

The Agora Conference on Free Will

Sigtuna, Sweden, 25-28 June 2017

Conference Overview

Sessions	Sunday, June 25	Monday, June 26	Tuesday, June 27	Wednesday, June 28
Breakfast		7:00-9:00	7:00-9:00	7:00-9:00
Morning		9:00-12:00 <i>Arbitrary & Deliberate Decisions</i>	9:00-11:20 <i>Prediction & Randomness</i>	9:00-11:00 <i>Neuroscience & Law</i>
			11:30-12:30 <i>Sociological Aspects</i>	11:15-12:15 <i>Concluding Discussion</i>
Lunch	12:00-15:00	12:00-13:30	12:30-13:50	12:15-13:30
Afternoon	15:00-15:15 <i>Welcome & Introduction</i>	13:30-15:30 <i>Intentionality</i>	13:50-18:15 <i>Neuroscience & Philosophy (2)</i>	
	15:15-18:10 <i>Neuroscience & Philosophy (1)</i>	16:00-17:45 <i>Causality</i>		
Dinner	18:30 Reception 19:00 Dinner	18:00-22:00 Dinner Cruise	18:30 Banquet	
Evening	20:30-21:30 <i>Poster Session</i>			

Sunday, June 25

12:00 Lunch

15:00 Welcome and Introduction by Alf Linderman, Hans Liljenström, and Uri Maoz

15:15 Neuroscience & Philosophy (1) session, Chair: Uri Maoz

15:15 Peter Århem: “Could an Amoeba Have Acted Otherwise?”

15:40 Hans Braun: “Determinism, Randomness and the Question of the Free Will”

16:05 Break

16:15 Peter van Inwagen: “What Are We Talking About When We Talk About Free Will?”

16:40 Petra Stoerig: “Free Will in the Footlights”

17:05 Break

17:15 Aku Visala: “Do Neuroscientific Models Entail Determinism?”

17:40 Neuroscientist Response—Liad Mudrik

17:50 Panel Discussion

18:10 End of Session

18:30 Reception

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Poster Session

Monday, June 26

- 09:00** *Arbitrary & Deliberate Decisions session*, Chair: Uri Maoz
- 09:00 Bjoern Brembs: “The Neurobiology of Arbitrary Decisions in Invertebrates”
- 09:25 Patrick Haggard: “New Approaches to Volition and Agency”
- 09:50 Break
- 10:00 Liad Mudrik: “Neural Precursors of Decisions That Matter—an ERP Study of Deliberate and Arbitrary Choice”
- 10:25 Anne Runehov: “Free Will, Responsibility and Moral Evil”
- 10:50 Break
- 11:00 Till Vierkant: “Do Conscious Deliberate Decisions Exist?”
- 11:25 Philosopher Response—Alfred Mele
- 11:35 Panel Discussion
- 11:55 End of Session
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 13:30** *Intentionality session*, Chair: Aaron Schurger
- 13:30 Hakan Snellman: “Consciousness and Free Will in Natural Science”
- 13:55 Hans Liljenström: “Intentionality and Decision Making – A Computational Approach”
- 14:20 Break
- 14:30 Sebo Uithol: “‘Closet Cognitivism’ and Where Our Actions Really Come From”
- 14:55 Philosopher Response—Anne Runehov
- 15:05 Panel Discussion
- 15:25 Coffee Break**
- 16:00** *Causality session*, Chair: Hans Liljenström
- 16:00 Peter Tse: “The Neural Causation Underlying Mental Causation is Criterial, not Newtonian”
- 16:25 Paavo Pyykkänen: “Free Will and Quantum Theory”
- 16:50 Break
- 16:50 Thomas Pink: “Freedom as a Power”
- 17:15 Philosopher/Neuroscientist Response—Mark Hallett
- 17:25 Panel Discussion
- 17:45 End of Session
- 18:00 Walk through town to boat**
- 19:00 Dinner Cruise**
- 22:00 Return to town**

Tuesday, June 27

- 09:00** ***Prediction & Randomness session***, Chair: Hans Braun
- 09:00 John-Dylan Haynes: “Neuroscience and free will: Beyond choice prediction”
- 09:25 Aaron Schurger: “Fifty years without free will”
- 09:50 Break
- 10:00 Uri Maoz: “Randomness, Competition, and Implicit Learning”
- 10:25 Gabriel Kreiman: “Neurons Don’t Play Dice”
- 10:50 Philosopher Response—Till Vierkant
- 11:00 Panel Discussion
- 11:20 End of Session
- 11:30** ***Sociological Aspects session***, Chair: Stephan Morse
- 11:30 Alf Linderman: “Introduction to Sociological Aspects”
- 11:40 Tom Burns: “Human Consciousness and Free Will – The Perspective of Social Systems Theory”
- 12:10 Response and Panel Discussion— Hans Liljenström
- 12:30 Lunch**
- 13:50** ***Neuroscience & Philosophy (2) session***, Chair: Petra Stoerig
- 13:50 Mark Hallett: “The Brain and Freedom”
- 14:15 Oliver Li: “‘Source Incompatibilism’ as a Viable Alternative in Relation to Scientific Research About Free Will”
- 14:40 Break
- 14:50 Walter Sinnott-Armstrong (Skype): “A Contrastivist Solution to the Problem of Mental Causation”
- 15:15 Ingrid Malm Lindberg: “C.S. Peirce and Abductive Inference: The Relation between Imagination, Neuroscience and Free Will”
- 15:40 Coffee Break**
- 16:10 Timothy O’Connor: “The Neuroscientist’s Activity and the Neuroscientific Image”
- 16:35 Alfred Mele: “Free Will and Neuroscience: On Generalising and on Souls”
- 17:00 Break
- 17:10 Pamela Hieronymi (Skype): “Four Thoughts for Neuroscience of Decision-Making”
- 17:35 Neuroscientist Response—Peter Århem
- 17:50 Panel Discussion
- 18:15 End of Session
- 18:30 Banquet**

Wednesday, June 28

- 09:00** *Neuroscience and Law session (open to the public)*, Chair: Alf Linderman
- 09:00 Michael Moore: “Neuroscience’s Epiphenomenal Challenge to Responsibility”
- 09:25 Stephen Morse: “Hope or Hype: The Promise of Law & Neuroscience”
- 09:50 Break
- 10:00 Dennis Patterson: “Proceed with Caution”
- 10:25 Neuroscientist Response—Uri Maoz
- 10:35 Panel Discussion
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Concluding Discussion** – Chair: Uri Maoz and Hans Liljenström
- 12:15 Lunch**
- 13:30 End of Conference**

