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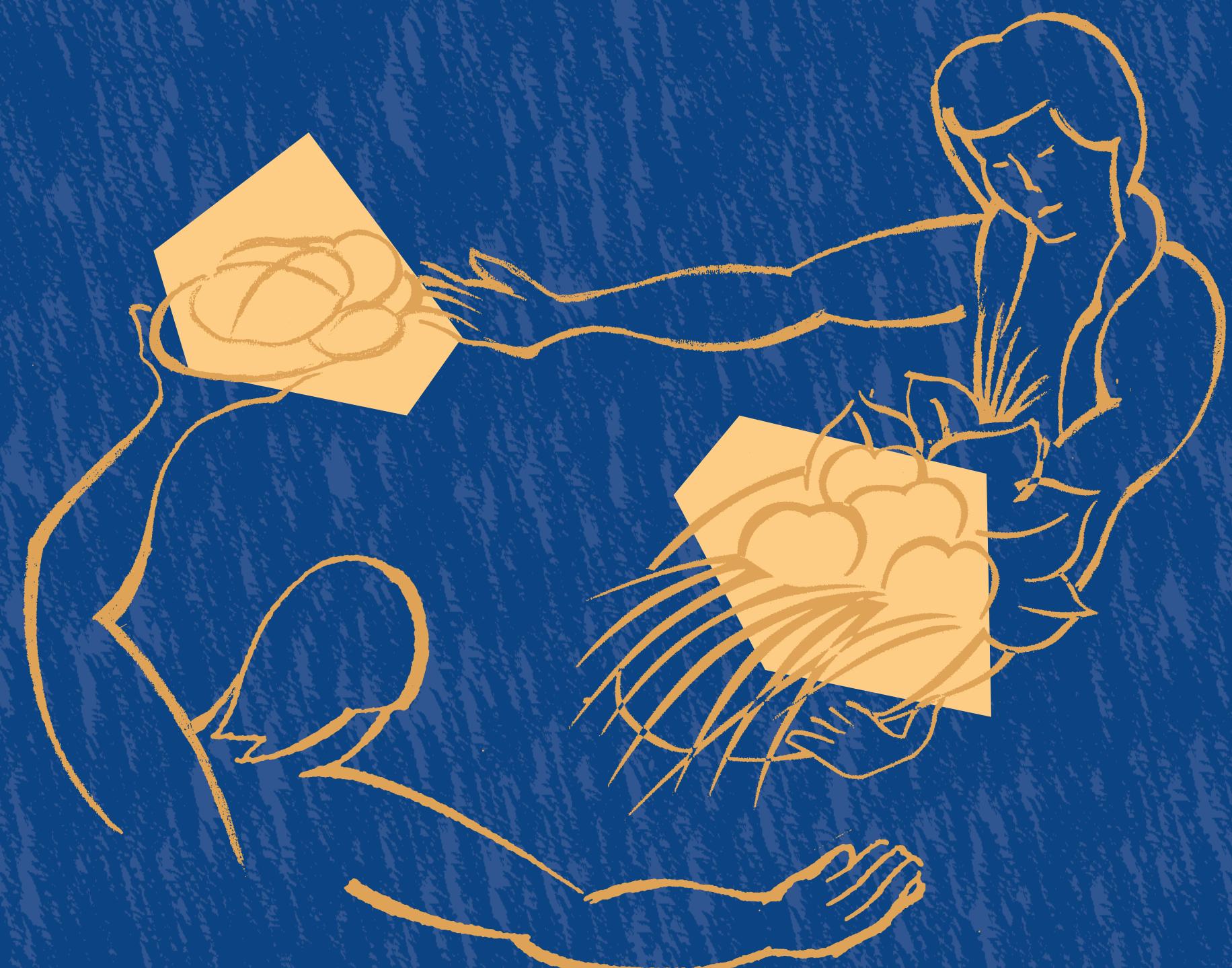
- Pierpaolo Battigalli**
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- Cristina Bicchieri**
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- Jon Elster**
Political Science • Columbia University
- Armin Falk**
Behavioral Economics • University of Bonn
- Simon Gächter**
Economic Psychology • University of Nottingham
- Vittorio Gallese**
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RECIPROCITY: THEORIES AND FACTS

Reciprocity is a growing issue in economics and in other social sciences today. It is also a very controversial issue. For many scholars reciprocity is an instance of enlightened self-interest favored by repeated encounters. For others, notably behavioral economists, reciprocity is a social norm that prescribes cooperation with cooperators and punishment for non-cooperators even at personal cost. The aim of the conference is to gather economists from these two perspectives, as well as political scientists, anthropologists, neuroscientists and psychologists, to promote a dialogue between the two approaches, to show, maybe, that there can be important complementarities between the different ways of understanding reciprocity.



PROGRAM

Thursday 22

- 14.00:
Opening address
Pier Luigi Porta
University of Milano-Bicocca
- 14.30:
Plenary Session I
“The interdisciplinary nature of reciprocity”
Aldo Rustichini
Economics – University of Minnesota
- Vittorio Gallese
Human Physiology – University of Parma
- Kevin A. McCabe
Neuroeconomics – George Mason University
- 16.30-17.00: *Coffee Break*
- 17.00-19.00:
Parallel Sessions I A-B-C-D-E
- 20.00: *Dinner*

Friday 23

- 9.00-11.00:
Plenary session II
“Reciprocity: social preferences or just self-interest?”
Armin Falk
Behavioral Economics – University of Bonn
- Joel Sobel
Game Theory – University of California, San Diego
- Cristina Bicchieri
Philosophy – University of Pennsylvania
- 11.00-11.30: *Coffee Break*
- 11.30-13.30:
Parallel Sessions II A-B-C-D-E
- 13.30-14.30: *Lunch*
- 15.00-17.00:
Parallel Sessions III A-B-C-D-E
- 17.00-17.30: *Coffee Break*
- 17.30-19.30:
Plenary Session III
“The evolution of reciprocity”
Herbert Gintis
Economics – Santa Fe Institute and Central European University

Saturday 24

- 9.00-11.00:
Parallel sessions IV A-B-C-D-E
- 11.00-11.30: *Coffee Break*
- 11.30-12.00
Plenary session IV
“The Bonds of Society”
Jon Elster
Political Science – Columbia University
- Russell Hardin
Political Science – New York University
- Oded Stark
Economics – Bonn University
- 12.20-13.00:
Conclusions and Perspectives
Stefano Zamagni
Economics – University of Bologna
- 13.00: *Lunch*

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