

“Conventions and institutions from a historical perspective”

Workshop at the Humboldt University Berlin

(10 February 2012, location: re:work, Georgenstraße 23)

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The French approach of “économie des conventions” (economics of convention, EC) today is one of the most important strands of the new pragmatic turn in social sciences. Here the concept of convention is used to analyze different forms of collective coordination under the conditions of uncertainty, of incomplete rules and of contingent quality definitions. Conventions are pragmatic assumptions that actors make in interacting with others and they assumed these conventions to be shared in situations. Conventions evolve as solutions to problems of coordination. In a society, conventions constitute a repertory of action registers, to which the building of institutions borrows for grounding and stabilizing collective action and cognition.

Today, EC is the only institutional approach in social sciences which was developed in a real cooperation between economists, sociologists, and historians. From a historical perspective the analysis of the emergence and of the change of conventional foundations of social coordination has been proved seminal to historical research in almost three decades.

The new published special issue of the Journal Historical Social Research “Conventions and institutions from a historical perspective” (HSR Vol. 36 No 4) has collected ten contributions to this research field. This special issue of HSR assembled articles of international scholars who applied this approach to historical analysis and demonstrated the conceptual as well as the methodological potential of EC in the field of economic history.

The workshop focuses these articles. Three renowned discussants present main arguments of these published articles and sketch out critical perspectives as well as further perspectives. The authors of the articles are invited to participate at the workshop and to discuss with the interested audience.



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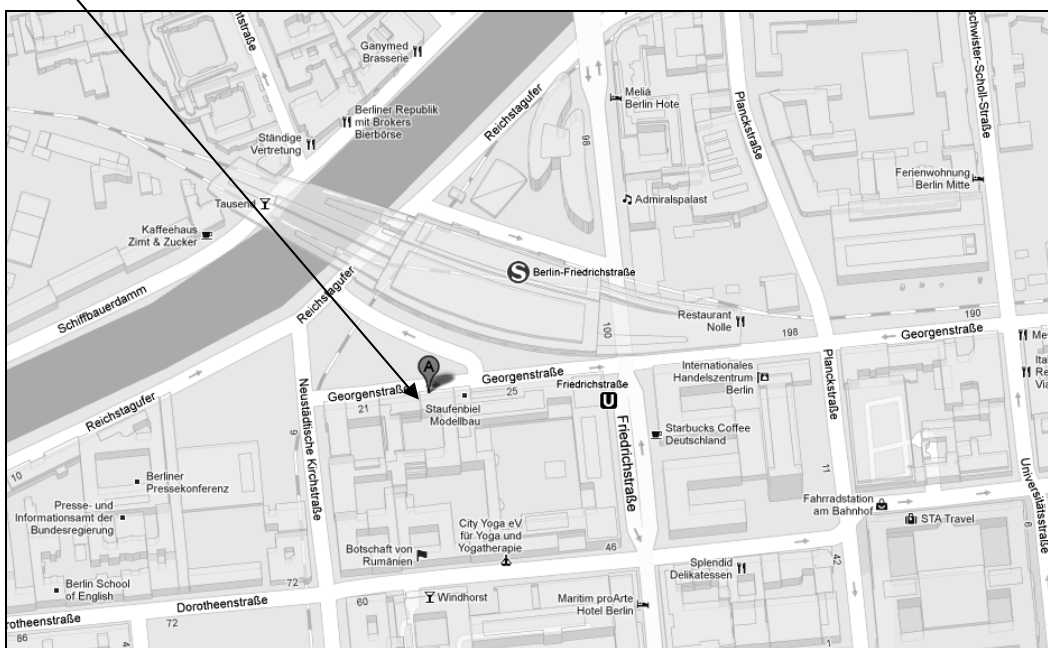
Program for 10 February 2012

9.00-9.30	<p>Welcome by Patrice Veit (Centre Marc Bloch Berlin) and Andreas Eckert (re:work Berlin)</p> <p>Introducing the workshop by Rainer Diaz-Bone (University of Lucerne) and Robert Salais (IDHE ENS Paris and Institute of Advanced Studies Nantes)</p>
9.30-11.00	<p>First session</p> <p>Discussing the papers from Rainer Diaz-Bone, Robert Salais and Laurent Thévenot (EHESS Paris)</p> <p>Chair: Denis Thouard (Centre Marc Bloch)</p> <p>Discussant: Sigrid Quack (Max Planck Institute Cologne)</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	<p>Second session</p> <p>Discussing the papers from Judde de Larivière & Georges Hanne (University of Toulouse), Bert De Munck (University of Antwerp) and Alain Desrosières (INSEE and Centre Koyré Paris)</p> <p>Chair: Noel Whiteside (University of Warwick)</p> <p>Discussant: Alessandro Stanziani (WIKO Berlin and EHESS Paris)</p>
13.00-14.30	Buffet
14.30-16.00	<p>Third session</p> <p>Discussing the papers from Christof Jeggli (University of Bamberg), Jürgen Kädtler (SOFI Göttingen) and Philippe Minard (IDHE and EHESS Paris)</p> <p>Chair: Christian Bessy (IDHE ENS Paris)</p> <p>Discussant: Alexander Nützenadel (Humboldt University and re:work Berlin)</p>
16.00-16.15	Short coffee break
16.15-17.30	<p>Roundtable with the contributors</p> <p>Chair: Michael Hutter (WZB Berlin)</p>
ca. 18.00	End

Location

The workshop will take place at “re:work” (Humboldt University Berlin) on Friday 10th of February. Address: **Georgenstraße 23, 10117 Berlin**, 6th floor. The location is very close to the Station Friedrichstraße.

re:work is located where you can find the “A” on the map.



Registration

We kindly ask you to write an email to Rainer Diaz Bone (rainer.diazbone@unilu.ch) until 6 February 2012 in order to register for the workshop. Participation is free of charge, but your participation has to be confirmed by Rainer Diaz Bone.

Hard copy ordering

If you would like to order a copy of the special issue HSR 36(4) in advance, please write to hsr@gesis.org. The price for the issue is 12 € including delivery.

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