

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.

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Joint-Workshop IKGF & SDAC

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Monday, June 3

9:00 am *Welcome of participants*

9:15 am **Opening remarks**
Prof. Michael Lackner (IKGF, FAU)

Morning Session
Chair: Prof. Michael Lackner

9:30 am **Power and Destiny: Decision-Making Between Agency and Contingency. Perspectives from Religious Studies.**
Prof. Klaus Hock (University of Rostock)

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

11:00 am *Coffee break*

11:30 am **Through a glass darkly: social anthropological approaches to rationality**
Prof. Alexander Smith (SDAC, FAU)

12:15 pm **Decision-Making in Human Resource Management: Science or Superstition?**
Dr. Christof Niederwieser (IKGF, FAU)

1:00 pm *Lunch break*

Afternoon Session
Chair: Prof. Stéphanie Homola

2:00 pm **Decision Making – The Pitfalls of Rational Organization Theory**
Prof. Aida Bosch (Institute for Sociology/SDAC, FAU) and Prof. Markus Promberger (IAB, FAU)

2:45 pm **Between agency and structure. Sociological approaches to decision-making**
Anna Schneider (SDAC, FAU)

3:30 pm *Coffee break*

4:00 pm **Two Shades of Blackness: The Impact of Double Consciousness on Collective Decision-Making in African American Sports Activism**
Yasmine Nawar (SDAC, FAU)

4:45 pm **Concepts of decision-making in Political Science in an interdisciplinary perspective**
Sven Grundmann (SDAC, FAU)

Tuesday, June 4

9:00 am *Welcome of participants*

Morning Session
Chair: Prof. Alexander Smith

9:15 am **The Emperor's teacher: decision-making in the world's greatest empire**
Prof. Robert LaFleur (Beloit College/SDAC, FAU)

10:00 am **Categorizing and selecting: modular counting procedures in decision-making processes**
Prof. Stéphanie Homola (SDAC, FAU)

10:45 am *Coffee break*

11:15 am **Unclogging strategies: the challenges of establishing sinology-based heuristics**
Dr. Dimitri Drettas (SDAC, FAU)

12:00 pm **Decision making processes and cultural values in China: rethinking approaches with social media application**
Dr. Martina Gottwald-Belinic (SDAC, FAU)

12:45 pm *Lunch break*

1:45 - 3:00 pm **Discussion of workshop proceedings**

6:15 pm Keynote lecture
Foundations of Decision-Making: Liberties, Liabilities, and Lies
Prof. Joachim Gentz (IKGF Advisory Board Member, The University of Edinburgh)



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