

# The Graz Schumpeter Lectures

27 – 29 April 2026

## The Splendors and Miseries of Complex Human Societies



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#### Lecture 1

**Cultural Multilevel Selection  
as Creative Destruction**

**Monday, 27th April 2026,**

5 pm – 6.30 pm

SZ 15.21, Resowei A  
Universitaetsstraße 15, 8010 Graz

#### Lecture 2

**The Great Holocene Transformation:  
Cultural Macroevolution of Social  
Scale and Complexity**

**Tuesday, 28th April 2026,**

11 am – 12.30 pm

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#### Lecture 3

**Cliodynamics of End Times: Elites,  
Counter-Elites and the Path of  
Political Disintegration**

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**Our Age of Discord:  
A History of Possible Futures**

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