, between 2005 and 2009. His research interests lie in comparative institutional economics, law and economics, and political economy. He has published on a wide range of topics related to the emergence, functioning, and impact of various legal, political, and economic institutions, as well as cultural beliefs, in multiple parts of the world.

Materials and Housing

Reading materials will be made accessible free of charge online. Please note that Universität Hamburg cannot assist participants in finding accommodation and financial support to attend the Summer School.

Applications

The Summer School provides a seminar atmosphere with groups not larger than 25 participants. Therefore, the number of places for each course is limited. The courses are free of charge and open to doctoral researchers only. Doctoral researchers can apply for the whole Summer School as well as for only one course in the program. To apply, please use the online form <https://t1p.de/wgpxk>
Application deadline is **April 25**.

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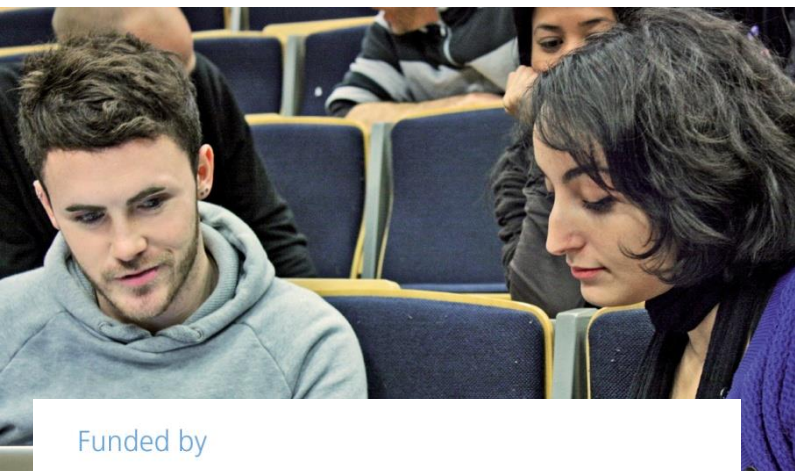
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Graduate Program Collective Decision-Making

The graduate program “Collective Decision-Making” is offered by the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Humanities and it is funded by the DFG. The interdisciplinary program brings together researchers from economics, philosophy and political science to investigate new questions relating to election procedures, complex deliberative and multilevel decision-making procedures, and the formation of institutions. The research program seeks to advance the knowledge of collective decision-making by going beyond the traditional methodological frameworks of one discipline.

For more information, please visit www.uni-hamburg.de/cdm



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