Institutions, broadly defined as systems of established social rules, are key factors of social life. Institutions affect economic performance and human well-being. Although the nature and role of institutions are matters of active research in several academic disciplines, including economics, law, philosophy, politics and sociology, there is a need to promote creative conversations across disciplinary boundaries.

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Keynote lectures, representing five academic disciplines, will be given by: Geoffrey Ingham (Cambridge, sociology), Timur Kuran (Duke, economics), Katharina Pistor (Columbia, law), Barry Smith (SUNY Buffalo, philosophy), Kathleen Thelen (MIT, politics).

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