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**Economic Futures: Imaginaries,
Narratives and Calculation**
Joint Workshop | March 17–18, 2016
Program



Thursday, March 17

9 a.m. Welcome
Jens Beckert, Richard Bronk

Sessions – Group 1: Decision-Making in Uncertainty: How Narratives Shape Expectations and Behavior

9:15 a.m. Bread and Bullets
Dennis Snower (George Akerlof)
Commentator: Jens Beckert

10:15 a.m. Coffee

10:30 a.m. Arctic Futures: Scenario Crafting, Heritage and Nation Branding in the Shaping of the Arctic
Jenny Andersson
Commentator: Werner Reichmann

11:30 a.m. Decision-Making in Complex Adaptive Systems
Magda Fontana
Commentator: Richard Bronk

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Sessions – Group 2: Consensus Narratives and Shared Rules: Coordinating or Destabilizing the Unknown Future?

1:30 p.m. The Interactional Foundation of Economic Futures
Werner Reichmann
Commentator: Liliana Doganova

2:30 a.m. Tractable Future: The Operation of Monetary Policy as Performative Narratives
Douglas R. Holmes
Commentator: Richard Bronk

3:30 p.m. Coffee

4 p.m. Uncertainty and the Dangers of Monocultures in Regulation, Analysis and Practice
Richard Bronk, Wade Jacoby
Commentator: Dennis Snower

5 p.m. (De)valuing the Future: A Historical Sociology of Discounted Cash Flow Analysis
Liliana Doganova
Commentator: Martin Giraudeau

7:30 p.m. Dinner

Friday, March 18

Sessions – Group 3: Conviction, Attention and the Performativity of Models in Financial Markets

9 a.m. Conviction Narratives
David Tuckett
Commentator: David Stark

10 a.m. Attention Networks in Financial Markets
David Stark (Matteo Prato)
Commentator: Donald Mackenzie

11 a.m. Coffee

11:15 a.m. Predicted Uncertainty, Volatility Calculus, and the Indeterminacy of the Future
Elena Esposito
Commentator: David Tuckett

12:15 p.m. How High Frequency Trading Algorithms Predict the Future
Donald Mackenzie
Commentator: Elena Esposito

1:15 p.m. Lunch

Sessions – Group 4: The Performativity of Imagined Futures, Promising Options and Business Plans

2:15 p.m. The Performativity of Foresight
Harro van Lente
Commentator: Jenny Andersson

3:15 p.m. Coffee

3:30 p.m. Inclined Plans: On the Mechanics of Capitalism
Martin Giraudeau
Commentator: Harro van Lente

4:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks
Jens Beckert, Richard Bronk

End of the conference 5 p.m.