

Workshop on Social Mechanisms and Social Structures

September 24-25, 2010

Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), Uppsala

Friday, September 24

- 9.30 Welcome by Björn Wittrock, director of SCAS
- 9.50-12.30 Social mechanisms. The focus here is on social mechanisms and the current state of mechanism driven theorizing. The specific question we wish to ponder is how can research on social structure inform our understanding of social mechanisms?
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch at SCAS
- 14.00-17.30 Social structure. We turn the issue around and focus on recent research on social structures. We ask what social mechanisms can add to our understanding of social structure.
- 17.30 Prof. Marie-Christine Skuncke guides us through the history of Linneanum and Carl Peter Thunberg
- 20.00 Dinner at TBA

Saturday, September 25

- 10.00-13.00 Future contributions. We discuss ideas for contributions towards a joint publication on social mechanisms and social structure.
- 13.30 Lunch at TBA

The purpose of this open format workshop is to contribute to a closer connection between research on social structure and social mechanisms, and thereby advance a social theory that can be used to explain important social, political, and economic real world phenomena. The workshop is hosted by SCAS and financially supported by Riksbankens jubileumsfond (RJ).

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