

IMBS Conference on “Evolution of Religious and Social Norms”

Conference Description:

How do social norms arise? What role does religion play in the origin and persistence of social norms? How does this role emerge in a dynamic religious market? How can the ideas and methodological tools of evolutionary game theory and biology help answer these and other questions about the complex role of social norms and religion in our evolutionary past and today? This conference will bring together leading researchers from various disciplines — biology, sociology, economics, and philosophy — to address these questions. By bringing together the insights of these many disciplines, we intend to create a forum in which will emerge complementarities in thought and understanding about the complex role of religion and social norms in society.