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Globalization Speaker Series

KENNETH SCHEVE

"Who Cooperates?: Strategy Types and Reciprocal Behavior in Mass Populations"

Thursday, February 13, 2014, 3:30PM - 5:00PM
Mershon Center for International Security Studies
1501 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH 43206

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Kenneth Scheve is professor of political science at Stanford University and senior fellow at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute. He currently serves as director of The Europe Center at FSI. His research interests are in the fields of international and comparative political economy and comparative political behavior with particular interest in the behavioral foundations of the politics of economic policy-making. His research has been published in numerous leading scholarly journals and has been recognized for a number of awards and grants including the Michael Wallerstein Award, the Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award, and Robert O. Keohane Award.



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Scheve is the author, with Matthew Slaughter, of *Globalization and the Perceptions of American Workers*, examining American public opinion about the liberalization of trade, immigration, and foreign direct investment policies. He is currently writing a book with David Stasavage examining the interaction between mass warfare, fairness concerns, and the development of progressive taxation in the 19th and 20th centuries across twenty countries. His current research projects also include comparative studies examining the role of interdependent preferences in opinion formation about tax policy, trade policy, and international environmental cooperation.

Scheve received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame. He has been a visiting scholar at the Bank of England, London School of Economics, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Before joining the Stanford faculty in 2012, he taught at University of Michigan and Yale University.

Abstract

Project co-authored by Michael Bechtel, University of St. Gallen

Cooperation in public goods problems shapes the functioning and long-term fate of political and economic systems. We investigate the determinants of cooperative behavior and individuals' strategy types in mass populations. We fielded large-scale representative surveys in four industrially advanced countries (France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United States) and included a public goods game that provides us with behavioral measures of cooperation. We find that socio-demographic factors, such as age, income, or education, largely fail to predict individual contributions but that expectations about the contributions of others are strong predictors of one's own contribution. We provide experimental evidence that the relationship between the expected contribution of others and own contributions is causal. We also show that the effect of expectations crucially depends on the strategies individuals employ and that these strategy types are not uniformly distributed across socio-demographic groups. These results help explain the varying success of groups within and across societies in

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