

# INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS AND INTRACTABLE GLOBAL PROBLEMS



## WORKSHOP ON INFORMAL INSTITUTIONS AND INTRACTABLE GLOBAL PROBLEMS

**April 16-17, 2012**

Purdue University | West Lafayette, Indiana USA

All sessions in Dauch Alumni Center, Prusiecki Room; Keynote Address on Monday at 3:30 pm in Fowler Hall

Join us this spring for an international workshop focused on how greater attention to informal institutions, such as social and ethical norms or other “unwritten” rules of behavior, might improve policy responses to global grand challenges. Workshop participants will apply theoretical insights from the latest work on informal institutions in political science, psychology, philosophy, economics, and anthropology on three “intractable” problems that have confounded policy makers for decades: climate change, food security, and women’s human rights. By synthesizing work across disciplines and policy issues, the workshop aims to create new perspectives on old problems, and new theoretical insights on the importance of informal institutions.

All program panels and the keynote address open to the Purdue community.

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### Monday April 16

Dauch Alumni Center, Prusiecki Room

- 9:15 am Welcome & Introduction
- 9:30 am **Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Norms**
- Damon Centola  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
  - Joe Henrich  
*University of British Columbia*
  - Stephen Stich  
*Rutgers University*
  - Georgina Waylen  
*University of Sheffield*
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Climate Change**
- Kathryn Hochstetler  
*University of Waterloo*
  - Breena Holland  
*Lehigh University*
  - Leigh Raymond  
*Purdue University*
  - Janet Swim  
*The Pennsylvania State University*
- 3:30 pm **Keynote Address** (in Fowler Hall)
- Elinor Ostrom  
*Indiana University*

#### Tuesday April 17

Dauch Alumni Center, Prusiecki Room

- 9:15 am Introduction
- 9:30 am **Food Security**
- Marc Cohen  
*Oxfam America*
  - Lauren MacLean  
*Indiana University*
  - Ellen Messer  
*Brandeis University*
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Women’s Human Rights**
- Olga Avdeyeva  
*Loyola University Chicago*
  - Louise Chappell  
*University of New South Wales*
  - Elisabeth Jay Friedman  
*University of San Francisco*
  - S. Laurel Weldon  
*Purdue University*
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Concluding Discussion

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