

Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics
2017 Conference Schedule in Brief
June 23-25, 2017
Columbia University
New York, NY

Program at a Glance

as of 10 May 2017

- **Friday, June 23, 2017**
 - 7:30-8:30am: Registration and Continental Breakfast
 - 8:30-10:30am: Session 1
 - 10:30-11:00am: Break
 - 11:00am-12:00pm Keynote Address – New Developments in Network Economics
 - **Matthew Jackson**, Stanford University
 - 12:00-1:00pm: Lunch
 - 1:00-2:00 pm: Poster Session (coffee and dessert available in Jerome Greene Hall)
 - 2:00-3:30pm: Session 2
 - 3:30-4:00pm: Break
 - 4:00-6:00pm: Session 3
 - 6:00-8:00pm: Cocktail Reception (Low Memorial Library Rotunda)

- **Saturday, June 24, 2017**
 - 7:30-8:30am: Continental Breakfast
 - 8:30-10:30am: Parallel Session 4
 - 10:30-11:00am: Break
 - 11:00am-12:00pm: Keynote Address - Computational Social Science: Exciting Progress and Future Challenges?
 - **Duncan Watts**, Microsoft Research and Cornell University
 - 12:00-1:30pm: Lunch
 - 1:30-3:00pm: Parallel Sessions 5
 - 3:00-3:30pm: Break
 - 3:30-5:00pm: Parallel Sessions 6
 - 5:30-6:00pm: Cocktail reception (Lerner Hall)
 - 6:00-8:30pm: Gala Dinner (Lerner Hall)
 - Presentation of Awards

- **Sunday, June 25, 2017**
 - 7:30-8:30am: Continental Breakfast
 - 8:30-10:30am: Parallel Sessions 7
 - 10:30-11:00am: Break
 - 11:00am-12:30pm: Keynote Address – Assets, Contracts, and Organizations—Past, Present, and Future – Introduction by Bernard Salanie, Chair, Department of Economics, Columbia
 - **Oliver Hart**, Harvard University and **Bengt Holmström**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Introduction by **Bernard Salanie**, Columbia University; Comments by **Robert Gibbons**, MIT and **Francine Lafontaine**, University of Michigan; Chaired by **W. Bentley Macleod**, Columbia University
 - 12:30-2:00: Lunch



About SIOE

Mission statement

The Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (formerly known as the International Society for the New Institutional Economics) promotes rigorous theoretical and empirical investigation of the nature, behavior, and governance of organizations and institutions using approaches drawn from economics, organization theory, law, political science, and other social sciences. The Society makes a special effort to encourage participation from scholars from around the world.

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History

SIOE was originally founded as *The International Society for New Institutional Economics* in 1997, shortly after the first ISNIE conference in September 1997 at Washington University in Saint Louis. The purpose of the Society was to promote rigorous theoretical and empirical investigation of the institutions of social, political and commercial life using approaches drawn from economics, organization theory, law, political science, and other social sciences. The Society was from its inception international in outlook and membership. Among its founders and early presidents were three winners of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences: Ronald Coase, Douglass North, and Oliver Williamson. Along with Lee Benham, John Drobak, Claude Ménard, and Mary Shirley, Alexandra Benham was instrumental in getting the Society up and running, and in that connection she prepared the ISNIE newsletter, which was published from 1998 to 2003 and the issues of which are archived here as a valuable resource for the history of our organization and the field.



Keynote Speakers

Oliver Hart is currently the Andrew E. Furer Professor of Economics at Harvard University, where he has taught since 1993. Hart works mainly on contract theory, the theory of the firm, corporate finance, and law and economics. His research centers on the roles that ownership structure and contractual arrangements play in the governance and boundaries of corporations. He has published a book (*Firms, Contracts, and Financial Structure*, Oxford University Press, 1995) and numerous journal articles. He has used his theoretical work on firms in two legal cases as a government expert (*Black and Decker v. U.S.A.* and *WFC Holdings Corp. (Wells Fargo) v. U.S.A.*). He is the 2016 co-recipient of the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Academy, and the American Finance Association, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and has several honorary degrees. He has been president of the American Law and Economics Association and a vice president of the American Economic Association.

Bengt Robert Holmström is the Paul A. Samuelson Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He holds a joint appointment with MIT's Sloan School of Management. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Econometric Society and the American Finance Association, and an elected foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters. He is a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (corporate finance). In 2011 he served as President of the Econometric Society. Holmström is a microeconomic theorist, best known for his research on the theory of contracting and incentives especially as applied to the theory of the firm, to corporate governance and to liquidity problems in financial crises. He received his doctoral degree from Stanford University in 1978. He was awarded the Banque de France-TSE Senior Prize in Monetary Economics and Finance in 2012, the Stephen A. Ross Prize in Financial Economics and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange – MSRI Prize for Innovative Quantitative Applications in 2013, the Distinguished CES Fellow award from CESifo, Munich, and the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel in 2016.



Matthew O. Jackson is the William D. Eberle Professor of Economics at Stanford University and an external faculty member of the Santa Fe Institute and a senior fellow of CIFAR. He received his PhD from Stanford in 1988. Jackson's research interests include game theory, microeconomic theory, and the study of social and economic networks, on which he has published many articles and the book *Social and Economic Networks*. He also teaches an online course on networks and co-teaches two others on game theory. Jackson is a Member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a Fellow of the Econometric Society, and an Economic Theory Fellow, and his other honors include the von Neumann Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, and the Social Choice and Welfare Prize.

Duncan J. Watts is a principal researcher at Microsoft Research in the NYC lab, and an AD White Professor at Large at Cornell University. Prior to joining MSR in 2012, he was from 2000-2007 a professor of Sociology at Columbia University, and then a principal research scientist at Yahoo! Research, where he directed the Human Social Dynamics group. His research on social networks and collective dynamics has appeared in a wide range of journals, from *Nature*, *Science*, and *Physical Review Letters* to the *American Journal of Sociology* and *Harvard Business Review*, and has been recognized by the 2009 German Physical Society Young Scientist Award for Socio and Econophysics, the 2013 Lagrange-CRT Foundation Prize for Complexity Science, and the 2014 Everett Rogers Prize. He is also the author of three books including *Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age* (W.W. Norton, 2003) and *Everything is Obvious: Once You Know The Answer* (Crown Business, 2011).