

**Master Class on the Institutional Grammar**  
**Milan, Italy**  
**November 24-25, 2022**  
**Presenters: Christopher Frantz and Saba Siddiki**

**Brief Description of the Master Class**

This Master Class will provide an introduction to the Institutional Grammar (IG) as an interdisciplinary tool for institutional analysis. On the first day of the Master Class, participants will be acquainted with the general principles and approaches to institutional analysis, as well as the origins and foundations of the “Grammar of Institutions”. This is followed by an in-depth overview of IG 2.0 features, which provides the basis for the concluding discussion of analytical opportunities associated with the epistemological embedding that the IG 2.0 affords. The second day is dedicated to the applied use of the IG, both relating to encoding principles and techniques, as well highlighting different existing or emerging analytical applications. The second day concludes with an outlook on future directions, as well as the use of the refined IG with existing analytical frameworks. Class participants will develop an in-depth understanding of the Institutional Grammar, its principal applications, as well as be provided with an opportunity to reflect on the use of the IG in their own research.

An overview of the Master Class schedule can be found on page 2 of this document.

**About the Presenters**

Christopher Frantz (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) and Saba Siddiki (Syracuse University) are Co-Directors of the [Institutional Grammar Research Initiative](#), a forum convening scholars, researchers, and practitioners interested in the study of institutions, and the application of the Institutional Grammar specifically. Frantz and Siddiki are also the authors of the recently released book, [Institutional Grammar: Foundations and Applications for Institutional Analysis](#).

## Overview of Master Class Schedule

### Day 1: Intellectual and Conceptual Foundations (5 hours)

#### *Introduction*

*Part 1: Theoretical and disciplinary grounding.* This initial part of the Master Class focuses on introducing the foundations and developing a shared understanding of institutions more broadly, alongside different disciplinary traditions for their study, providing the basis for the ensuing introduction to the Institutional Grammar.

*Part 2: Conceptual foundations.* This part of the Master class will provide a basic understanding of the Institutional Grammar in its original form, as well as an in-depth overview of the IG 2.0.

*Part 3: Operationalizing institutional concepts and theoretical linkages.* This part of the Master Class shifts toward pragmatic use of the IG in research design by surveying existing and prospective analytical operationalizations of discipline-specific theory using the IG.

### Day 2: Institutional Coding and Analysis (5 hours)

*Part 4: Coding applications.* This part of the Master Class provides an overview of common and novel approaches to the encoding of institutional statements, providing the participants with practical guidance on how coding is established.

*Part 5: Analytical opportunities.* This part reviews existing techniques used in conjunction with IG-based institutional analysis, drawing attention to various approaches to study structure of institutional arrangements and/or associated behavior.

*Part 6: Opportunities within the IAD framework.* This last part of the Master Class is focused on future directions and perspectives related to the development and embedding of the Institutional Grammar within existing analytical frameworks, such as the Institutional Analysis and Development Framework.

*Open discussion.* The day concludes with an open discussion in which all participants can introduce questions related to specific aspects of the topics covered in the Class and discuss research opportunities and challenges related to the use of IG in analytical applications.