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Structural Explanation, Levels of Analysis, and System Dynamics

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Online Lecture

The network "Bioethics and Structural Injustice" is excited to welcome Sally Haslanger for a public lecture:

"Societies are complex dynamic systems and, as a result, are self-organizing – without central authorities – due to their internal structure. Broad social systems are composed of co-integrated sub-systems, such as political and economic systems, but also transportation systems, health care systems, and education systems. To explain how such systems emerge, change, interact, and collapse, we should attend (a) to different levels of analysis (micro, meso, and macro) and (b) intersecting dynamics. In this talk, I will consider carework as a case study where these different analytical factors matter for explanation."

Regina Müller, Mirjam Faissner & Carlotta Hartmann, for the network

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