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## AGENDA

### Friday Afternoon, 1-5:10pm

- 1:00           **Coffee**
- 1:20           Conference Introduction - Organizers: Victor Nee and Richard Swedberg
- Session I  
*Moderator:*   John Freeman (University of California, Berkeley)
- 1.30 – 2:20   *A Critical View of Schumpeter's 'Theory' of Innovation*   [\[download abstract\]](#)  
Michael Piore (MIT)  
Discussant: Richard Swedberg (Cornell University)
- 2:20 – 3:10   [“The New Argonauts: Global Search and Local Institution Building”](#)  
AnnaLee Saxenian (University of California, Berkeley)  
Discussant: David Stark (Columbia University)
- 3:10 – 3:30   **Coffee Break**
- 3:30 – 4:20   *“Ethnic Enclaves and Middleman Minorities”*  
Alejandro Portes (Princeton University)  
Discussant: Victor Nee (Cornell University)
- 4:20 – 5:10   [“Political Connections in a Market Economy”](#)  
Victor Nee (Cornell University) and Sonja Opper (Lund University)  
Discussant: Mark Mizruchi (University of Michigan)

### Saturday Morning, 8:30-12:10

- Session II  
*Moderator:*   Henry Wan (Cornell University)
- 8:30 – 9:20   [“Economic Inequality among Entrepreneurs”](#)  
Martin Ruef (Princeton University)  
Discussant: Sonja Opper (Lund University)
- 9:20 – 10:10  [“Capitalist Entrepreneurship: Making Profit through the Unmaking of Economic Orders”](#)  
Thorbjørn Knudsen (University of Southern Denmark) and Richard Swedberg (Cornell University)  
Discussant: Michael Piore (MIT)
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**

- 10:30 – 11:20 [\*“Entrepreneurship as the Exploitation of Uncertainty”\*](#)  
David Stark (Columbia University)  
Discussant: Alejandro Portes (Princeton University)
- 11:20-12:10 [\*“Theory of Entrepreneurial Action: Markets, Property Rights, and Innovation”\*](#)  
Victor Nee, Jeong-han Kang (Cornell University), Sonja Opper (Lund University)  
Discussant: Kaushik Basu (Cornell University)
- 12:10-1:30 **Lunch**

### **Saturday Afternoon, 1:30-5:10**

#### Session III

*Moderator:* Nicole Biggart (University of California, Davis)

- 1:30 – 2:20 [\*“Community Context and Founding Processes of Banking Organizations”\*](#)  
John Freeman (University of California, Berkeley)  
Discussant: Martin Ruef (Princeton University)
- 2:20 – 3:10 [\*“Business Cycles and Entrepreneurs: Change and Stability in Schumpeterian Market Orders”\*](#)  
Thomas Beamish and Nicole Biggart (University of California, Davis)  
Discussant: Thorbjørn Knudsen (University of Southern Denmark)
- 3:10 – 3:30 **Coffee Break**
- 3:30 – 4:20 [\*“Corporate Capitalism, Entrepreneurial Capitalism, and the Decline of the American Corporate Elite”\*](#)  
Mark Mizruchi (University of Michigan)  
Discussant: AnnaLee Saxenian (University of California, Berkeley)
- 4:20 – 5:10 [\*“Cognitive Capitalism and Entrepreneurship”\*](#)  
Yann Moulier Boutang (l'Université de Technologie de Compiègne)  
Discussant: John Freeman (University of California, Berkeley)