

1. STATING THE PROBLEM: What Are “Micro-foundations” and Why Bother?

1.1 model of action

Individual subjects are subjectively characterized by:

- a. *preferences.* b. *information.* c. *theories.* d. *mental capacities.* e. *nonconscious psychic processes*

They are objectively characterized by:

- f. *resources.* g. *causal environment of choosing.* h. *a causal environment of the effects of their actions*

1.2 Four aspects of Micro-foundations:

- (1). Micro-mechanisms of consciousness formation
- (2). The micro-mechanisms of nonconsciousness formation
- (3). Micro-process of choice-making
- (4). Micro-processes of creative action, problem-solving

1.3 Why Bother?

2. TYPES OF EXPLANATIONS OF IDEOLOGIES (465ff in Elster)

2.1. Autonomy of Thought

2.2 Types of Explanations

- a. *interest* explanations vs. *position* explanations
- b. *causal* explanations vs. *functional* explanations
- c. Examples:
 - interest-functional explanation
 - interest-causal explanation
 - position-casual explanations

2.3 Cognitive and Motivational explanations

		EXPLANANDUM	
		<i>MOTIVATIONAL</i>	<i>COGNITIVE</i>
EXPLANATION	<i>MOTIVATIONAL</i>	adaptive preferences	wishful thinking
	<i>COGNITIVE</i>	mental bookkeeping	availability heuristic

3. MECHANISMS FOR RULING IDEAS TO BECOME RULING

4. MECHANISMS OF IDEOLOGICAL BELIEF FORMATION

- 4.1. Inversion**
- 4.2. Particular & general interest**
- 4.3. Local & global vision**
- 4.4. Conceptual imperialism**